



PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2023

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
Zach Nagel, Water Resources Technician
Danielle Studer, Water Resources Specialist
Carl Almer, EOR, District Engineer

Others Present: Maureen Reeder, CAC member
Ryan Murr, New CAC member
Steve McComas, Blue Water Science

- **1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
 - Meeting was called to order by President Loney at 6:06 pm. Everyone present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**
 - None
- **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
 - Agenda changes:
 - Remove Consent Agenda item 6.5
 - Motion to approve amended agenda by Manager Tofanelli; 2nd 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 the preceding month, and some upcoming events.
 - 56 days from Ice-on to Ice-off on 3/3/24

- PLOC update: still waiting to see if bonding funds can be secured, backup plan-applying for various grants
- Swamp IESF: drafting easement, targeting May for final easement
- Flood priorities: project 1, 5, & 6 are all dead for now. Will discuss future/next priorities at a future meeting
- Some Q&A from board members

4.2 Approval of New CAC Members: Ryan Murr

- Presented by Danielle Studer
- Ryan Murr introduced himself and went over his background and resume.
- Motion to approve membership by Manager Boyles; 2nd by Manager Morkeberg; passed 5-0.

4.3 2023 Aquatic Plant Survey Results Presentation: Steve McComas

- Jeff Anderson introduced Steve McComas and Blue Water Science
- Steve McComas presented the 2023 Aquatic Plant Survey Results performed for Fish, Spring, Sutton, Upper Prior and Lower Prior Lakes.

4.4 2024 AIS Prevention Approach

- Jeff Anderson and Zach Nagel presented the memo describing the options for the AIS prevention approach relating to boat inspections and a CD3 station
- Staff recommends option 3
 - Total AIS budget toward contract boat inspection = \$30,500 (925 boat inspection hours). One CD3 Roadside station on the exiting lane at Sand Point boat launch = \$3,500
 - Total Cost: \$34,000
 - *This option reduces AIS prevention efforts related to boat inspections by 8% while providing a new approach to encourage boaters on the Lower Prior Lake, which receives the most boating activity, to take actions to prevent AIS spread during periods when inspectors are not present. This option can be achieved within the District's established budget for boat inspections.*
- Motion to approve option 3 by Manager Burnett; 2nd by Manager Morkeberg; passed 4-1 (Aye: Burnett, Morkeberg, Loney, Tofanelli; Nay: Boyles).

4.5 Ferric Chloride Site Improvements

- Emily presented the memo describing the plan and options
- After discussion and Q&A
 - Motion to retain a consultant for FeCl System final design incorporating staff recommended system enhancements by Manager Boyles; 2nd by Manager Tofanelli; passed 5-0.
 - Motion to order and replace aged FeCl system equipment that does not require additional professional design services by Manager Tofanelli; 2nd by Manager Boyles; passed 5-0.

4.6 Alum Treatment Decision Process

- Based on the Alum Treatment Decision Process, staff recommends the board of managers approve conducting coring on Spring Lake during fall of 2024.
- Some discussion among board members
- Motion to approve conducting coring on Spring Lake during fall of 2024 by Manager Boyles; 2nd by Manager Tofanelli; passed 5-0.

4.7 Budget Resolutions

- Administrator Giese presented three budget resolutions to make some needed updates to the prior approved 2024 Budget.
 - Resolution 24-378: Amending the 2024 Budget to Reclass Funds from 509-Implementation Fund, Program Salaries and Benefits to 648 – BMP and Easements Inventory & Inspections
 - Resolution 24-379: Amending the 2024 Budget 509 Implementation Fund, PLOC Contribution Line Item
 - Resolution 24-380: Authorization to Transfer Funds to the JPA/MOA Fund
- Motion to approve Resolution 24-378, Resolution 24-379, and Resolution 24-380 by Manager Boyles; 2nd by Manager Morkeberg; pass 5-0.

• 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

• 6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- NOTE: 6.5 removed: Permit Application 24.01: Panama & 13 Water Quality Retrofit
- **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 6.1** Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2024, Board Workshop
 - 6.2** Meeting Minutes – February 20, 2024, Board Meeting
 - 6.3** Claims List, VISA Expenditures, and Bank Purchase Card Expenditures Summary
 - 6.4** 2024 Board Liaison Appointments (Revised)
 - 6.6** Water Resources Management Plan (WRMP) Amendments
- Motion to approve consent agenda by Manager Burnett; 2nd by Manager Tofanelli; Passed 5-0.

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

- Farmer-led Council: Lake Friendly Farm Award Banquet (RSVP Required), Wednesday, March 20, 2024, Noon (Prior Lake VFW)
- CAC Meeting, Thursday, March 28, 2024, 6:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Wagon Bridge Conference Room)
- Board of Managers Workshop, Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 4:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Parkview Conference Room)
- Board of Managers Meeting, Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 6:00 pm (Prior Lake City Hall – Council Chambers)

- **8.0 ADJOURNMENT**

- Motion to adjourn by Manager Tofanelli; 2nd by Manager Burnett; passed 5-0.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ben Burnett, PLSLWD Secretary, 4/10/2024