



# PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

## **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

*Tuesday March 9, 2021*

*Prior Lake City Hall*

*6:00 PM*

### **BOARD OF MANAGERS:**

Mike Myser, President; Curt Hennes, Vice President; Bruce Loney, Treasurer  
Steve Pany, Secretary and Frank Boyles, Manager

#### Members Present:

Mike Myser, Curt Hennes, Steve Pany, Frank Boyles

#### Staff & Consultants Present:

Joni Giese, District Administrator  
Maggie Karschnia, Project Manager  
Jeff Anderson, Water Resources Technician  
Jaime Rockney, Water Resources Specialist  
Carl Almer, EOR, District Engine

#### Others Present:

Christian Morkeberg, CAC  
Steve McComas, Blue Water Science  
Brian Kallio, Wenck & Associates

- **1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
  - Meeting called to order by President Myser at 6:05 P.M.
  - Manager Myser has been appointed to a new 3-year term.
  - Manager Hennes swore in Manager Myser as he has taken the oath of office.
  
- **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

- **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Manager Hennes moved to approve the agenda. Second by Manager Pany. All Ayes. Passed 4-0.

- **4.0 OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- 4.1 **Welcome**

- New District Administrator, Joni Giese, introduced herself.

- 4.2 **Programs & Projects Update**

- Jeff Anderson reported that the water level at Upper Prior Lake is 901.5. The Ferric Chloride structure is operating. So far in 2021 a total of 12,000 pounds of carp have been removed from Spring and Upper Prior Lakes.
- Maggie Karschnia reported that the 5-year Sutton Lake Project has been moving along and is near completion. Some Beaver leveler outlets, site stabilization, and rock grading are in final stages.

- 4.3 **2020 Aquatic Vegetation Survey Results Presentation (Steve McComas)**

Steve McComas reported Fish, Spring, Upper and Lower Prior have been showing water quality improvement and Curly Leaf Pond Weed is under control. Many native aquatic plants that consume phosphorous are making a comeback. Curly Leaf Pond Weed starts growing early in the spring, and in the past it has been treated with herbicide to reduce it. Spring Lake now has 14 native plants that are doing well. There is Eurasian Milfoil in Lower Prior Lake but it is not excessive. Manager Hennes asked Steve McComas how well does he think the PLSLWD is doing. Steve McComas stated that the active management of the lakes has them improving steadily and rates the PLSLWD not only good in Minnesota but nationally also.

- 4.4 **Upper Watershed Blueprint (Brian Kallio)**

- Brian Kallio reported that it was difficult to get projects that improved both water storage and water quality. The Blueprint indicated the cost and benefit of each project. Funding sources and rating of the projects was also in the report. Many sources of information, history, and data were used for this Upper Watershed Blueprint. It is a goal to complete projects to achieve both water storage and water quality so that alum treatment will be less necessary.
- Manager Hennes moved to approve the Upper Watershed Blueprint. Second by Manager Pany. All Ayes. Passed 4-0.

- 4.5 **Manager Presentations & Liaison Updates**

Manager Pany indicated the Citizens Advisory Committee is looking to add members. Call the office for more information and an application.

- **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

- Manager Hennes requested the MAWD Fee Vote to be removed from consent agenda.
- Manager Pany moved to approve the consent agenda. Second by Manager Hennes. All ayes. Pass 4-0.
- 5.1 Meeting Minutes—February 8 Special Board Meeting Board Meeting
- 5.2 Meeting Minutes—February 9 Board Meeting and Workshop
- 5.3 Meeting Minutes—February 25 CAC Meeting and Workshop
- 5.4 Claims List

- **6.0 TREASURER’S REPORT**

- 6.1 Cash & Investments & 6.2 Financial Report: President Myser gave updates on current financial reporting. A new Accounting firm Clifton Larson Allen was hired in January. New reports will be forthcoming. The Watershed District is in good financial position as stated by President Myser.
- The Board of Managers thanked Maggie Karschnia for her great work as Interim District Administrator for three months.

- **7.0 UPCOMING MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE:**

- CAC Meeting, Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm (Virtual Meeting)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Manager Hennes moved to adjourn meeting. Second by Manager Boyles. All ayes. Motion passed 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

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Steve Pany, District Secretary

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Monthly Board Meeting