



# PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

*Tuesday, October 11, 2022*

*Prior Lake City Hall*

*6:00 PM*

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

Staff & Consultants Present: Joni Giese, District Administrator  
Jeff Anderson, Water Resources Coordinator  
Carl Almer, EOR, District Engineer  
Shauna Capron, Water Resources Technician

Others Present: Lisa Quinn, Patrick Doherty

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

Meeting was called to order by President Loney at 6:05 pm. Five of Five managers present. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

Patrick Dougherty – 14150 Woodchuck Trail, Prior Lake

- Mr. Dougherty expressed his unhappiness with Watershed District regarding consistency and accuracy of easement marking and enforcement. Mr. Dougherty was informed of a mowing violation from June in October and believes notifications should not be that delayed. After his questioning the violation with District staff, staff came back, reviewed the easement again, and determined that there was no violation. Mr. Dougherty wants to make sure errant notices of easement violations will not come back in the future and requested more timely interactions with the Watershed District.
- Administrator Giese and the board responded that the District will work on improving our processes in the future.

- **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Added liaison updates as agenda item 4.3.
- Manager Boyles moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Manager Burnett, Passed 5-0.

- **4.0 OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- **4.1 Programs & Projects Update**

- Lake levels continue to be down this summer. Precipitation levels for the year now

classified as “Severe Drought.”

- Staff provided a report of its many activities the preceding month, and some upcoming events, and public meetings.
- Staff will present at the Water Resources Conference in St. Paul.

#### **4.2 Ferric Chloride Treatment Approach & Effectiveness**

- Jeff Anderson gave a summary of the past and current effectiveness of the ferric chloride treatment facility and costs per lb. of removed phosphorous. It is a very effective solution and ends up being relatively low cost.

#### **4.3 Liaison Updates**

- Manager Tofanelli – CAC: Focus topics include flood storage, research of potential grants that could fund agricultural activities that support water resources, review of water regulations of comparable communities, I-LIDS, and phosphorus reduction alternatives to Alum treatments.
- Manager Loney – PLOC: refined format of financial statements, approved work plan and budget for 2023, broached the topic of investigating increased flows in the PLOC channel and hesitancy was expressed by other cooperators. Consultation and approval would also be needed from the DNR.
- Manager Burnett – LMRWD: Discussed potential implications for District associated with *City of Circle Pine v. Anoka County* decision by Minnesota Supreme Court. Scott County Board of Commissioners: Focus was on finalizing levy.
- Manager Boyles – SCALE Meetings: Focus of last meeting was commercial and industrial land uses. Next meeting to focus on staff shortages at school districts. City of Prior Lake: Considered preliminary plat for redevelopment of property immediately east of City Hall. Stormwater management will be a challenge on the site and it might be good to learn more about the project as it advances.

#### **• 5.0 TREASURER’S REPORT**

Treasurer Morkeberg summarized the current financial status including:

##### **5.1 Monthly Financial Reports**

- Financial Report
- Treasurers Report
- Cash Flow Projections

##### **5.2 Quarterly Financial Reports**

- Balance Sheet
- Cost Analysis

Operation expenses are currently below budget.

#### **• 6.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

6.1 Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2022, Board Workshop

6.2 Meeting Minutes – September 13, 2022, Board Meeting

6.3 Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2022, CAC Meeting

6.4 Claims List & Visa Expenditures Summary

6.5 EOR Scope of Services Amendment: Sutton Lake Management Plan

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Manager Boyles, second by Manager Tofanelli.**

**Motion carried. 5 ayes (0 against)**

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

- Board of Managers Workshop, Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 4:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Parkview Conference Room)
- Board of Managers Meeting, Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 6:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Council Chambers)
- CAC Meeting, Thursday, October 27, 2022, 6:00 – 8:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Wagon Bridge Conference Room)

- **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- **Motion to approve amended agenda by Manager Boyles, second by Manager Burnett. Motion carried. 5 ayes (0 against). Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ben Burnett, PLSLWD Secretary, 11/3/22