



**Title:** Appointment of the 2025 Citizens Advisory Committee

**Resolution number:** 24-064

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**Recommended action:** Appoint the 2025 MCWD Citizens Advisory Committee

**Summary:**

At the [November 7, 2024](#) Operations and Programs Committee (OPC or Committee) meeting, staff facilitated dialogue with the Board of Managers on the 2025 Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) applicant pool, and based on this discussion, staff have prepared appointment recommendations for the 2025 CAC.

**Background:**

According to [MN Statute §103D.331](#), the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD or District) Board of Managers must annually appoint a CAC. On June 10, 2021, the Board approved [Resolution 21-042](#) adopting operational recommendations to align the CAC with the strategic direction of the District and its Balanced Urban Ecology policy. These recommendations included setting the size of the CAC at 14 members and instituting staggered, two-year terms for CAC members. Recent CAC recruitment and appointment processes have been structured according to these operational recommendations.

**2025 Recruitment and Application Process:**

Recruitment of members was supported through a variety of promotional strategies from September 9, 2024, to the application deadline of October 21, 2024. Current CAC members were encouraged to re-apply, and new applicants were solicited to participate in a competitive application process to determine CAC appointments at the discretion of the Board of Managers.

Following the deadline for CAC applications, MCWD Outreach staff briefed the Operations and Programs Committee on [November 7, 2024](#) on the 2025 appointment process, evaluation criteria, and appointment considerations, and provided a preliminary staff assessment of the 11 applications received for the eight open spots on the 2025 CAC. For the eight openings, four current CAC members expressed interest in returning and seven applications were received from District residents interested in joining the CAC.

**2025 CAC Appointment Recommendations:**

Discussion and feedback generated by the Committee guided staff in developing the recommendations outlined in this request for Board action, summarized below:

- Reappoint all current members who are continuing the second year of their term in 2025.
- Appoint four interested incumbent members to a two-year term from 2025-2026.
- Appoint four new candidates to a two-year term from 2025-2026.

Based on the considerations outlined above and discussed by the Committee, staff recommends the appointment of 14 CAC members to the 2025 CAC.

2025 CAC Appointment Recommendations				
Name	City of Residence	CAC Experience	Profession	Term
<b><i>Current members completing second year of their term:</i></b>				
1. Lisa Fowler	Minnetonka	3 years	Ret. Health Care Professional	2024-2025
2. Laurie Goldsmith	St. Louis Park	3 years	Homemaker	2024-2025
3. John Iverson	Victoria	3 years	Registered Rep (Finance/Broker)	2024-2025
4. Drew McGovern	St. Louis Park	7 years	Civil Engineer	2024-2025
5. Janet Schaefer	Long Lake	1 year	Ret. Vice President	2024-2025
6. Sheri Wallace	Mound	1 year	Ret. Manager & Business Analyst	2024-2025
<b><i>Applicants recommended for a two-year term beginning in 2025:</i></b>				
7. Ricardo Bonner	Wayzata	New	Sr. Financial Consultant	2025-2026
8. Joshua Foschi	Minneapolis	New	Software Developer	2025-2026
9. Robert Glisky	Minneapolis	2 years	Graduate Engineer	2025-2026
10. Steve Hage	Minnetrista	New	Ret. Environmental Educator	2025-2026
11. Suzanne Jiwani	Edina	2 years	Ret. Water Resource Engineer	2025-2026
12. Rich Nyquist	Minneapolis	10 years	Ret. Manufacturing Engineer	2025-2026
13. Denise Tennen	St. Louis Park	2 years	Artist/Educator	2025-2026
14. Kevin Zahler	Excelsior	New	Global Energy Consultant	2025-2026

### 2025 CAC Meeting Calendar and Board Liaisons

The following tentative schedule is included for informational purposes.

Meeting	Board Liaison
January 15, 2025	Maxwell
March 19, 2025	Olson
May 14, 2025	Miller
July 16, 2025	Loftus
September 17, 2025	Hejmadi
November 12, 2025	Sando



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- WHEREAS, pursuant to MN statute §103D.331, the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) Board of Managers annually appoints a Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), organized to assist the MCWD Board of Managers on matters affecting the interests of the watershed district;
- WHEREAS, on June, 10, 2021, the Board approved Resolution 21-042 adopting operational recommendations to align its CAC with the overall strategic direction of the District;
- WHEREAS, recommendations included introducing two-year, staggered terms, setting CAC membership at 14, and striving for greater diversity of professional, geographic, and demographic make-up of members;
- WHEREAS, MCWD Outreach conducted a competitive recruitment process from September 9, 2024 to October 21, 2024 to solicit applications for CAC appointment at the discretion of the Board of Managers;
- WHEREAS, MCWD received 11 applications for 8 vacancies on the 2025 CAC, including four from current CAC members and seven from prospective members;
- WHEREAS, the Board of Managers’ Operations and Programs Committee discussed the applications at their November 7, 2024, meeting to provide feedback on developing a slate of 14 candidates for 2025 appointment;
- WHEREAS, staff prepared a recommendation for appointment at the December 2, 2024, meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board of Managers hereby appoints the following individuals to the 2025 Citizen Advisory Committee.

Serving 2025	Serving 2025-2026
Lisa Fowler	Ricardo Bonner
Laurie Goldsmith	Joshua Foschi
John Iverson	Robert Glisky
Drew McGovern	Steve Hage
Janet Schaefer	Suzanne Jiwani
Sheri Wallace	Rich Nyquist
	Denise Tennen
	Kevin Zahler

Resolution Number 24-064 was moved by Manager \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Manager \_\_\_\_\_. Motion to adopt the resolution \_\_\_ ayes, \_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_ abstentions. Date: December 2, 2024.

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 Secretary Date: \_\_\_\_\_