



PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday April 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 Rockne, Water Resources Specialist
Kathryn Keller-Miller, Outreach Specialist
Carl Almer, EOR, District Engineer

Others Present:

Jim Fitzsimmons, Scott SWCD
Troy Kuphal, Scott SWCD
Lisa Quinn, Spring Lake Township
Jason Wedel, City of Prior Lake

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Meeting called to order by President Myser at 5:52 P.M.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT: None

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

4.0 OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- **4.1 Programs & Projects Update**

Water loggers have been installed. 2020 Lake Water Quality Standards are improving for Spring, Prior and other lakes. Due to low oxygen, Jeffers Pond, Pike Lake, and Crystal Lake had fish kills this winter. New signage has been added to Raymond Park. The Farmer-Led Council met on 4/1/21. Mitch Holicky from Le Sueur County was the guest speaker. Two more farms are now lake friendly. Ten percent of the farm acres in the district are doing cover crops. 582 acres of cover crops reduce 506 pounds of phosphorous. Cover crop costs are approximately \$36.77 per pound of phosphorous removed, compared to alum treatment, which costs approximately \$90.00 per pound of phosphorous removed.

- **4.2 Approval of new CAC members Loren Hanson and Matt Tofanelli**

Manager Pany moved to approve the new CAC members. Second by Managers Boyles. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

- **4.3 SWCD 2020 Accomplishments**

The PLSLWD hires Scott SWCD to provide a variety of services. Troy Kuphal, District Director of Scott SWCD, stated overall projects are making an impact, reducing phosphorous, and improving the water and land resources. In 2020, Scott SWCD assisted 65 land owners and completed 22 cost share projects, which resulted in approximately 631 pounds of phosphorus reduction and 93 tons of sediment reduction. In 2020, 582 acres of cover crops were seeded and 425 acres were certified under the Lake-Friendly Farm certification. Scott SWCD staff performed 65 water quality samples.

- **4.4 Lower Minnesota River Watershed 1W1P**

Motion for PLSLWD to accept the amended boundary for the Lower Minnesota River Watershed 1W1P plan and to affirm the District does not want to participate in the Lower Minnesota River Watershed 1W1P policy committee, but does want to participate on a technical advisory committee. Manager Boyles moved to approve. Second Manager Loney. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

- **4.5 Pike Lake Landing Development Agreement & Conservation Easement**

Motion to approve the Pike Lake Landing Development Agreement and conservation easement for district administrator execution and recording in the Scott County Land Records Office. Manager Boyles moved to approve. Second by Manager Loney. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

- **4.6 Manager Presentations & Liaison Updates**

Manager Hennes mentioned that the Citizen Advisory Committee is looking to add members. Manager Hennes also mentioned that he and Joni Giese met with Spring Lake Township Board members and saw the vegetation restoration project on the site. Sutton Lake project is looking good with vegetation establishment still needed.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- Manager Loney moved to remove 5.2 and 5.6. Second by Manager Pany. All Ayes. Pass 5-0.
 - 5.1 Meeting Minutes---March 9 Board Workshop.
 - 5.2 Meeting Minutes—March 9 Board Meeting and Workshop.
 - 5.3 Meeting Minutes—March 25 CAC Meeting.
 - 5.4 PLOC Transfer Request.
 - 5.5 Liability Coverage—Waiver Form.

- 5.6. 2021 Carp Management Services Contract Approval.
- 5.7. Claims List.
- Manager Loney moved to approve the amended Consent Agenda. Second by Manager Pany. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.
- Manager Loney suggested revisions to the March 9 meeting minutes.
- Manager Hennes moved to approve the amended minutes. Second by Manager Pany. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.
- Item 5.6, Manager Loney inquired about budget status associated with the carp management program. Staff provided a budget status update. Manager Loney asked that future cover memorandums associated with contract approval requests include a summary of the current budget status.
- Manager Loney moved to approve the 2021 WSB carp management services contract as substantially written not to exceed \$131,300. Second by Manager Boyles. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

- 6.1 Cash & Investments. Treasurer Loney indicated finances are looking good for rest of year for activities and operations.
- 6.2 Financial Report.
- 6.3 2020 Year End Financial Report.

7.0 UPCOMING MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE:

CAC Meeting, Thursday, April 29th, 6:30pm (Virtual Meeting)

ADJOURNMENT

Manager Hennes moved to adjourn meeting. Second by Manager Boyles. All ayes. Motion Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Steve Pany, District Secretary

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