



PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 20th, 2024

Prior Lake City Hall

6:00 PM

Members Present: Bruce Loney, Christian Morkeberg, Matt Tofanelli, Ben Burnett

Staff & Consultants Present: Joni Giese, District Administrator
Jeff Anderson, Water Resources Coordinator
Emily Dick, Water Resources Project Manager
Carl Almer, EOR, District Engineer

Others Present: Lisa Quinn, Spring Lake Township
Elana Spotz and Son

• **1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

The meeting was called to order by President Loney at 6:05 pm, and everyone present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

• **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Elana Spotz attended in person after sending a letter last month. She wanted to express her support for alum treatment for Fish Lake. One concern she had was that the currently cloudy water is scarier for kids with epilepsy. Her son also talked about his desire for a more transparent lake.

• **PUBLIC HEARING – Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan**

- Motion to open the public hearing by Manager Burnett; 2nd by Manager Tofanelli; passed 4-0. The public hearing opened at 6:08 pm.
- Administrator Giese presented the Annual description and background.
- No public comments were provided to the Board.
- Motion to close the public hearing by Manager Tofanelli; 2nd by Manager Burnett; passed 4-0.

• **PUBLIC HEARING – Capital Improvement Project: Swamp Lake Iron Enhanced Sand Filter**

- Motion to open the public hearing by Manager Burnett; 2nd by Manager Tofanelli; passed 4-0. The public hearing opened at 6:12 pm.

- Emily Dick presented the description and summary of the project.
- No public comments were provided to the Board.
- Motion to close the public hearing by Manager Burnett; 2nd by Manager Tofanelli; passed 4-0.

- **PUBLIC HEARING – Capital Improvement Project: Ferric Chloride Site Improvements**

- Motion to open the public hearing by Manager Tofanelli; 2nd by Manager Morkeberg; passed 4-0. The public hearing opened at 6:16 pm.
- Emily Dick presented the description and summary of the project.
- No public comments were provided to the Board.
- Motion to close the public hearing by Manager Tofanelli; 2nd by Manager Morkeberg; passed 4-0.

- **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Agenda changes: None
- Motion to approve agenda by Manager Burnett; 2nd by Manager Tofanelli; passed 4-0.

- **4.0 OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- **4.1 Programs & Projects Update**

- Staff provided a report of its many activities in the preceding month and some upcoming events.
 1. Jeff Anderson gave updates regarding the temporary move to Prior Lake Fire Station #2; Prior Lake Level is 902.49; we lose 0.2” per day due to evaporation; The channel flowing into Prior Lake from Spring Lake is running at 13.5 cfs.
 2. The Low-Flow gate was closed on July 22.
 3. After a recently reported fish kill on Spring Lake, a Dissolved Oxygen Report was conducted, and it was found to be in the okay or normal range and not in a bad range.
 4. Several goldfish (100+) have been found in the lakes. Please DO NOT dump unwanted goldfish in MN lakes; they are not native species.
 5. FeCl update: The old pump failed and was replaced; other updates will be starting soon. The TH 13 wetland has accumulated sediment for the past several years to 9,500 cubic yards (the same as 3 Olympic pools). This needs to be dredged.
 6. The Buck Stream Stabilization project is moving forward.

- **4.2 Authorization to Proceed with Ferric Chloride Feedline Locating Request for Quotes and Contracting**

- Emily Dick presented the need and background for this.
- Motion to authorize staff to issue a Request for Quotes and enter into a contract with a successful quote related to the Ferric Chloride feedline locating, for a fee not to exceed \$15,000; by Manager Morkeberg; 2nd by Manager Tofanelli; passed 4-0.

4.3 EOR Scope of Services: PLOC Low Flow Gate Standard Operating Procedures

- Motion to approve the EOR Scope of Services to prepare the PLOC Low Flow Gate standard operating procedures by Manager Morkeberg; 2nd by Manager Burnett; passed 4-0.

4.4 EOR Scope of Services: Desilt Pond Outlet & High-flow Bypass Improvement Feasibility Study

- Jeff Anderson presented the project summary and details. Goal: more efficiency in treated water throughput. 2012 was the last “cleaning” of the desilt pond.
- Q&A with Jeff Anderson and Carl Almer.
- Motion to approve the EOR Scope of Services for the Desilt Pond Outlet & High-Flow Bypass Improvement Feasibility Study NTE \$51K; split into Task 1 and Task 2; if Task 1 is completed (up to \$22K) and need is as anticipated, then Task 2 can be started; by Manager Tofanelli; 2nd by Manager Burnett; passed 4-0.

• 5.0 TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Morkeberg summarized the financial information contained in the packet, including:

5.1 Monthly Financial Reports

- Financial Report
- Treasurers Report
- Cash Flow Projections
- Cost Analysis

• 6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- The consent agenda is considered as one item of business. It consists of routine administrative items or items not requiring discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda at the request of the Board member, staff member, or a member of the audience.
 - 6.1 Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2024, Board Workshop
 - 6.2 Meeting Minutes – July 16, 2024, Board Meeting
 - 6.3 Meeting Minutes – June 27, 2024, Special Joint CAC/Board Meeting
 - 6.4 Meeting Minutes – May 30, 2024, CAC Meeting
 - 6.5 Claims List and Bank Purchase Card Expenditures Summary
 - 6.6 EOR Scope of Services: Spring Lake Post-Alum Treatment Sediment Core Analysis
 - Removed by Mgr. Loney: 6.7 EOR Scope of Services: Swamp Iron Enhanced Sand Filter
 - 6.8 2025 Watershed-Based Implementation Fund Grant Agreement
 - Motion to approve consent agenda by Manager Burnett; 2nd by Manager Tofanelli; Passed 4-0.

- 6.7 EOR Scope of Services: Swamp Iron Enhanced Sand Filter
 - Manager Loney had a question about why we switched consultants for the project.
 - Staff reported that EOR's total cost is expected to be \$105K through final design and bid. This is 20% of the original construction estimate.
 - Motion to approve EOR Scope of Services: Swamp Iron Enhanced Sand Filter by Manager Burnett; 2nd by Manager Tofanelli; Passed 4-0.

- **7.0 UPCOMING MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE:**
 - Farmer Led Council in August.
 - Board of Managers Workshop, Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 4:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Parkview Conference Room)
 - Board of Managers Meeting, Tuesday, September 17, 2024, 6:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Council Chambers)
 - CAC Meeting, Thursday, September 26, 2024, 6:00 pm (Spring Lake Township – Town Hall)

- **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**
 - Motion to adjourn by Manager Burnett; 2nd by Manager Tofanelli; passed 4-0.
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ben Burnett, PLSLWD Secretary, 9/9/24.