Prior Lake-Spring Lake Watershed District
Citizen Advisory Committee

January 25th, 2012 6:30pm
Prior Lake City Hall
Parkview Room
14070 Commerce Ave NE, Prior Lake, MN 55372

Board of Managers: Craig Gontarek, President; William Kallberg, Vice President; William Schmokel, Secretary; Greg Aamodt, Treasurer; Bruce Thorsen, Manager

CAC members present: Steve Pany, Kim Silvernagel, Roger Wahl, Jim Weninger
CAC members absent: Larry Rundell, Paul Krueger
Others present: Stacy Sass, PLSLWD staff; Nat Kale, PLSLWD Staff; Alex Gehrig, Minnesota Waters

Meeting began at 6:35pm

6:35 Review of Last Meeting Notes
No comments were made regarding the previous meetings minutes.

6:40 Approval of Agenda
Jim Weninger requested that a standing item be added to the agenda to include an update from the previous District Board meetings. Nat Kale proceeded to provide an update of the recent meeting, including that the Board will be holding a second meeting each month in the form of a workshop/special meeting on the fourth Tuesdays in order to provide additional discussion time for items that come up at the regular monthly meetings. The Board meeting schedule is available on the District’s website on the calendar. Nat also provided an update on the recent RFP for alum treatment on Spring Lake.

6:45 Old Business
1. Education and Outreach
   Steve Pany submitted an additional article to the Prior Lake American that should be published in the next two weeks. Alex and Stacy reviewed it prior to submittal.
2. Rules standards revisions, Rules E (Erosion and Sediment Control) and F (Floodplains)
   No changes were suggested to the draft Rule E and Rule F language. Questions were raised from committee members regarding the interaction between District Rules
and County/Township/City ordinances. Nat Kale gave a summary of the current Rules and Ordinances. The District has agreements in place with the Cities of Savage and Prior Lake and the County, on behalf of the townships, that states that there is a minimum level of protectiveness within the LGU Ordinances that is equivalent or greater than the District rules and therefore the District waives its right to enforce its permitting authority in those areas to create efficiency between the entities. There are checks and balances in place and the District retains certain permitting authorities. These agreements will be reevaluated as the District’s Rules are updated and the LGU’s ordinances are revised in response.

3. Comprehensive Wetland Protection Management Plan (CWPMP)
   Stacy Sass provided update that District will not pursue a formal CWPMP, but rather produce a standard Wetland Plan as a CWPMP is not required for this situation. The District will be incorporating the proposed standards of the Wetland Plan into the District’s Rule revisions as the plan moves forward.

A brief update was given by Nat Kale regarding the upcoming planned Carp tagging and seining event on Spring and Fish lakes. The District is planning the event for February 15 and 16, pending ice conditions, and will provide some publicity and public education opportunity for the District.

The possibility of doing a mass mailing was shortly discussed. Specifically Alex Gehrig gave the update that the Prior Lake Association is targeting their funds for other educational efforts so a joint mailing is unlikely at this time. A mailing could still be pursued by the District on their own.

**7:15 New Business**

1. Official Meeting Time
   Alex Gehrig proposed to the committee members changing the official start time of the CAC meetings from 7:00pm to 6:30pm. A motion made to amend bylaws reflecting a 6:30pm start time by Jim Weninger, seconded by Kim Silvernagel. All ayes.

2. Action Planning Update
   Alex Gehrig reviewed with the committee members their four priority areas as established at the onset of the committee. He indicated the need for defining goals for each priority area as only priority had been filled out to date. The group discussed potential outcomes desired, potential barriers to those outcomes and action items regarding Water Level Management. Specifics regarding the discussion will be tabulated in a handout by Alex. A summary included focus on water levels on Spring Lake though emergency plan in place for a floating bog, possible creation of an outlet structure at the Spring Lake outlet, and identification of upstream holding areas to regulate flow into Spring Lake. Barriers included jurisdictional issues,
needing the Spring Lake Association to be involved, and requiring willing landowners in upstream areas.

8:15 Final Questions / Comments and Adjourn
Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.