

MEMORANDUM

To: MCWD Board of Managers
From: Darren Lochner, Education Program Manager
Date: January 22, 2018
Re: MCWD Citizen Advisory Committee appointments

Purpose:

Each year the MCWD Board of Managers appoints the Citizen Advisory Committee members for the upcoming calendar year. The Board is asked to review the CAC application materials to make appointments for 2018.

Background:

By Statute, MCWD is obligated annually to appoint members to its Citizen Advisory Committee. The CAC serves an important role in advising the MCWD Board of Managers on all issues pertinent to the functions and purpose of the watershed district. The term of this appointment will run through the calendar year of 2018. Fourteen of the eighteen individuals who currently serve on the CAC have indicated an interest in returning in that role. In addition, twelve new individuals have submitted applications to serve on the CAC for a total of 26 total applications.

Included with this memorandum is a summary spreadsheet of all eligible applicants and completed application forms. MCWD staff solicited membership through the MCWD website, newsletters, news release and reaching out to district partners.

All applications have been reviewed by a committee of MCWD staff in addition to Managers White and Miller. Following those meetings the following individuals were recommended for appointment for 2018:

Jacqueline Di Giacomo	Excelsior	Returning
Cassandra S Ordway	Long Lake	Returning
Peter Rechelbacher	Long Lake	Returning
Bradley Coulthart	Minneapolis	Returning
Elizabeth Crow	Minneapolis	Returning
Linda Jahnke	Minneapolis	Returning
Richard Nyquist	Minneapolis	Returning

David Oltmans	Minneapolis	Returning
Marc E Rosenberg	Minnetonka	Returning
William C (Bill) Bushnell	Minnetrista	Returning
Brian Girard	Orono	Returning
John F Salditt	Plymouth	New
Gerald J. Ciardelli	St. Louis Park	Returning
Drew McGovern	St. Louis Park	New
John Grams	Wayzata	Returning
Sliv Carlson	Woodland	Returning

Next Steps:

Once the committee appointments are finalized, MCWD staff will communicate with the appointed CAC members and provide an orientation to all current and new members. The first CAC meeting for 2018 is Wednesday, February 21st.

If there are questions in advance of the meeting, please contact:

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MCWD Citizen Advisory Committee Members 2018 Applications		
Name	City	Status
Douglas Pletcher	Minneapolis	New
Bradley Coulthart	Minneapolis	Returning
Ralph J Carlson	Minneapolis	New
David Bissonnette	St. Louis Park	New
Drew McGovern	St. Louis Park	New
Richard Nyquist	Minneapolis	Returning
Jim Camarata	Chanhassen	New
Peter Rechelbacher	Long Lake	Returning
Linda Jahnke	Minneapolis	Returning
John Porisch	Minneapolis	New
Gerald J. Ciardelli	St. Louis Park	Returning
Sliv Carlson	Woodland	Returning
Debbie Kraft	Excelsior	New
Melissa A Lauterbach- Barrett	Minnetonka	New
Cassandra S Ordway	Long Lake	Returning
David Oltmans	Minneapolis	Returning
John F Salditt	Plymouth	New
Brian Girard	Orono	Returning
Marc E Rosenberg	Minnetonka	Returning
Sean Connaughty	Minneapolis	New
John Grams	Wayzata	Returning
William Helgeson	Minneapolis	New
William C (Bill) Bushnell	Minnetrista	Returning
Elizabeth Crow	Minneapolis	Returning
Jacqueline Di Giacomo	Excelsior	Returning
Rick Anderson	Hopkins	New

Total: 26 Applicants (14 returning, 12 new)

2018 CAC Applications

Name	Address	Occupation and Employer	Conflicts of Interest
Douglas Pletcher	908 West Minnehaha Parkway, Minneapolis	Business Development - Heraeus Medical Components	None
Background	Why I Want to Serve	Issues of Interest	References
Assistant Scoutmaster Cubmaster Board of Directors - Iowa State University Alumni Association Board of Directors - VEAP (social services organization)	As a lifelong avid outdoorsman living in an urban area, natural bodies of water and waterways have long been of great interest as they each serve as an important oasis that keeps us connected to our natural environment. There are critical environmental issues that need to be accounted for in such urban environments in order to protect those bodies of water and waterways. Just over a year ago my wife and I moved to our current home on Minnehaha Parkway that overlooks the creek so my interest has been taken to another level - I look forward to being able to contribute to protecting the Minnehaha Creek Watershed.	Maintaining and upgrading public access along the length of Minnehaha Creek Continuing the excellent work in protecting Minnehaha Creek from pollutants and run-off Promoting Minnehaha Creek as a recreational resource (e.g. floating the creek, observing wildlife)	Steve Stuart Tom Larsen
Bradley Coulthart	4201 27th Avenue South Minneapolis 55406	Retired	None
Background	Why I Want to Serve	Issues of Interest	References
I have been on the CAC for one year.	I am just starting to understand the functions of CAC	Lake Hiawatha Public education	Paula Jo Davis
Ralph J Carlson	9500 Collegeview Rd Apt 203, Minneapolis MN 55437	Retired	None
Background	Why I Want to Serve	Issues of Interest	References
I have lived on Minnehaha Creek most of my life and have always found it to be a wonderful resource for the community. I taught chemistry for a number of years so pollution and water quality have always been a special interest to me. I worked at the Science Museum of Minnesota for eleven years and found that to be very rewarding. Encouraging the community to recognize our water resources for the gift that they are. I was nominated for Minnesota Teacher of the Year.	Playing along Minnehaha Creek and at Minnehaha Falls as a young child give me a great sense of appreciation for the watershed. Our family has always had a special affinity for the creek and I know that our affection will always be there. Having lived on the shores of Minnehaha in several locations has given me a broad perspective of the creek and the need to maintain it as a community resource. I would consider it a privilege to be able to participate in the maintenance and restoration of Minnehaha Creek.	I think that maintaining the shore line of the creek is a priority. This helps to reduce pollution in the creek and makes the creek more useable and enjoyable for the entire community.	Larry Thomas Dr. Jane Copes Tracy Dingel Aherns
David Bissonnette	8900 North Minnehaha Circle, St. Louis Park	photojournalist retired	None
Background	Why I Want to Serve	Issues of Interest	References
37+ years as a photojournalist with WCCO-TV. Shot and edited news stories. I am treasurer and serve on the executive board of my union. Coached youth hockey, football and baseball. I also served on the board of several youth activities in St. Louis Park.	I recently retired and I am looking for something to volunteer with. I live on minnehaha creek and feel a duty to manage it for the good of all.	The creek is for residents, recreation and businesses. It's Sustainability, purity, and flow would be my issues. I'm sure when I become more familiar with the watershed I will understand the issues that effect it.	Tim Wheeler Terry Keseley Liz Kammen
Drew McGovern	2630 Glenhurst Ave, St. Louis Park, MN 55416	Water Resources Engineer - Hennepin County	None
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I grew up working for my family's lawn irrigation company. I have a civil engineering degree with a minor in construction management from the University of Minnesota. My professional experience includes 11 years of water resources related design at a consulting firm and 1.5 years as the water resources engineer at Hennepin County. Related volunteer work includes stream cleaning and tree planting events.	I live in the watershed and I care about the quality of our water. I see the value in having high quality lakes and streams.	Controlling invasive species, public education, improving our impaired waters so we can de-list some of them, and chlorides.	Colin Cox
Richard Nyquist	5357 Ewing Avenue South, Minneapolis	Not Currently Employed	I am a Mpls Parks Golf Patron card holder and frequently golf the Mpls Parks Golf Courses during the golf season.
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I have been an active member of MCWD CAC for the past two years. I am working (as a private citizen/landowner) toward resolving a drainage and erosion issue that is occurring adjacent to and upon my family's lake front property in Chisago County, MN. The exposure I have to the MCWD projects and BMPs has helped me make progress on this effort (on a personal level).	I would like to participate in the MCWD CAC for at least one more year. A current project of special interest to me is the Arden Park Restoration - specifically the creek re-meandering and the wetlands restoration including the trails through the flood plain.	The application of chlorides to our metropolitan streets, sidewalks and parking lots continues as a local environmental threat. The MCWD should keep this situation on the agenda for development of remedies and mitigation as well as reducing the public and private application of chlorides as a winter ice maintenance practice to the greatest possible extent, i.e. develop and promote Best Management Practices (BMPs) and communicate these BMPs to the public.	Daniel Harrel Bob Dahm Leroy Blank
Jim Camarata	6340 Oxbow Bend, Chanhassen, MN 55317	Broker: Keller Williams Premier Realty Lake Minnetonka	None
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My bio is on my web site: camaratanumrich.com	1. I want to give back to the community. 2. I race sailboats on Lake Minnetonka weekly and want to ensure clean water for my fellow boaters and swimmers for years to come. 3. My wife is a 5th grade science teacher at Minnewashta Elementary and I want to help her students learn more about our fragile ecosystem in order to be better stewards of our environment.	Runoff from agricultural activities and new commercial and residential development. I consulted with the Dept of Sediment Control in Maryland years ago and have a great appreciation of the efforts to develop, implement, and enforce sound and responsible	Ron Lund Gordon Sprenger
Peter Rechelbacher	1822 Homestead Trail Long Lake , MN 55356	General Partner, PMR Enerprizes LLC	None
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Give to the Earth Foundation 1990 – 1996 Board member Mooney Lake Association President 2008 to 2015 City of Medina volunteer representative to MCWD 2011 – 2015 Coalition Minnehaha Creek Waters (CMCW) 2013 to 2015 CAC MCWD 2012 – 2017 Vice Chair (2013 - 2017) PMR Foundation 2015 to Present	I would like to continue working to improve water quality throughout the watershed district. Storm water runoff and AIS are the two major issues facing our water bodies today. I bring hands on experience on implementing and advocating for improved water quality for lakes and wetland restoration.	Support the district and the Board by providing recommendation's and feedback on programs, Cost share, budget, and committee participation. Provide feedback from our communities with issues and help with volunteer activities and supporting the mission of the district.	Liz Weir Steve McComas Tim Curtin

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Linda Jahnke	3924 Yosemite Ave S, Minneapolis	Program manager - Boston Scientific	None
Background	Why I Want to Serve	Issues of Interest	References
BS Industrial Engineering, Univ of Wisc-Madison MBA - Indiana University MPS - Horticulture - currently pursuing Master Gardener - Hennepin County, formerly Dakota County Member - MCWD CAC Award recipient - 2017 Boston Scientific Corp Award - High Performing Team (I lead this team)	Through my work with the Master Gardener program and now in my Hort degree program I have learned a lot about SCM's such as rain gardens. I am passionate about preserving the beauty and quality of our waterways - I've taught the Water Wisely curriculum as a Master Gardener and have volunteered with Metro Blooms in their Resilient Yards workshops. I want to contribute to the planning, development and execution of key projects within the watershed that maintain and improve our water quality.	I believe the CAC should be representing and interacting with the communities within the watershed. I believe there should be an educational outreach component, listening to citizens' concerns and desires, and some level of interaction with the board of managers as well as members of city councils and staffs. I am passionate about water quality and sustainable gardening practices. I think we could do more.	Arthur Clyde Terry Straub
Name	Address	Occupation and Employer	Conflicts of Interest
John Porisch	5200 Birchcrest Dr, Minneapolis	Benilde-St. Margaret's High School	None
Background	Why I Want to Serve	Issues of Interest	References
1998-2004 . Ecology/biology teacher at Cambridge-Isanti High School, Cambridge, MN. 2004 (Fall)-present . Ecology/biology teacher at Benilde-St. Margaret's H.S., St. Louis Park, MN	Since 2008, I have been the Ecology instructor at BSM. We (BSM) have been volunteers for the MCWD since 1998. Twice a year, my classes go to Utley Park (mile 11.1) of the Minnehaha Creek and collect macroinvertebrates. Along with the Hennepin County River Watch & the MCWD, we assess water quality by looking at the life found within the waters. I want to learn more about what goes into the decision making process. I want to know what benefits my volunteer group provides, and how we can share that information with others outside of my classroom.	Educational awareness. Teaching our youth to make decisions that are in the best interest of their \$ AND in the best interest for water quality. Having those youth, educate their parents/grandparents, and pass on the information to future generations.	Steve Pohlen Sue Skinner Lindsey Novak
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Gerald J. Ciardelli	3730 Glenhurst Ave. St. Louis Park, MN	self employed, semi retired, aerial photography	We periodically provide MCWD in stock aerial photo images on a complementary basis with attribution to the company. On occasion the MCWD will retain me to photograph a specific project, in those cases we charge considerably less than full retail fee for our services.
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Lifelong water quality and use proponent, grew up along the shores of the Minnehaha Creek and Lake Nokomis. Current member of the Friends of Bass Lake. Over the decades involved in numerous public service volunteer opportunities.	I wish to continue my many years of active CAC service by providing institutional knowledge to new members. I am interested in working on keeping the reputation and services of the MCWD as a shining model for other districts.	Explore expanding the CAC role to enhance support to the Board of Managers and staff.	Stanley Tikkanen Brenda C. Armstrong Robert M. Small
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Sliv Carlson	2835 West Road, Woodland, MN 55391	Retired!	None
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Past Woodland City Council 2 terms (2008-2016) Wayzata Garden Club 2015- TSP Architects, Excelsior 2000-2005 Minnesota Dept of Education 1991-1999 Wayzata School Board 1986-1992	I have a continuing interest in maintaining high groundwater and surface quality of water in general and in the Minnehaha Watershed District when I have lived since 1979. There is so much new information to be learned to share with my neighbors at the Groveland Methodist Assembly Grounds and the city of Woodland. And I do that regularly with both entities. Currently I am spreading word in my neighborhood about shoreline gardening, rain gardens and sustainable gardening.	I feel very good about what the watershed district is doing and want to continue to support the efforts to preserve our wonderful natural resource. I think it is good to have input from people with city council experience (and other government type experience) and I try to provide that. I try to use my understanding of the details to look at the big picture.	Mayor James Doak Vince Suerth
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Debbie Kraft	7090 Rolling Acres Road, Excelsior	Walk On Water - youth ministry	None
Background	Why I Want to Serve	Issues of Interest	References
I am currently in the Fresh Water Society Program. I work to engage people associated with Schutz Lake in lake stewardship. I run a volunteer organization. I try to attend or watch City Council meetings for Bictoria. I engage in conversation with our City Public works, engineer and City planner.	I am concerned about lake and Watershed quality and actively engaged medicating myself and others and enrolling myself and others into activities to maintain and improve water quality in the lake I am on as well as the greater Watershed. I created a division of our ministry to educated and engage young people and families in activities of awareness and care for water quality. Being a part of this group will better equip me to make a difference in our community and will help the Watershed District better understand what is happening in our area so we can all work together to care for and provide awareness to others to care for our water.	Changes in chemistry in lakes due to salts and run off from roads and it's effect on plants and wildlife Increasing Knowledge and affecting behavior of citizens for better management of yards, yard waste and yard treatment for better impact (or reduced impact) of homeowners on lakes, rivers, wetlands Sharing responsibility and costs associated with caring for our lakes, rivers, wetlands (Ciry/county/state with road/run off, private residents with personal behavior and priorities in lake/river/wetlands care, businesses and residents with parking lots, run off, etc. more people need to see it as everyone's problem not someone else's and everyone needs to be a part of the cute and care.	Jen Kader Darren Lochner Cara Gerings
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Melissa A Lauterbach-Barrett	4253 Queens Way, Minnetonka	Kjolhaug Environmental (Natural Resources Consultant)	My company works on projects for private developers in the District that require review and approval from MCWD staff. For example, we delineated wetlands on the Minnetonka Country Club site and submitted the Wetland Replacement Plan for project impacts. We are now monitoring the replacement area and MCWD onsite buffer areas. This is the type of contact that we have with the District.
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BS Soil Science, MS Soil Science, MN Certified Wetland Delineator, MN Licensed Professional Soil Scientist Volunteer = MN Master Naturalist. When my child was in elementary school (he's in 8th grade now), I was in charge of school courtyard garden (vegetables, and native area) securing grant money and planting/tending garden. I was also a parent on the healthy eating club which was linked to the garden. I was on the MCWD TAC (I believe it was called) in 2007 until we moved temporarily to Denmark (Jan 2008 to Sept 2009).	I would like to have more knowledge on projects in the district (why some are started, where, how does it fit into the overall picture), and be able able to weigh in with my thoughts. I have been working on wetland creation, wetland/upland restoration for a number of years (both professionally and with volunteer work) and feel that my experiences with that work could be helpful. My academic background is very heavy on the science - chemistry, physics, biochemistry, landscape morphology, hydrology. I interact with environmental policy/environmental studies people often in my career, and I find the science knowledge to be lacking. In my master naturalist group, there are extremely passionate environmentalists, but their lifelong career might have been healthcare. I would probably be a commentator on the science of some issues, rather than the policy or emotion of issues.	Although big projects are important and exciting, I'd like to see if there is any interest in highlighting the impact that each person can have on water quality, habitat, and soil health by implementing non-traditional yard care. Not just rain gardens and planting natives - but no mow or less mow, composting onsite, reduced chemical use, etc. These are things that anyone can do, are not costly, and could result in large benefits to the watershed. But it will take outreach and education to shift people's perception of what yards "should" look like.	Mark Kjolhaug Daena DesJardines Leanna Rogers
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Cassandra S Ordway	1145 County Road 6, Long Lake, MN 55456	Education - Volunteer	None
Background	Why I Want to Serve	Issues of Interest	References
BS Wildlife Biology University of Vermont Served on the MN Children's Museum Board - Board Chair, Education, Marketing Served on the Mn Audubon Board Served on the Minnesota Zoo Board - Foundation Board Chair, Fundraising, Education, Special events Founding Member of Long Lake Waters Lake Association 2106 - Board Chair	I have been interested in conservation and environmental issues and education my whole life. I love animals, birds and the nature world. The many natural resources in Minnesota are very special and worth protecting and preserving and - I feel that serving on the CAC gives me an opportunity learn more about local issues, to connect my passions with the community and to make a positive impact.	The issues that I feel are important are community outreach, education and preserving and protecting the watershed regionally and locally. The MCWD 50th Anniversary project was a great way to highlight MCWD's work and a very successful year-long outreach effort. As a new CAC member this year I learned a lot about the District and I would like to see CAC play more of an advisory role to the Board of Managers on key decisions regarding projects, planning, funding and communication. As a board member of the newly formed Long Lake Water Association, CAC members and MCWD staff have been a very valuable resource to me and to our lake association this year.	Marty Schneider Samantha Muldoon Jen Kader
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David Oltmans	5831 Clinton Av S, Minneapolis	Retired	None
Background	Why I Want to Serve	Issues of Interest	References
I currently serve on the board of Friends of Diamond Lake, was on the founding board of Friends of Diamond Lake and served as the first president of the board for four years. I have been involved in the community since moving into the neighborhood in 1977 and served as president of the Diamond Lake Neighborhood Association before it was merged to form the HPDL Neighborhood Association. During that time our organization was involved in efforts to clean up Diamond Lake working with the city of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board. I also served on the Environmental Committee of HPDL. In 2004-2005 I served as a representative from the city of Minneapolis on the Minnehaha Creek Visioning Partnership committee. During my time as President of the board FoDL we worked closely with the MCWD and Hedberg Landscaping to secure a \$225,000 grant from the Legacy funds to put in over forty BMP storm water demonstration projects on public and private properties. During my tenure as president, FoDL worked with MCWD and the MPRB to develop the first lake management plan for any lake in the city of Minneapolis. Since January of 2013 I have served on the MCWD Citizen Advisory Committee.	I have been involved in the neighborhood for many years centering around environmental and water quality issues. I feel I can bring valuable insight to the committee and represent the issues that arise in the more urbanized portions of the creek corridor. Having served on the CAC over the past five years has increased my knowledge so that I can better work with the neighborhood I live in to improve the quality of the creek corridor as a natural and recreational resource. I look forward to working with the Board of Governors to protect and improve the infrastructure and natural resources of the District. The past two years I have served on the CAC subcommittee to evaluate citizen submitted stormwater management grant applications. In 2016 in collaboration with my neighbor I helped design and did the installation of a rain garden designed to capture 100% of stormwater runoff from his newly constructed home's roof. I had an opportunity in 2016 to give input to the MPRB long range planning process for Diamond Lake Park leading to incorporation of a storm drain holding pond for storm water draining into Diamond Lake. These opportunities have increased my knowledge of the watershed activities and how they connect with the citizens the district serves. I want to continue to use the knowledge I have gained to 'spread the word' and educate people about the ways they can impact the world we live in.	For 2018 the CAC's biggest challenge will be working with the Board of Mangers to vision the future direction of the CAC. Changes in the watershed's approach to projects and grant awards has left the CAC with fewer areas of input to the Board. I believe the CAC can serve as an early sounding board for projects that the district anticipates becoming involved in before commitments are made. Being appointed rather than elected the board runs the risk of being isolated from their constituents, CAC members could be used to further engage with their communities of residence and a mode of outreach to the citizens the watershed district serves.	Mary Martini Kerrie Blevens John Quincy
Name	Address	Occupation and Employer	Conflicts of Interest
John F Salditt	635 Holly Lane N Plymouth, MN 55447	Director, Business Operations, Technology Products (Retired)	None
Background	Why I Want to Serve	Issues of Interest	References
Prior to retirement after a short 30+ year detour into the high-tech information technology industry, my undergraduate degree and training was in Environmental Science and Mathematics at the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay. During those early years, I participated in the on-going University-sponsored Keweenaw Watershed Project and a U.S. DOT project evaluating the effects of highway runoff on water quality in the Milwaukee River watershed. In 2013, I also participated as a volunteer with the Wetlands Health Evaluation Project (WHEP) in the West Hennepin metro area. In 2016-17, I became a volunteer Master Water Steward for the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District. In my business career, I most recently focused on global R&D operational effectiveness and financial performance by leading cross-functional teams spanning Engineering, Finance, HR, Facilities, Law, Procurement, Tax, and third-party alliances and suppliers. As a member of the MCWD Citizen Advisory Committee, I bring useful experience and expertise in negotiation, strategic planning, budgeting, and project/organizational management to the group.	I have a lifelong interest in the environment and particularly in water quality. As a fisherman, I have seen firsthand how agricultural and urban runoff and shoreline management practices can affect water quality and impact the health and diversity of fish populations and other aquatic fauna. Becoming a Master Water Steward has given me the opportunity to "return to my roots" and refresh my knowledge and passion for water quality issues. Living close to Wayzata and enjoying beautiful Lake Minnetonka for almost 25 years, I want to contribute to the conservation and stewardship of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed for future generations. I hope to continue that contribution and further the mission of the MCWD with my active participation on the Citizen Advisory Committee.	Continue to foster coordination and active exchange between the Citizen Advisory Committee, MCWD program and education staff, the Board of Managers, and other external stakeholders. In particular, support the Wayzata Lake Effect Conservancy implementation initiatives including the proposed Eco Park shoreline restoration and environmental education center. Expand involvement of the Citizen Advisory Committee (or a subset) in the MCWD budgeting & review process. Identify and target specific actions to expand funding or at least protect existing funding. Ensure MCWD investment optimally supports the strategic direction and mission; look for opportunities to improve the process to evaluate and measure return on that investment.	Available on request
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Brian Girard	680 N Arm Dr. Orono, MN	Realtor	None
Background	Why I Want to Serve	Issues of Interest	References
I am presently a member of CAC. My work history over 40 years has spanned various careers and disciplines. From construction to broadcasting over to IT instruction and consulting and then back to construction and now I am presently a real estate agent. All through this period I was involved in a number of organizations based locally to help the community be a better place to live and do business in. These include the Chamber of Commerce, coaching soccer and playing in charity baseball teams to raise funds for local activities. Presently I am a member of the city of Orono's Big Island Park Committee	As a member of the CAC for three years, I have learned and understand better now the risks and rewards we all share in preserving our water resources. I want to build bridges of understanding between all members of the community, so real world demands balance the needs of today with those of the future. I want to help the community understand the need for MCWD and support all the goals set forth by the WD agenda.	I think it is imperative the committee be a conduit between the community and the Board from which flows ideas and concerns that effect the district. Be it a project or a budget an effective CAC should be involved at disseminating all the goals, costs and rewards to and from the public and the board.	Gabriel Jabbhour Eric Edmunson Patrick Noaker
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Marc E. Rosenberg	3429 Oakton Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55305	Insurance Agent; Advance Insurance Agency	None
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I have served on the MCWD Citizen Advisory Committee for the past five or six years and reside on the eastern edge of Minnetonka, one block from Minnehaha Creek. I support the Fresh Water Society, Food & Water Watch, Friends of the Mississippi and the Sierra Club. I rely on the guidance of Rachel Carson Council, Pesticide Action Network (PAN) and the NW Center for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) and, locally, support the work of Humming for Bees and Pollinate Minnesota.	I have enjoyed learning about the important work of the MCWD staff and projects undertaken by the Board of Managers. I encourage the reduction of toxic compounds allowed to enter our lakes and tributaries and the use of safe alternatives to pesticides. I also encourage the use of Integrated Pest Management to control invasive species in our watershed. My property and casualty insurance work is focused on the study of risk management.	Improving water quality by reducing pollution sources of effluent. The elimination of herbicide and toxic chemical applications in our lakes. Prohibiting the sale of aquatic pesticides to the public in local hardware stores and the granting of permits by the DNR to lake shore owners to apply lake pesticides.	Ronald Zamansky Terry Gips Pamela Carr
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Sean Connaughty	4053 23rd ave s Minneapolis, MN 55407	Instructor University of Minnesota Art Department Interdisciplinary Art	None
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Chair and Co-founder of Friends of Lake Hiawatha Lake Hiawatha Cleanup 4,380 lbs. of trash removed (219 bags) Artworks and education efforts within the watershed: Stenciling 175 storm drains in South Minneapolis		1. Address pollution issues by adopting more awareness of downstream impacts of upstream behavior. 2. Consider the hydrological impacts watershed wide of water management practices throughout the watershed 3. Re-evaluate use of chemical solutions to invasive species problems in the watershed. 4. More equitable and watershed wide consideration of control measures at Lake Minnetonka.	Council Member Andrew Johnson Katrina Kessler Rachael Crabb
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John Grams	2418 Sheridan Hills Curve, Wayzata, MN 55391	Geologist - Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure	None
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I was born, raised and have lived in Minnetonka for most of my life. I have had the privilege of enjoying the waters of the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) for recreation including inner tubing and rubber rafting down the creek when I was young, sailing and power boating on Lake Minnetonka, canoeing and kayaking Minnehaha Creek from Greys Bay to the Falls, and Canoeing, walking and biking around the city lakes. I am a professional geologist with 29 years' work experience, mostly in areas involving ground water quality issues, surface water management, and emergency planning. In my current role with the engineering and environmental services firm Amec Foster Wheeler I work to ensure my company's scientists and engineers are providing our clients with top quality consulting services in the areas of natural and cultural resource management, geological hazards identification and management, and many related fields in the natural sciences. I received my B.S. in Geology from the University of Minnesota at Duluth and M.S. in Geology/Geochemistry from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. I have been a member of the American Institute of Professional Geologists for many years and have served on the Education committee with the local Minnesota chapter (www.aipgmn.org). I was on the Board of Directors for the Geological Society of Minnesota (http://www.gsmn.org/), and I actively support the Environmental Initiative (http://environmental-initiative.org/), and the American Refugee Committee (http://arcrelief.org/).	I believe that preserving and enhancing natural resources such as the waters of the MCWD are a responsibility we have to future generations. I am married with two kids, and have spent many days with my family on or around Minnehaha Creek and many of the lakes within MCWD. It is important to me that we act as responsible stewards of this resource to ensure future generations have similar opportunities as we currently enjoy. I also believe it is "good business" for communities within the watershed to preserve and protect this important resource. Quality of life, property values, and desirability of our communities are all tied directly to preserving the high quality natural resources that are encompassed by the MCWD. I travel extensively for work, and am often reminded of our good fortune to have this network of lakes and streams within our cities. It is unique, and it adds immeasurably to the quality of life enjoyed by all citizens of the Twin Cities.	Public outreach, community engagement, and education are the areas I feel the committee has the greatest opportunity for influence. The challenge of protecting a resource that is so closely intertwined with our communities means everyone from city managers, city engineers, and all of us as citizens have a role to play. Educating this broad constituency on the issues and how we all can have an impact seem to be critical to the MCWD mission and an appropriate role for the committee. Issues affecting the watershed that concern me personally include Encouraging reduced use of chemicals – fertilizers, pesticides, and deicing chemicals in particular; Encouraging engineering approaches that do not short circuit the hydrologic cycle. I have been frustrated watching certain communities repave roadways with curb and gutter, even when local residents oppose the approach. Encouraging landscaping that is water friendly, with greater use of natural grasses and buffer zones. Encouraging businesses and construction projects in particular to follow best management practices to keep sediment and other contaminants out of waterways. With the CAC considering how to redefine it's role supporting the MCWD Board of Directors, I look forward to participating and being a part of this process evolving CAC's responsibilities in support of the Board and the mission of the District.	Paul Goudreault Curtis Hudak David Lyons
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William Helgeson	5015 Columbus Ave. Minneapolis, MN 55417	Sales Manager for Minokaw Technologies	None
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Hale, Page and Diamond Lake Neighborhood Association (2004 – 2008): Served as Board Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer for this Minneapolis neighborhood organization representing approximately 10,500 citizens. I moved into the HPDL neighborhood in 2003 and became aware of the neighborhood association during their annual Picnic in the Park celebration. I always try to give back to the community and the Earth Day creek clean-up in 2004 started a discussion with a board member and I was elected to the board that fall. Neighborhood Community Engagement Commission (2009 – 2011): Elected representative for the Third District encompassing four Minneapolis neighborhood organizations representing approximately 45,000 citizens. NRP was the original neighborhood program that allowed neighborhoods to create programming and policies to engage with people in their community. It was a 20 year program that was coming to an end in 2010. I wanted to be involved during the first two years of the NCEC to make sure that the new program was headed in the right direction for the next 20 years. The first two years on the NCEC were very intense with many community meetings, future budgetary discussions and the creation of bylaws. A lot happened in those first two years. If you talk with David Rubedor about my time on the commission, I think he would agree I was one of the "thoughtful and even keel" members of the board that was able to hear and work with all other members on that board.	I live less than 100 yards north of Minnehaha Creek. I see it everyday. During the summer, I ride my bike 3 - 4 times a week on the bike trail next to the creek. In 2004 or 2005, I paddled the creek from Gray's Bay to Chicago Ave. in Minneapolis. It was a great experience. Since then, I have paddled three or four times from the Edina Mill site to Chicago Ave. right by my house. It's a quick easy paddle that I have shared with my children and my friends. I use and experience Minnehaha Creek A LOT! Now it is time for me to give back. I come with no agendas, just an honest desire to serve on the CAC and be a thoughtful and even keel member that will learn, grow and promote this gem I have right in my back yard (actually, it's down the street but the back yard metaphor sounds better).	Keeping the entire watershed as clean and healthy as possible. Many people do not realize that it is recommended that you shower after being in the creek. I would love to change that and have that be a future goal but I do realize that yard fertilizer, other chemicals and dog poop make that a challenge. That is the education part of the organization I hope to help with by engaging Minneapolis neighborhood groups in those discussions. Mitigating erosion in the creek is another area I would like to address. I know there has been a lot of work done with retaining walls in my area and the holding ponds by Lake Nokomis. There is an old retaining wall that is crumbling between Lyndale and Nicollet Ave. on the creek. What is the maintenance schedule to address those type of issues. I also welcome being educated on other areas of the watershed and the issues that affect their neighbors and community.	John Quincy David Rubedor
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William C. (Bill) Bushnell	940 Maplecrest Dr., Minnetrista, MN 55364	Retired	None
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Current member of the CAC. Served on the committee that rewrote the Watershed District Rules. Former district chairman for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. (Silver Beaver & District Award of Merit) Past board president of a non-profit providing mental	I grew up in this watershed as the son of the editor of an outdoor magazine. I have witnessed both the history and present state of our watershed. As such, I have a strong concern for the quality and conservation of our water resources. Through my past involvement in various organizations and private life, I have always tried to be a worthy steward of the environment, particularly the lakes and streams we are fortunate to have in our area. I feel that education and improving public understanding of water issues are critical factors. I have seen well-intentioned individuals, and even city groups, unknowingly do things that are deleterious to water quality and conservation. This watershed district also has an excellent track record of identifying issues, building partnerships and developing projects that have a lasting and growing effect on water resources. I appreciate the opportunity to play a small part in that.	This committee needs to address and support the objectives and initiatives of the Board of Managers. At the same time, the CAC should take on activities that help reduce or streamline the workload of both the Board and staff. More general goals should include: Water quality, conservation and environmental balance. Continuing to build partnerships with public and private groups to develop well-designed solutions that address specific problems and opportunities. Education, public awareness and involvement. Visibility for the District's success stories to promote public interest and support.	Lisa Whalen Bill Bartel Dave Lock
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Elizabeth Crow	4540 31st Ave S Minneapolis, MN 55406	Government Relations Director for The Nature Conservancy	Friends of Lake Nokomis The Nature Conservancy of Minnesota
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I have a background in natural resource and water policy at both the federal and state level. I currently serve as a board member for the Friends of Lake Nokomis and am a Big Sister with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Twin Cities. I've participated in Earth Day clean ups since moving to the neighborhood and enjoyed participating in some of the anniversary events for the District this year.	After serving one year on the CAC, I'm finally feeling a bit more educated and informed regarding the District's work and responsibilities. I'd love the opportunity to serve again and become even more engaged since I won't need as much education this year! I feel as though my experience on the CAC has both benefited from my current work with The Nature Conservancy and benefited the work I do with other environmental non-profits in the Twin Cities.	I'm excited to hopefully see the District receive money from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Fund in 2018 and to continue looking for ways to use state funding for the good work they are doing. I hope that my experience at the state capitol will help if possible.	Isis Stark Steffanie Musich

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Jacqueline Di Giacomo	25 Hillcrest Dr., Excelsior	N/A	None
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<p>During my 11 year professional career I worked as a Project Officer for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission whose mission was in part to "protect health, safety, security and the environment". I am a Chemical Engineer with a specialization in Nuclear Engineering; environmental protection was always my main focus. Upon moving to the US, I became a stay-at-home mother and I kept my passion for the environment strong by teaching my own children. I became a certified Master Water Steward in 2013 and have been learning and volunteering ever since our first class. At the certification ceremony of the 2014 Stewards, I was recognized as one of the top 3 Stewards for my service and education hours. I have also served on the CAC for the past three years.</p>	<p>My reasons to serve stem for my passion for the outdoors and our earth. The past two years on the CAC has been insightful and I would like to continue to serve on the committee.</p> <p>Upon our move to our new home in Minnesota in 2011, my family became involved in our community in various volunteer capacities. When the opportunity arose to become a Master Water Steward, I realized I could not only serve my community I could continue to learn about a topic that I felt strongly about.</p> <p>An opportunity to continue to serve on the CAC would not only allow me to continue to contribute but also continue my education in storm water management and the work of the MCWD; it would also help fulfill my goal to serve my community as an ambassador for clean water.</p>	<p>Issues I feel the committee should be addressing are environmental health and safety, community outreach and education. I believe that there are residents in the MCWD that care about clean water; that have issues pertinent to them but need to learn about resources out here to achieve their goals. I also believe we should be looking forward at green infrastructure and at ways to promote storm water management in future development that occurs in our watershed.</p>	<p>Deirdre Coleman</p>
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Rick Anderson	6 Webster Place, Hopkins, MN 55305	Suitability Representative Allianz Life	Live in Bellegrove area of Hopkins, Own a small amount of Pentair stock.
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<p>Commissioner: Parks, Trails and Recreation City of Lafayette California</p> <p>Best prep: Resident Business Leader, Classroom Presenter</p> <p>Worked as Volunteer with City of Minnetonka to clear buck thorn.</p>	<p>I am very interested in helping Minnesota preserve water quality. I have lived near the creek and seen the results of excellent work around Blake Road and Minnetonka Blvd. I enjoy canoeing and walking on the trails near the creek.</p>	<p>Water Quality, How to measure and improve.</p> <p>Recreation opportunities and access.</p> <p>Promotion and marketing of creek programs and operations.</p>	<p>Amando Labo</p> <p>Aree Martin</p> <p>Mike Noble</p>