

NFCRWD CAC
Quarterly Meeting
December 11, 2017

Attendees:

CAC Members: Kevin Farnum, Mike Fish, Ken Hess, David Johnson, Dick Johnson, Roger Lyon, Jim Weller, Shari Heitke, Larry Ladwig

NFCRWD Staff: Chris Lundeen, Cris Skonard

NRCRWD Board Members: Gary Berndt, Jim Wuertz

Ex Officio: Nathan Hylla, Stearns County, John Maile, DNR, Jason Weinerman, BWSR

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Lyon at 10:10AM

Secretary's Report from 9/6/2017 was reviewed. Motion to approve by David Johnson, seconded by Ken Hess, and approved unanimously.

The agenda for today's meeting 12/11/2017 was reviewed and approved as presented.

Open Discussion: Concerns were expressed in regard to CAC's access to information/issues that need to be addressed. It is staff's responsibility to task the CAC. Concern was also expressed that in the past advice from the CAC was not heard and as a result the CAC became inactive.

NFCRWD Staff Updates: Prepaid ditch management is being offered. Good progress is being made in several areas. BWSR academy was attended. Drone survey has been employed and gives a new perspective. New equipment for reporting has been time saving and helpful.

Nathan Hylla gave a presentation regarding the changes impacting water quality. These include increased storm events, change in crop rotations, change in land use, urban sprawl, rules and laws, increased drainage, increase in land being rented vs farmed by owner, and the need to produce more food. There are also new solutions including stacking slabs, filter strips, water and sediment control basins. Manure pits and strip tillage continue to be part of the picture. There is a need to get out and knock on doors and communicate.

CAC Member Discussion: Ken Hess made a motion to affirm the top five projects/hot spots on the water shed and to approach the NFCRWD to address, seconded by Dick Johnson. Discussion as to who does door knocking and it was agreed that soil and water would be best received. Motion passed unanimously. We need to focus on what we need to focus on.

2018 meetings will be quarterly and as needed.

Copies of Stearns County Shore land Homeowner's Guide to Lake Stewardship were handed out to those attending.

Next CAC: March 12, 2018 at 10:00AM

Meeting adjourned by general consent at 12:00PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shari Heitke