



# PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

*Tuesday, July 15, 2025*

*Prior Lake City Hall*

*6:00 PM*

Members Present:

Bruce Loney, Christian Morkeberg, Frank Boyles,  
Matt Tofanelli, Bev Burnett

Staff & Consultants Present:

Joni Giese, District Administrator  
Jeff Anderson, Water Resources Coordinator  
Emily Dick, Water Resources Project Manager  
Carl Almer, EOR, District Engineer

Others Present:

Lisa Quinn, Spring Lake Township  
Jody Brennan, Scott County Commissioner

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

- Meeting was called to order by President Loney at 6:00 pm. Everyone present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

• **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

- None

• **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Motion to approve agenda by Manager Boyles; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Burnett; passed 5-0.

• **4.0 OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

**4.1 Programs & Projects Update**

- Staff provided a report of its many activities for the preceding month, and some upcoming events.
  - Prior Lake level is 902.59, Spring Lake level is 910.97
  - Improved FeCl data monitoring
  - Carp Carnival is 7/26/25
  - Project updates
  - Upper Prior Lake Alum treatment will likely come up in August for approval.

#### **4.2 Cates Lake Goldfish Management Decision**

- Presented by Jeff Anderson.
- Not many options are available. Staff discussed potential management options with the DNR, who indicated goldfish management is a challenge.
- Several approaches were discussed, most require DNR approval (unlikely) or have not proved effective or may cause larger problems.
- The District continues to monitor Cates Lake and the lake is getting A's on the District's report regarding total phosphorus, water clarity and Chlorophyll A.
- Motion to hold on management of goldfish on Cates Lake and to continue to monitor lake water quality, by Manager Tofanelli; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Burnett; Passed 5-0.

#### **4.3 Minnesota Watersheds 2025 Annual Meeting Delegate Appointment**

- Presented by Administrator Giese.
- Manager Burnett motioned to appoint Manager Burnett and Manager Loney as delegates and Manager Boyles as an alternate to vote on behalf of Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District at the Minnesota Watersheds 2025 Annual Meeting on Resolutions & Petitions, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Tofanelli; Passed 5-0.

#### **4.4 County Ditch 13 Drainage Authority**

- Administrator Giese presented an overview of this issue.
- This has been researched and discussed over the past several months.
- Manager Burnett motioned that the Board of Managers favors the District assuming from Scott County, pursuant to Minn. Stat. 103D.625, subdivision 1, the role of drainage authority for County Ditch (CD) 13, with the intent to fund CD 13 management by means of a water management district under Minn. Stat. 103D.729, on the following conditions:
  - a) Sand Creek and Spring Lake Townships, and the City of Prior Lake, concur in District management of CD 13 under authority of Minn. Stat. 103D.621, subdivision 4;
  - b) Scott County enters into a joint powers agreement with the District, as needed to bring a parcel benefited by CD 13, but outside the District legal boundary, within District drainage authority jurisdiction;
  - c) The existing CD 13 fund balance is preserved for District use; and
  - d) The County agrees to administer the annual WMD charge without additional fees;and that the District Administrator is directed to engage County staff regarding the transfer of authority pursuant to these terms, and report to the board.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Tofanelli; Passed 5-0.

- **5.0 TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

- **5.1 Monthly Financial Reports (Discussion Only)**

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

- **6.0 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.
  - 6.1 Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2025, Board Workshop
  - 6.2 Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2025, Board Meeting
  - ~~6.3 Claims List and Bank Purchase Card Expenditures Summary~~ **Removed**
  - 6.4 Quarterly Investment Summary
  - 6.5 Resolution 25-398: Amending the 2025 Budget to Reallocate funds in the 509-Implementation Fund from 550–Swamp Lake IESF to 550–Spring Lake West IESF
- Motion to approve consent agenda (without 6.3) by Manager Tofanelli; 2nd by Manager Morkeberg; Passed 5-0.

- **6.3 Claims List and Bank Purchase Card Expenditures Summary**

- Administrator Giese presented a corrected Expenditures Summary.
- Motion to approve by Manager Morkeberg; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Tofanelli; Passed 5-0.

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

- Carp Carnival- Celebration of Meeting Upper Prior Lake Carp Goal, Saturday, July 26, 2025, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, (Sand Point Beach Park)
- Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting, Thursday, July 31, 2025, 6:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Wagon Bridge Conference Room)
- Board of Managers Workshop, Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 4:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Parkview Conference Room)
- Board of Managers Meeting, Tuesday, August 19, 2025, 6:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Council Chambers)

- **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn by Manager Morkeberg; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manager Tofanelli; Passed 5-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Burnett, PLSLWD Secretary, 8/12/25