



***Tuesday, July 12, 2011
Prior Lake City Hall
3:00 PM***

Members Present: Craig Gontarek, William Kallberg, William Schmokel

Managers Absent: Greg Aamodt

Staff Present: Mike Kinney, District Administrator
Nat Kale, District Technician
Samantha Linman-Stunes, Water Resources Technician
Carl Almer, District Engineer, EOR
Louis Smith, District Attorney, Smith Partners

Others Present: Barbara Marschall, Scott County
Ross Bintner, City of Prior Lake
Kathy Nielsen, Spring Lake Township
Bruce Thorson, Spring Lake Resident
Dick Svobodny, Spring Lake Resident

1. **CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Meeting called to order by President Craig Gontarek at 3:00 PM.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Manager Schmokel moved to accept the agenda. Second by Manager Kallberg. All ayes.
4. **CONSENT AGENDA:** Manager Kallberg motioned to remove the Financial Report from the Consent Agenda. Second by Manager Schmokel. All Ayes. Manager Kallberg moved to accept the Consent Agenda as amended. Second by Manager Schmokel. All ayes.

OLD / NEW BUSINESS:

FOR UPDATE

Carl Almer gave Project Status Updates. Written updates were also provided to brief the Board on the ongoing District projects and programs. The information itemizes recent and future actions for each project and highlights specific efforts for the programs. The Engineer Budget and Expense Update were also provided.

EDUCATION UPDATE

Written updates from MN Waters and SCWEP were provided. Mike Kinney wanted to specifically draw the attention of the Board to a proposal from MN Waters for continued support from November 2011 – October 2012, to continue their relationship with the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District beyond the current contract and use their unique capabilities to accomplish two goals; 1. Maintain a viable Citizens Advisory Committee, and 2. Identify new opportunities to increase District visibility. No action required at this time. Mike also updated the Board on the Discovery Farm, should know by mid-August if application was accepted.

Water Quality System Maintenance and Retrofit Update

Ross Bintner, City of Prior Lake gave a verbal overview highlighting long term goals. Written information was also provided.

Monthly Meeting Date Change

Mike Kinney proposed moving the monthly meetings back one week to the 3rd week of each month. Doing this would enable Staff to provide more timely financial information. Manager Kallberg suggested giving the 3rd Wednesday in August a trial run before making a final decision. Manager Kallberg moved to move the August meeting to the 17th. Second by Manager Schmokel. All ayes.

Spring Lake Township Request for Grant Money

The Township is asking the District to consider funding the cost of the survey for the Sunset Avenue Sewer and Water Project. The Township is also requesting that this project be added to the Upper Prior Lake/Spring Lake TMDL Implementation Plan. Manager Kallberg moved to fund the survey at the cost of \$3800. Second by Manager Gontarek. All ayes.

Titus Drainage Channel

Attorney Louis Smith addressed the Board reiterating that despite issues between the City and the property owner, the District doesn't have a regulatory role in this situation. It would be a water resource issue that would warrant some investment of District resources. At this time the District is being invited to evaluate this. Mike Kinney added that he will be meeting with Larry Poppler, City of Prior Lake, as he knows he has more information to

share before the District can make any further decisions. Mike has also shared information with the EOR staff for potential involvement.

Iron Chloride Facility

A letter from the MPCA was included in the Board material regarding the Spring Lake Water Treatment System, listing their understanding of options discussed with the District thus far; Ditch Reclassification, Variance and Continued Use of Existing System. It is their intent to work with District to resolve permitting issues as soon as possible. This is the next step in a process to close in on an end product.

District Programs & Project Updates

Written information was provided to give the Board and others in summary fashion, projects, progress and impending actions.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Written information provided for general updates. Mike Kinney asked the Board to provide their calendars for special meeting planning purposes.

Craig Gontarek, President

William Schmokel, Secretary