

Request for Board Action Details

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10/6/2020	1	Board of Commissioners	approved	Pass

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Appointments to the Capitol Region Watershed District Board of Managers

Recommendation

Appoint the following three individuals to the Capitol Region Watershed District Board of Managers for terms beginning with date of appointment and ending September 30, 2023:

- Rick Sanders, District 2- Incumbent
- Joe Collins, District 3 - Incumbent
- Howana Sullivan Janzen - District 4

Background

The Capitol Region Watershed District (CRWD) is led by a five-person Board of Managers that guides CRWD implementation of the goals and objectives set forth in its [Watershed Management Plan](https://www.capitolregionwd.org/watershed-management-plan/) <<https://www.capitolregionwd.org/watershed-management-plan/>>. Board managers generally manage water and related resources in the Watershed District, which includes portions of Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Roseville and Saint Paul. Board managers are residents of the watershed district and serve a three-year term.

There are currently three vacancies on the CRWD Board of Managers due to term expirations. Recruitment through the County's Open Appointment resulted in five applications, two from incumbents. On September 4, 2020, the Chief Clerk's Office forwarded the applications to the commissioners for review and recommendation.

County Goals (Check those advanced by Action)

- Well-being
 Prosperity
 Opportunity
 Accountability

Racial Equity Impact

The County currently recruits for advisory committee vacancies through an open process, which is currently limited to presence on the county website, GovDelivery distribution lists, and word of mouth by advisory

committee members, staff and county commissioners. Plans are being created to implement changes to recruitment strategies to expand efforts to increase racial diversity and under-represented voices in the appointment process.

Community Participation Level and Impact

Participation by and input from community members appointed to advisory groups helps to shape and improve programs and services for the community, share information and increase the level of understanding through discussion, dialogue and engagement.

Inform Consult Involve Collaborate Empower

Fiscal Impact

Representatives on Ramsey County advisory boards and committees do not receive County compensation; they contribute their time and expertise to provide guidance and oversight to County policies and programs. As a separate local jurisdiction, the Capitol Region Watershed District policy has provisions for per diem payments to appointed managers.

County Manager Comments

Appointments to Ramsey County advisory boards and committee are made by the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners. For more information on the Capitol Region Watershed District, please visit <https://www.capitolregionwd.org/>.

Last Previous Action

On September 26, 2017, the County Board appointed Joe Collins and Rick Sanders to the Capitol Region Watershed District Board of Manager for a term that ends September 30, 2020 (B2017-243)

Attachments

1. Membership Roster - September 2020