

PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE

WATERSHED DISTRICT

Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC)

**Thursday, January 28, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Prior Lake City Hall**

Our mission is to manage and preserve the water resources of the Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District to the best of our ability using input from our communities, sound engineering practices, and our ability to efficiently fund beneficial projects which transcend political jurisdictions.

The Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) consists of residents who provide input and recommendations to the Board on projects, reports, prioritization and act as the primary interface for the Board to address the current issues of concern of the local citizens.

CAC Members present: Jim Weninger, Kim Silvernagel, Jodi See, Steve Pany, Roger Wahl, Joe Schramm

Others present: Marianne Breitbach, PLSLWD Manager and Diane Lynch, District Administrator

- I. Meeting called to order 6:30pm
- II. Approval of agenda
- III. Watershed District Project updates
 - a. CAC Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary positions – continuation of existing structure approved
 - b. Clean Water Project update – will be put on the March, 14th agenda for the Watershed meeting.
 - c. Carp management update – 8 carp tagged on lower Prior Lake and 7 on Spring Lake.
 - i. What if they migrate? Can they still be tracked? Diane will seek this insight.
 - ii. What about posting signs at Knotty Oar, boat landings and bait shops to throw back the carp?
 - iii. Maggie Karschnia and Tony Hvarnak, WSB, went to classes at local schools and asked students to name to carp.
 - iv. On May 28th, the Knotty Oar will host the carp tournament. Thane would welcome advice from us. Watershed will be contributing prize money.
 - v. Carp Seining on Upper & lower Prior Lake could be a problem due to the zebra mussels.

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- vi. There is a West Metro AIS group that met recently. The DNR indicated that you can have another fisherman sein if the existing commercial fishing permit holder is offered the fish.
- vii. Will ask either Don Geyer or another fisherman to sein both Artic and Spring.
- viii. Draining down Artic is not an option to sein the carp is not an option.
- ix. The District was given a Clean Water grant for Arctic Lake that includes installing an aerator.
- d. Spring Lake shoreline restoration project update –snowmobile signs were put up. The cleanup will be held in conjunction with a cleanup at Spring Lake Regional Park on May 21st.
- e. Flood study update – extended focus on the modeling, resulting in 7 different options.
 - i. Spring lake storage increase
 - ii. Increase PL outlet capacity
 - iii. Upstream storage in 9 different locations
 - iv. Combine Artic lake and spring lake option 1
 - v. Another option to combine 3 of the above
 - vi. Floodproofing
 - vii. Actively manage Prior Lake's low flow gate
 - viii. All options will be discussed with the Flood Study Advisory Group on February 4th
 - ix. Meeting is scheduled on February 3rd with the farmers to discuss damage during the 100 year flood and to review the Study. Idea came out to consider paying a portion of flood insurance to the farmers.
 - 1. If we could, maybe consider a land 'swap' with the farmers who own land that would be used for upstream storage.
 - x. Another meeting with policymakers is scheduled on February 8th to understand preferred options.
 - xi. Opened low flow gate on the outlet due to storage areas were at capacity.
 - xii. Opening Candy Cove's drain is not an option for flooding issues.
- f. Outlet Channel repair update – as of today, all of the downed tree work due to the flood is complete. Removal of maintenance trees will be paid separately and not part of the FEMA dollars.
 - i. Snowmobile entrance by the Ferric Chloride Plant has been repaired.

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- ii. Sediment removal – RFP will go out after Homeland Security has reviewed the area with staff.
- iii. Simultaneously, will work on culvert repairs.
- g. Other flood damage – if can document it, we can present it to the SWCD for phase 3 of the disaster clean up funds.
- h. Possible CAC 2016 (2nd annual) power point lake stewardship suggestions to citizens – we should look to do another presentation. Any input on content and re-ordering of the same content presented in a new way. Targeting the May Board meeting.
- i. There was some discussion around ‘Adopt a Storm Drain’ and clean it out
- j. Painting a storm drain – maybe CAC and LAC can join together. New Prague may have these stamped into the metal grate!
- k. Injection wells – bore hole, septic systems etc..are all injection wells. It is illegal to drain stormwater into a well, but the SMSC can and does.
- l. Workshops/seminar fees – do members want to attend and do they want the District to help pay for them? Marianne discussed this issue with the CAC. She reviewed water conference opportunities throughout 2016;
 - Overnight: MAWD Annual Meeting and Trade Show(1st week of December Workshops One day: Thursday; conference Fri-Saturday): Lodging \$200; Registration \$185 + lunch & dinner. One day workshops range from \$85 to \$100. Friday or Saturday (one day) by special permission.
 - Overnight: MAWD Summer Tour (June-2 nights): Lodging \$200; Registration /meals \$125.
 - Overnight: State of Water Conference (mid-April; 2 nights): Lodging \$89/night; Registration \$140 (both days).
 - Daily: Road Salt Symposium (2/4): \$135. Includes lunch.
 - Daily: Minnesota Water Resources Conference (mid-October); Registration 2-day \$245; 1 day \$170. Includes lunch.

Steve and Jim will connect and recommend a policy to be considered at the next Board workshop.

- m. Goals for 2016 - will be pushed to next month for further discussion.
- n. Governor’s summit – Marianne, Diane and Maggie will be attending on Feb. 27th.
- o. Aquatic plants removal etc. on Spring Lake – Diane will prepare and bring more information to the next meeting. Individuals can treat a certain portion of their lakeshore.

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- p. Raymond park. Diane provide a background on a potential demonstration site here. CAC members are asked to provide model shoreline projects to replicate.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm