



PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday July 13, 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, Bruce Loney, Steve Pany, Frank Boyles

Staff & Consultants Present: Joni Giese, District Administrator
Maggie Karschnia, Water Resources Project Manager
Jaime Rockney, Water Resources Specialist
Carl Almer, EOR, District Engineer

Others Present: Lisa Quinn, Spring Lake Township
Loren Hanson, Citizens Advisory Committee
David and Sue Hagen

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Meeting called to order by President Myser at 6:02 P.M.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

PUBLIC HEARING - Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Annual Public Hearing.
2020 MS4 Annual Report Summary.

Administrator Giese reported that due to the Prior Lake outlet channel, PLSLWD is an MS4. She then provided a brief overview of how the District addressed the six minimum control measures (Public Education & Outreach, Public Participation/ Involvement, Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination, Construction Site Runoff & Control, Post-Construction Stormwater Management, and Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping).

Manager Loney move to open the public meeting. Second by Manager Hennes. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

Manager Hennes moved to close the public meeting. Second by Manager Loney. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Manager Hennes moved to approve the agenda. Second by Manager Loney. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

4.0 OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Programs & Projects Update:

Jamie Rockney reported that the water level at the outlet channel is low now 901.7. This is a somewhat low level looking at historical records.

Inspections performed in June by the boat inspection contractor retained by the PLSLWD include 434 inspections at Upper Prior Lake, 486 at Lower Prior Lake, and 475 at Spring Lake. Thirty-three inspections were performed over a two day period at Fish Lake. Aquatic invasive species were found on one boat entering Lower Prior Lake. The plant was removed resulting in no calls being made to the DNR or 911.

During Blue Water Science's aquatic plant survey, Zebra Mussels were detected on Pike Lake West and the situation will be monitored. Pike Lake is downstream from Prior Lake which has Zebra Mussels. No quick eradication action is being taken by the PLSLWD or the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

The June 17 Hike the Watershed event was at Jeffers Pond with 18 people attending. The next hikes are July 17 and August 18.

Manager Loney asked if there is a water flow at the ferric chloride structure. Jaime replied the water flow is slower than normal.

The I-LIDS system at Spring Lake is in operation. Staff is working with the manufacturer on system improvements. One issue is that it is difficult to determine if people are inspecting their boats outside of the camera view.

Regrading the carp removal program, Maggie Karschnia reported the carp traps did not work well this year due to low water levels. There are two baited carp traps currently on Spring Lake. One on the east side and one on the north side. PLSLWD is seeking volunteers to bait the traps with corn.

2021 is the first year for a new program to assess the health of select wetlands in the District. It may be possible to transition this activity into a volunteer program in the future. The program meets a portion of the District's MS4 requirement.

At the Sutton Lake Outlet Project, PLSLWD issued a change order, authorizing the Contractor, Veit & Company, to add rock and soil to make the area more accessible over the berm. Better access was needed by both land owner and PLSLWD.

PLSLWD staff met with Scott SWCD to plan for an August Farmer-Led Council Meeting.

4.2 Approval of new CAC member David Hagen.

Mr. Hagan has a strong farming background and has lived in the area many years and has strong interest in lake stewardship. Manager Hennes moved to approve new CAC member David Hagen. Second by Manager Pany. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

4.3 Watershed Management Study: Draft Project Process & Schedule.

The study has commenced. Manager Loney and Boyles represent PLSLWD on the Steering Committee. On June 10 there was a Technical Committee meeting and on June 24 there was a Steering Committee meeting. This is estimated to be an eighteen month process.

4.4 BWSR Clean Water Fund Competitive Grants program RFP.

Program was discussed and will be evaluated. Applications are due on August 17. BWSR grant and loan funds available. Three projects are being discussed. The Sutton Lake Iron Enhanced Sand Filter Project, Spring Lake West Iron Enhanced Sand Filter, and County Ditch 13 repairs. These projects could be potentially feasible for completion in the near term funding cycle. District staff to perform additional research. If projects look feasible after the additional research, they will be brought back to the Board as part of the July 29 Joint Board of Managers & CAC Meeting.

4.5 Water Resource Management Plan-Minor Plan Amendment.

This is a minor adjustment due to Upper Watershed Blueprint priority projects. Manager Loney moved to approve the amendment. Second by Manager Boyles. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

4.6 Manager Presentations & Liaison Updates. A first annual Joint CAC/Board of Managers meeting will be at 6:00 Thursday July 29 at City Hall.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Manager Loney requested the Claims List be removed from the Consent Agenda. Manager Hennes moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second by Manager Loney. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

Manager Loney asked for clarification on a series of invoices by one vendor. Clarification was provided by staff. Manager Loney moved to approve the Claims list. Second by Manager Hennes. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

- 5.1 Meeting Minutes - June 8, Board Workshop
- 5.2 Meeting Minutes - June 8, Board Meeting
- 5.3 Meeting Minutes - June 19, Special Meeting
- 5.4 Meeting Minutes - June 24, CAC Meeting
- 5.5 Claims List

6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 Financial Reports Update

- Fund Performance Analysis
- Cash and Investments Summary
- Cash Flow Projections

6.2 Quarterly Financial Statements

- Balance Sheet
- Cost Analysis

6.3 Treasurers Report

Treasurer / Manager Loney reported that the Watershed District finances are in good order at this time. New reports are being provided by Accounting Firm Clifton Larson Allen (CLA). Better information for Managers and staff is being worked on by CLA.

7.0 UPCOMING MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE:

Board of Managers and CAC joint meeting Thursday July 29th at Parkview 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Manager Hennes moved to adjourn meeting. Second by Manager Pany. All Ayes. Motion Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Steve Pany, District Secretary

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