



PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

Prior Lake City Hall

6:00 PM

Members Present: Bruce Loney, Christian Morkeberg, Frank Boyles, Beverly Burnett

Members Absent: Matt Tofanelli

Staff & Consultants Present: Joni Giese, District Administrator
Jeff Anderson, Water Resources Coordinator
Emily Dick, Water Resources Project Manager
Danielle Studer, Water Resources Specialist
Carl Almer, EOR, District Engineer

Others Present: Lisa Quinn, Spring Lake Township
Jody Brennan, Scott County Commissioner
Wesley Steffen, Spring Lake Association (SLA)
Kim Churchill, Prior Lake City Council Liaison
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Barnd
Pam Doerr

• 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

- Mr. and Mrs. Craig Barnd, 20588 Xeon Jordan, MN
 - Came to voice issues with 4 acres of flooded pasture since the Sutton Lake weir was added.
 - Prior to that there were some beavers, but few problems.
 - In the past few years since the weir there has been flooding in their pasture, causing their horses to get infections. The horses must go through this wetland area to get to pasture.
 - He voiced his concerns prior to construction but was not heeded.

- There is a ditch that drains beyond the Sutton Weir structure into County Ditch 13.
 - He is concerned with the eye sore and risk to property value.
 - Structure has been in place now for 2-3 years.
 - He has talked to SWCD and PLSLWD before, but the ditch was just cleaned out, but problem still occurred.
 - Mrs. Craig Barnd then added that “they guaranteed this wouldn’t happen” but it still has.
 - The ground in the area is soft peat.
- Wesley Steffen, SLA, 2350 Raymond Ave. Jordan, MN
 - Wesley is the President of the SLA, came forward to talk about the SLA yearly newsletter and let everyone know that it is available on the website at: www.springlakeassociation.org
- Pam Doerr, 9220 153rd St. W., Prior Lake, MN.
 - Pam is a 5th grade Life Science teacher.
 - Lives across from Cates Lake, came to inform/complain about the infestation of goldfish and/or koi in Cates Lake, there are 1000’s of them.
 - They are an aquatic invasive species (AIS), she wanted to know who should be fixing this, who should she talk to? PLSLWD? DNR?
 - These fish throw off the balance of the lake, no natural predators, disruptive, create lots of waste (including nitrogen and phosphorous) leading to algae blooms and oxygen problems.
 - Jeff Anderson responded:
 - The City of Savage started a study of the issue, but it will not become public due to lack of funding to complete it. The District is aware of the problem but the District currently does not have a plan to address the issue. DNR could be approached.
 - The District has some information regarding the management of “common carp” and are actively managing them in the PLSLWD, but goldfish are new in AIS arena, and staff is still learning about potential management approaches.
- **PUBLIC HEARING –Spring Lake West Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter Project Ordering**
 - Motion to open the Public Hearing by Manager Boyles, 2nd by Manager Burnett, Passed 4-0
 - Emily Dick presented the Spring Lake West Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter Project Ordering
 - No public comments
 - Motion to close the Public Hearing by Manager Burnett, 2nd by Manager Morkeberg, Passed 4-0
- **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - Motion to approve agenda by Manager Morkeberg, 2nd by Manager Boyles, Passed 4-0
- **4.0 OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS**
 - 4.1 Programs & Projects Update**
 - Staff provided a report of its many activities the preceding month, and some upcoming events.

- Lake Levels are rising (the PLOC flows above 902.5); PLOC maintenance was performed; updates on Carp management; monitoring started for the season; tier 2 and tier 3 lake report cards are now on the website, (including Cates Lake)
- Projects updates: staff provided a summary of TMDL goals and potential projects identified last year, ranked by estimated pounds of phosphorus they would remove. A status update was provided regarding the top water quality and flood reduction projects that were identified for advancement in 2024. review of last year's projects, many in the works for this year. After identified water quality projects are completed, 64% of TMDL goal should be met.
- PLOC lining started and in progress.

4.2 2024 Annual Report Approval

- Danielle Studer presented highlights of the Annual Report
- Motion to approve the PLSLWD 2024 Annual Report and authorize its release to the Board of Water and Soil Resources and Department of Natural Resources by Manager Boyles, 2nd by Manager Burnett, Passed 4-0.

4.3 Swamp Lake Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter Request for Bids Approval

- Emily Dick presented.
- Motion to authorize solicitation of competitive bids for the Swamp Lake Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter project, with any further non-substantive changes on advice of engineering and legal counsel by Manager Boyles, 2nd by Manager Morkeberg, Passed 4-0.

4.4 200th Street Pond Irrevocable Term License

- Emily Dick presented.
- Motion to approve District Administrator to enter into the irrevocable term license with landowners for the 200th Street Pond project by Manager Burnett, 2nd by Manager Morkeberg, Passed 4-0.

4.5 Spring Lake West Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter Project Ordering

- Emily Dick presented.
- Motion to adopt Resolution 25-395: Ordering the Spring Lake West Iron-Enhanced Sand Filter Project by Manager Morkeberg, 2nd by Manager Burnett, Passed 4-0.

• 5.0 TREASURER'S REPORT

5.1 Monthly Financial Reports

- Treasurer Morkeberg summarized the financial information contained in the packet including:
 - Financial Report
 - Treasurers Report
 - Cash Flow Projections
 - Cost Analysis
- The 2024 PLSLWD audit was completed and the District will receive a clean opinion

- **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. Please state which item or items you wish to remove for separate discussion.
 - 6.1 Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2025, Board Workshop
 - 6.2 Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2025, Board Meeting
 - 6.3 Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2025, Board Workshop
 - 6.4 Meeting Minutes – March 18, 2025, Board Meeting
 - 6.5 Meeting Minutes – January 30, 2025, CAC Meeting
 - 6.6 Claims List and Bank Purchase Card Expenditures Summary
 - 6.7 Approval for Second Term on CAC: Curtis Witt
 - 6.8 Approval for Second Term on CAC: Ron Hoffmeyer
 - 6.9 League of Minnesota Cities Liability Coverage Waiver
 - 6.10 Quarterly Investment Summary
 - 6.11 Aspen Ridge Development Agreement
 - 6.12 Aspen Ridge Declaration of Conservation Easement
- Motion to approve consent agenda by Manager Morkeberg, 2nd by Manager Burnett, Passed 4-0.

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

- Joint Board of Managers and CAC Meeting, Tuesday, April 29, 2025, 6:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Parkview Conference Room)
- PLOC Cooperators Meeting, Thursday, May 15, 2025, 12:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Parkview Conference Room)
- Board of Managers Workshop, Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 4:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Parkview Conference Room)
- Board of Managers Meeting, Tuesday, May 20, 2025, 6:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Council Chambers)
- Board of Managers Annual Retreat, Thursday, May 22, 2025, 5:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Wagon Bridge Conference Room)
- Annual Board of Managers and CAC Tour, Thursday, May 29, 2025, 4:00 pm (Depart from Prior Lake City Hall)

- **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn by Manager Burnett, 2nd by Manager Morkeberg, Passed 4-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ben “Beverly” Burnett, PLSLWD Secretary, 5/13/25