



## CAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 27, 2023

6:00 – 7:30 PM

### Attendees:

CAC Members: 4 of 5 members present = 80% (≥50%)

- Loren Hanson
- Maureen Reeder
- Ron Hoffmeyer
- Curtis Witt
- Woody Spitzmueller

Staff: Danielle Studer, Joni Giese

Board members: Matt Tofanelli

Visitor: Supervisor Lisa Quinn - Spring Lake Township Board

CAC Business 6:00 (Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm)

- Approval of the agenda:
  - Motion to Approve: Woody
  - Second: Ron
  - Motion carried.
- Approval of June Minutes:
  - Motion to approve: Woody
  - Second: Ron
  - Motion carried.
- Approval of June Joint Board/CAC Minutes:
  - Woody
  - Second: Ron
  - Motion carried.
- Review of June/July Board Meetings:
  - Matt T. covered discussions around:
    - Conservation Easements/education/signage/enforcement
    - Reviewed major projects: Sutton Lake/Iron Buffer/Ferric Chloride assessment.
    - Presentation from Wes Stefan on Eurasian Watermilfoil eradication
    - Boat access money was discussed and questions on who will disperse these monies.
- CAC Focus Project discussion:
  - Maureen has met twice with Emily to attempt to advance this. Authority lies with Soil and Conservation. Seems to be tabled for now.
  - Le Sueur county has advanced a program that is paying to put marginal farmland

- into conservation for watershed improvements.
  - Scott County doesn't seem interested in this type of program.
  - Maureen discussed a plan that incentivizes landowners to conserve forest land for lower taxes.
  - PLSLWD is creating information for both programs to get awareness and education out. Will be distributed at next Farme-Led Council Meeting
  - Woody brought up monitoring lake depth. Loren suggested that he, Woody, and Ron examine this.
- Comments of Draft Budget:
  - Joni is trying to keep the percentage of assessed value at the same percentage as last year: 2.8% vs. current budget of 2.9%. She would need to find \$70,000.00 in reductions.
  - Discussed ferric chloride program and what needs to be done to address end of life of Tank/building, etc.
  - Discussion around Farmers lead council. \$30,000 encumbered could be a savings for the 2024 budget. The drought led to these monies being saved.
  - Carp management. Goal is to get to 100 kilograms per hectare. Upper Prior is inching closer to this goal. If we hit this goal, we would go into management goal. Spring still needs significant work. Geography makes Spring more difficult to manage.
- Recruitment Plan and Goals:
  - Danielle shared ideas of recruitment guidelines/profiles via MN Statute.
  - Discussion ideas around recruiting a varied background and interests.
    - SMSC member
    - Dependence upon word of mouth has resulted in some clustering of members physical locations.
    - Farmers
    - Tier 2 and 3 Lake representation.
    - Local sports clubs.
    - Should student representative be added?
    - Rural/city
    - Potential corporate executive that needs to round out resume.
    - Discussion around township members as CAC members.
    - Could appeal at a Prior Lake Council meeting. Woody volunteered as "2022 Volunteer of Year" to advance this.
  - Discussion around Recruitment Schedule.
    - Applications open continuously,
    - Entry points to meetings at 3 times per year. Feb./June./Oct.
    - One-pager flyer has been created.
- Request for volunteers for Fall Community Fest:
  - Monday, September 18. From 6:00 to 8:30 at Prior Lake HS.
  - Help host table on Chloride pollution and answer questions about CAC.
- Outreach message/one-pager:
- Choose representatives for Board workshops:
  - Would like a CAC member at each workshop.
- Staff Project Updates

- Joni G. Shared on-going project status.
  - Swamp Iron Enhanced Sand Filter
  - Prior Lake Outlet Pipe Lining- Funding request made for \$2M.
    - Could Federal monies be navigated by developing a relationship with Angie Craig?
  - Scott SWCD (Soil Water Conservation District) Partnership Update
  - FeCl system Update
  - Monitoring and Treatment Updates
  - Drought Monitor update; seem to be trending similar to 2022.
  - Shauna's last day with District is August 16.
  - Supervisor Quinn mentioned to stay in contact with Senator Pratt.
  
- Actions to discuss next meeting:

Motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm

Motion to Adjourn: Woody S.  
Second: Ron H.  
Motion Carried: