



PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

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
Emily Dick, Water Resources Project Manager
Danielle Studer, Water Resources Specialist
Anne Wilkenson, EOR, District Engineer

Others Present:

Loren Hanson, CAC Representative
Connor McComas, Blue Water Science
Alanna Spotts (new CAC member),
Kim Churchill, City of Prior Lake

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

Meeting was called to order by President Loney at 6:12 pm. Everyone present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

• **2.0 SWEARING IN OF MANAGER LONEY**

Manager Loney recited the oath of office.

• **3.0 SWEARING IN OF MANAGER MORKEBERG**

Manager Morkeberg recited the oath of office.

• **4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

• **5.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Motion to approve agenda by Manager Burnett; 2nd by Manager Morkeberg; Passed 5-0.

- **6.0 OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.1 Programs & Projects Update**

- Staff provided a report of its many activities the preceding month, and some upcoming events.
 - Staff is back in City Hall; lake level and stream sensors are being reconnected; sediment cores were collected in Upper Prior Lake; carp are not aggregating in a location conducive for a seine based on tracking; staff are in the process of renewing the District's Ferric Chloride System NPDES permit with the MPCA.
 - Projects updates: the impacts of the Sutton Lake natural drawdown on cattail is being tracked; Spring West IESF discussions with property owners are continuing; the Spring West farm nutrient loads analysis is moving forward; Ferric Chloride building improvement project is delayed due to a structure change; PLOC project could start soon, currently working on contracting, could be as soon as 4 weeks to start.

- 6.2 Approval of New CAC Member: Alanna Spotts**

- Danielle introduced Alanna Spotts and she came up and talked a bit more about herself. Alanna has lived on Fish Lake since 2013.
 - Motion to approve the appointment of Alanna Spotts to the District's Citizen Advisory Committee, by Manager Tofanelli; 2nd by Manager Morkeberg; Passed 5-0.

- 6.3 2024 Aquatic Plant Survey Results Presentation: Connor McComas**

- Jeff introduced Connor McComas from Blue Water Science
 - Connor presented their annual report. The report is available on the district website.

- 6.4 Authorization to Proceed with Ditch Petition for Swamp IESF**

- Emily presented this item. In order to construct the Swamp Lake IESF, the District must receive approval from the Ditch Authority via a ditch petition process.
 - Motion to authorize proceeding with the ditch petition process for the Swamp Iron Enhanced Sand Filter project by Manager Morkeberg; 2nd by Manager Boyles; Passed 5-0.

- **7.0 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Morkeberg summarized the financial information contained in the packet including:

- 7.1 Monthly Financial Reports**

- Financial Report
 - Treasurers Report
 - Cash Flow Projections
 - Cost analysis

- **8.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda is considered as one item of business. It consists of routine administrative items or items not requiring discussion. Items can be removed from the consent agenda at the request of the Board member, staff member, or a member of the audience. Please state which item or items you wish to remove for separate discussion.

- 8.1 Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2025, Board Workshop
- 8.2 Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2025, Board Meeting
- 8.3 Claims List and Bank Purchase Card Expenditures Summary
- 8.4 Resolution 25-392: PLOC MOA Emergency Fund Interest Transfer
- 8.5 Resolution 25-393: Amending the 2025 Budget to Reflect a BWSR Grant Agreement for the Swamp Lake IESF Project
- 8.6 Resolution 25-394: Amending the 2025 Budget to Establish the Buck Stream Stabilization Project Budget Item in the Amount of \$7,500
- 8.7 2025 Boat Inspections Contract
- 8.8 2025 Aquatic Vegetation Surveys Contract
- Motion to approve consent agenda by Manager Tofanelli; 2nd by Manager Boyles; Passed 5-0.

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

- PLOC Cooperators Meeting, Thursday, March 27, 2025, 12:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Parkview Conference Room)
- CAC Meeting, Thursday, March 27, 2025, 6:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Wagon Bridge Conference Room)
- Board of Managers Workshop, Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 4:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Parkview Conference Room)
- Board of Managers Meeting, Tuesday, April 15, 2025, 6:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Council Chambers)

- **10.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn by Manager Tofanelli; 2nd by Manager Burnett; Passed 5-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Ben Burnett, PLSLWD Secretary, 4/7/25