

**Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
South Washington Watershed District
Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 5:30 pm
City of Woodbury Public Works Building**

CAC Members Present:

- Sam Behrends
- Patty Goertz
- Dan Henely
- Sarah Lilja
- Howard Markus
- Jay Sockness
- Bill Sumner

SWWD Staff & Board:

- Kyle Axtell, Watershed Project Manager
- Abby Tekiela, Water Resources Program Coordinator
- Sharon Doucette, Board of Managers

Others:

CAC Members Not Present:

- David Nuccio

- Ellen Badger Hanson, Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership

1. Call to Order

Watershed Project Manager Kyle Axtell called the meeting to order at 5:31 pm. A motion was made by Bill Sumner to approve the agenda as presented. Patty Goertz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Approval of Minutes – March 24, 2025

A motion was made by Sumner to approve of the minutes as presented. Goertz seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Public Open Forum

None.

4. New CAC Appointee

New CAC appointee Sam Behrends was introduced to the CAC. Each of the CAC members was introduced in a round of introductions.

5. Officer Elections

Kyle Axtell announced the resignation of Nayere Ghazanfarpour and the subsequently open chair seat and call for officer elections. Goertz submitted her name for consideration as Chairperson. *Sumner motioned to approve Goertz as Chairperson. Lilja seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

Lilja submitted her name for consideration as Vice Chair. *Sumner motioned to approve Lilja as Vice Chair. Henely seconded. Motion carried unanimously.*

No action was taken on the secretary's seat. Nuccio remains CAC secretary.

6. ***Healthy Soils, Healthy Waters with Ellen Badger Hanson***

Ellen Badger Hanson of the Lower St. Croix Watershed Partnership gave a presentation and demonstration on soil health and agriculture and their relevance to water quality.

7. ***SWWD Watershed Management Plan Update: Lake Management Planning***

Kyle Axtell gave a presentation, courtesy of Barr Engineering Co., on the lake management planning aspect of the 2026 SWWD Watershed Management Plan update.

8. **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

A note was made that future meeting start times may be adjusted depending on CAC members' wishes, and that the September meeting has traditionally included a tour of the District.

- September 23, 2025, 5:30 PM, CAC Regular Meeting
- December 16, 2025, 5:30 PM, CAC Regular Meeting

9. **Other Business**

Lilja asked questions about operations starting at Wilmes and when the current Artist-in-Residence may attend a CAC meeting. Staff provided updates.

10. **Adjourn**

The next regular CAC Meeting will be held on September 23rd, 2025, at 5:30 PM. A motion was made by Jay Sockness to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Sumner seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Abby Tekiela, Water Resources Program Coordinator

Approved By:



David Nuccio, SWWD CAC Secretary



Date