Request For Board Action

Agenda Item: Appointment of Citizen Advisory Committee member

Presenter: T. Schmitz

Meeting Date: 10 March 2020

Flexibility: ☑ Yes ☒ No

Estimated Time: ☑ Consent Agenda ☐ 10 Min. ☐ 15 Min. ☐ 30 Min. ☐ 45 Min. ☐ 1 Hour

Action Request: ☑ Motion to approve ☐ Information/Review ☐ Budget Change ☐ Other

Board Action: ☐ Approved ☐ Denied ☐ Tabled ☐ Accepted Report ☐ Other

Date of Action: 10 March 2020

Background (Applications, resumes and letters of support that were provided by new applicants are attached)

The MWMO moves to appoint Mary Fitzgerald to an At-Large Citizen Advisor Committee seat. She will be representing Minneapolis.

Mary Fitzgerald is a Northeast Minneapolis resident who is interested in learning more about water issues in her neighborhood and using her professional background to alleviate water issues, protect the environment and combat climate change.

Mary graduated from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in Environmental Sciences, Policy and Management in 2018. She has been involved in real-world projects like improving the natural resource volunteer program for the City of Roseville, conducting a cost-benefit analysis for solar panel ownership and working with the North Minneapolis community on how solar energy can improve their economic vitality. She has also been a research assistant at the Center for Changing Landscapes and interviewed minority community leaders to understand how environmental practices can be better integrated into their cultural traditions. Mary is currently working for the Ramsey Washington Metro Watershed District where she works as an Inspector. This provides her an opportunity to work with contractors, community members and volunteers. Staff sees her interests, professional background and experiences with the community as assets in reviewing Stewardship Grants.
CAC Membership Policy:
All positions:
Preference is given to applicants who are:

- Residents of the MWMO
- Residents of a subwatershed flowing into the MWMO
- Employer or employee in the MWMO
- Employer or employee from a subwatershed flowing into the MWMO

Current open and filled positions on the CAC:

Columbia Heights (one): Open
Fridley (one): Nick Olberding
Hilltop (one): Open
Lauderdale (one): Open
Minneapolis Communities (five):
North: Nicole Menard
Northeast: Perry Dean
Downtown: Sheila Wiegman
South: Craig Larson
Southwest: Ann Lewandowski
Saint Anthony Village: Lona Doolan
Saint Paul (one): Open

At-Large Positions (five):
NOTE: At-large representatives cannot all be from the same city
Andrew Dickhart (Minneapolis)
P. Victor Grambsch (Minneapolis)
Joe Handtmann (Minneapolis)
Anne Wilkinson (Minneapolis)
William Risse (St. Anthony Village)
Mississippi Watershed Management Organization

RESOLUTION 2020-010

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (CAC) MEMBER

WHEREAS, The Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) fulfills legislative requirements for watershed management organizations (Minnesota Rules 8410); and

WHEREAS, The CAC meets at the request of the MWMO Board of Commissioners to assist the MWMO in managing the water resources of the Mississippi Watershed; and

WHEREAS, The MWMO CAC Policy requires approval of CAC member appointments by the Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends the Board of Commissioners appoint the attached new applicant.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MWMO Board of Commissioners appoints Mary Fitzgerald to the Citizen Advisory Committee to represent the City of Minneapolis and authorizes MWMO staff to take all necessary actions to implement this resolution.

Adopted this the 10th day of March, 2020.

Review for the Board: ____________________________________________

    Kevin Reich, Chair

Review for Administration: ___________________________________________

    Douglas Snyder, Executive Director