



PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday August 10, 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
Shauna Capron, Water Resources Assistant
Carl Almer, EOR, District Engineer

Others Present: Lisa Quinn, Spring Lake Township
Wes Steffan, President, Spring Lake Association
Christopher Crowhurst, PLSLWD CAC
Josh Accola, Stantec

CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Meeting called to order by President Myser at 6:01 P.M.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:

Wes Steffan President of Spring Lake Association (SLA) thanked the PLSLWD for its efforts and projects to improve the water quality for Spring Lake. Wes shared information on SLA's mission statement. With the detection of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Spring Lake, SLA is looking for opportunities to further collaborate with the watershed district on the management of this new aquatic invasive species.

3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

4.0 OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS

4.1 Programs & Projects Update:

Jaime Rockney reports that 1527 boats were inspected in June. 560 on Lower Prior Lake, 375 on Upper Prior Lake, 550 on Spring Lake, and 42 on Fish Lake. Aquatic plants were found on 28 boats exiting lakes and one boat entering a lake that was removed before launching.

Eurasian Milfoil was detected in Spring Lake at 12 locations. Some of the plants were hand removed by Blue Water Science and the DNR. Eradication is unlikely, a sign about this invasive plant was posted at the boat landing. Steve McComas with Blue Water Science submitted the opinion that Spring Lake is not conducive to heavy growth. PLSLWD has not treated Eurasian Milfoil in the past. It does not affect water quality but does affect navigation and recreation. No zebra mussels have been detected on Spring Lake. It is unknown how long the milfoil has been in Spring Lake. There are 13 species of native aquatic plants there. The PLSLWD is developing a rapid response plan to take action with invasive plants.

The I-LIDS system on Spring Lake continues to operate. The device was cleaned, a nest removed, and speaker volume increased. 170 videos were reviewed and indicated no violations. Lake level for Prior Lake is 901.1 and the lake level for Spring Lake is 909.7 with no flow in the channel from Spring to Upper Prior.

Maggie Karschnia reports that carp removal is an effective way to achieve better water quality. The cost benefit shows that the program is a good investment when compared to other methods. The cost compares to alum treatment. In the future an electro fishing back pack may be purchased for carp removal by electro fishing. Identified carp spawning / nursery areas have been cut off. Since 2015 the carp population has been cut in half. There is still a ways to go. Carp can be elusive and difficult to remove.

Shauna Capron reports that a first year Wetlands Monitoring Survey Project is being done. This involves vegetation and macroinvertebrates (bugs) surveys and analysis. Some wetlands in this project are Geis, Sandey, and Fish Point. The phosphorous content and health of the wetland will be studied and evaluated.

4.2 2021 Intern Update Presentation: Camille Will.

Camille was not able to attend and the update will be at the September meeting.

4.3 Board Acknowledgement of Water Resources Project Manager Maggie Karschnia.

All five Managers and Administrator had high praise and appreciation for her excellent work. Maggie's skills and talent are greatly appreciated. Maggie used great innovation with a number of projects and programs. The Managers thanked her, and stated how well they liked working with her. All Managers wished her luck and best wishes in her future employment.

4.4 Managers Presentations & Liaison Updates.

Manager Loney: On July 29 the Managers and Citizens Advisory Committee had a joint meeting. Good information was exchanged. The 10 member CAC contributed to District initiatives, such as I-LIDS and staffing the WD booth at Chamber Days. Other potential initiatives suggested and lightly discussed included water quality enhancements, lakeshore restoration, and legislative liaisons. Manager Myser reports that he received favorable comments about the PLSLWD water quality improvements in the lakes and that a local business owner would like to donate funds to projects such as blue gill-walleye stocking.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Manager Pany moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Manager Hennes. All Ayes. Passed 5-0

- 5.1 Meeting Minutes— July 13, Board Workshop
- 5.2 Meeting Minutes—July 13, Board Meeting
- 5.3 Meeting Minutes— July 29 Joint Board of Managers-CAC Special Meeting.
- 5.4 Claims List & Visa Expenditures Summary

6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT:

Manager Loney reported that finances are in good order, new reports providing better information, and year end projections are clear. The budget and visa bills are now more clearly reported also.

- 6.1 Financial Reports Update
 - Fund Performance Analysis*
 - Cash and Investments Summary*
 - Cash Flow Projections*

7.0 UPCOMING MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE:

CAC Meeting Thursday August 26, 2021 in Parkview Conference Room 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Manager Hennes moved to adjourn meeting. Second by Manager Pany. All Ayes. Motion Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 P.M.

Steve Pany, District Secretary

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