



### CAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday September 26, 2024  
6:00 – 7:30 PM

#### Attendees:

CAC Members: 7 of 7 members present = 100% (≥50%)

- Loren Hanson
- Richard Schirber
- Ron Hoffmeyer
- Curtis Witt
- Anna Alswager
- Ryan Murr
- Amy Butani

Staff: Emily Dick, Joni Giese, Danielle Studer  
Board members: Christian Morkeberg  
Other: Lisa Quinn (Spring Lake Township)

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

- Approval of the agenda:
  - Motion: Dick Schirber
  - Second: Amy Butani
  - Motion Carried
- Approval of Minutes:
  - Motion: Curtis Witt
  - Second: Ryan Murr
  - Motion Carried
- Review of August/September Board Meetings: Christian Morkeberg
  - Work on the draft budget
  - CAC priorities of water quantity, prevent flooding, and restoring wetlands and habitat influenced budget decisions
    - Additional details on individual projects
    - Spring is considered impaired, so it is mandated that an attempt is made to reach TMDL goal.
      - If all projects were implemented, there would be a reduction of 1900lbs of phosphorous
  - Preliminary draft budget is a 6% increase over 2024. Work is going on to reduce the increase on the budget.

- 91% of budget goes towards projects
    - \$756,000 of reserves will be used in 2025 budget
    - Discussion of Memo from Joni Giese. Titled: 2025 Proposed Budget and Levy, September 17
  - The Scott Soil and Water Conservation District gave a presentation at the Board Workshop on farming best practices
    - Increased cooperation with the Scott SWCD is important in relating with farmers and the Farmer Led Counsel
  - Fish Lake shoreline restoration workshop was held at the Spring Lake Township building in July
  - New website is functional
- Budget review
  - Board approved \$2,066,590 Proposed Tax levy
  - Total Budget is \$3,216,725
  - Budget can only be decreased until final approval on December 17, 2025
  - Dick Schirber posed question: Do we have enough people on staff to accomplish the project list? General feeling is that additional help would always be welcome; but if we use proper phasing, achieving the plans are possible.
  - Discussion around Fish Lake Management Plan and projects.
  - Separate financial statements exist exclusively for the PLOC.
    - PLSLWD needs to have \$950,000 available to spend on PLOC. MPCA will then re-imburse PLSLWD the funds expended.
  - Education is needed on PLOC Low Flow Gate policies and who makes these decisions.
- Minnesota Watershed resolutions process review
  - PLSLWD is a member of this organization, which provides education and lobbies for issues affecting water and watershed districts and management organizations.
    - September 1-WDs submit resolutions to Minnesota Watersheds
      - This time is too late to get goals accomplished; need to start earlier to improve chances of success.
    - October 31-Resolution emails to WDs
    - November board meeting-Decide what to vote on
    - December 6-Delegates vote
  - CAC should discuss potential resolution submissions in January. See resolution hand out on email from Danielle.
- Check in on AIS mechanical harvesting research interest
  - Additional discussion to occur in the future.
  - Dick Schirber offered to do additional research on this project.
- Upcoming Fall Events
  - Memo distributed on Buckthorn removal-Oct. 5

- Buckthorn Wreath making at Boathouse Brewery-Oct 26
- Staff Project Updates
  - PLOC Lining Update
    - Grant awarded
    - Remaining cost to be funded by PLSLWD-\$83,000
    - Likely construction Winter 2025/2026
  - Swamp IESF
    - \$179,935 Funds secured
    - \$2,000 donated by Spring Lake Township
    - Staff applied for additional grant
    - Expected construction 2025
  - Ferric Site Improvements
    - Expected construction fall 2024-2025
  - Carp Management Status/Updates
    - Population on Upper Prior Lake is showing good progress
    - Continuing work on Spring Lake
    - Removing tracking stations soon, data will be processed at that time
    - Espionage program is helpful

Motion to adjourn at 7:27 PM  
Motion-Dick Schirber  
Second-Amy Butani  
Motion Carried