

PRIOR LAKE – SPRING LAKE

WATERSHED DISTRICT

Citizen Advisory Committee

Thursday February 28, 2019

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Prior Lake City Hall

4646 Dakota Street SE Prior Lake, MN 55372

Attendees:

- **CAC Members present:** Steve Pany., Kim Sivernagl., Larry Rundell., Jim Goodchild., Marianne Breitbach, Jim Weninger and Jerry Mealman
- **Others present:** Diane Lynch, District Administrator; Woody Spitzmueller, District Treasurer, Woody Spitzmueller and Curt Hennes, Board Member
- **Guest:** Sue Rundell.

- I. Call meeting to order 6:33pm – President Steve Pany
- II. Agenda-additions-Approval of Agenda & October meeting minutes.
 - a. Approved minutes.
 - b. Approved agenda.
- III. Watershed District Projects update / Discussion topics:
 - a) Woody S. submitted an application to join the CAC
 - a. CAC motioned to approve unanimously for the Watershed to consider.
 - b) Water content in snow, spring outlook, lake water levels. Low flow gate.
 - a. Watershed district is looking at Sutton Lake for future water storage.
 - i. Will need to have a flow gate installed and drawn down in the fall.
 - ii. A couple of culverts and a berm will be installed.
 - iii. The intent is to have these completed by this year.
 - iv. 3 outcomes from the flood study
 1. Change plan on the low flowgate – have new plan in place
 2. City's call to action plan if need to implement
 3. Find storage long term with upper watershed storage
 4. Any alternatives other than the outlet structure to get water out?
The Flood Study looked at laying a second pipe next to the current one, but due to the cost, this option was not pursued.
 - b. Any possibility to restrict flow upstream. Put in the dam at Spring Lake outlet?
 - i. The concern is that the Watershed cannot flood the Spring Lake homeowners' property. Can't put this in before the peak on Prior Lake.
 - ii. The new policy of the board is to not put the dam in as the hydrology does not work as a resolution.
 - iii. Is this report on the website? Diane will check, if not it should be. Diane will also send out to the CAC members.
 - iv. Diane to verify the results from the Flood Study is on the website.
 - c. It is known that the snowfall is dry and doesn't have much water content
 - d. Believed to be about 2.5 inches of actual water content.
 - e. Next Tuesday the District will open the low flow gate which will drop the lake about .5 foot. This is called drawdown. At 902.0 foot, it has to then be closed.
 - f. Jaime Rockney monitors the outlet channel and water has flowed all winter long.

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- g. Jim Weninger offered that Northwood park area had built an underground water storage system.
- c) Upper Prior Lake: Carp management project update. Percent removed and percent remain-
 - a. 80% remain on Upper Prior Lake from the 2018 sein.
 - b. Goal is next week to have a winter sein.
 - c. Don Geyer, commercial fisherman, has agreed to participate and conduct the sein.
 - d. MAWD has agreed to language in the current statute to remove the territories held for carp seining. Meaning, the watersheds can elect to choose the seiner who wants to do the seining and not be held to just one seiner who may not want to sein.
 - e. Need to get the carp out and supply the lakes with Blue Gills, per Steve Pany.
 - f. Tournaments have been unsupported as they were expensive.
- d) Carp seining cost share Lake Association.
 - a. Can the Watershed send a letter seeking cost share?
 - b. Cost share money could be used to incentivize the seiner.
 - c. Woody, as a member of the Prior Lake Association, shared that this is under discussion at this time.
- e) Sutton Lake water volume reduction project update. Water slowdown/storage
 - a. Covered above.
- f) Farm-Led Council event review. How many are doing cover crops?
 - a. 5 farmers are doing cover crops.
 - b. Good core of energetic participants.
 - c. Farmers interested are the ones who have the largest volume of acreage.
 - d. Cover crops have other benefits than water erosion.
- g) DOT Hwy 13 Ferric Chloride Lake Improvement Plant concern.
 - a. Road construction is coming. Maybe in 2020.
 - b. Concern as there is a pipe under Hwy 13.
 - c. Woody has been engaged and has been assured the pipe will be protected.
 - d. Plant was installed around 1983.
 - e. What about signage around this area – can't due to it being a state highway.
 - f. Suggest doing an article to re-introduce readers to the Ferric Chloride plant.
- h) Citizen engagement. Clean water cleanup events. Decal for volunteering. Business Card.
 - a. Comment from someone who has attend many events still did not know our organization- what about giving a decal and a business card about the watershed?
 - b. April 28th is this Springs clean-up date, with a May 5 fall back date.
 - c. This Spring's selected park is Sandpoint.
- i) U of M Sunfish study: Effect on carp project 12 /17 wetland. A carp control method?
 - a. Put blue gills in the wetland and they ate the carp eggs. Study around the right ratio. Final report has not been provided.
 - b. Is there a contact at the DNR to understand the stocking program? Spring Lake Association could ask for stocking of their lake.
- j) Watershed District Managers. Job description to learn more about duties.
 - a. Diane provided copies of the manager roles and responsibilities.
- k) Watershed project tour 2019.
 - a. TBD for 2019
 - b. Consideration for parade of homes and shorelines on both on Spring and Prior Lakes.
 - c. Ice out Party on March 23rd at Charlie's – watershed will have a booth to seek out the tour spots.

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- I) Seminars / events.
 - a. Handout provided
 - b. Budget of \$300 annually- let CAC know if interested
- I. Next meeting date: March 28th, 2019
- II. Water Resources Management Plan update. April 2019 CAC meeting.
 - 1. EOR will be back to present.
- III. Comments, suggestions, questions.
 - 1. Lake clean up after the ice houses leave. Lake associations, sheriff handle currently.
 - 2. Next month
 - i. Kathryn will review this year's Education and Outreach program
 - ii. District's 50th anniversary is coming up and we should plan events and ideas.
 - 3. Use of acronyms at District meetings should be reduced and replaced with actual titles.
 - 4. Alum treatments – what about doing a dredging Spring Lake – engineering study results can be found on the website.
 - 5. CAC Advisory items-
 - i. Top 4
 - 1. Water levels, water storage and flood prevention. Low flow gate management.
 - 2. Outlet channel management and maintenance.
 - 3. Carp removal, carp management projects.
 - 4. Water quality; monitoring phosphorous, water flow, and aquatic plant control.
 - 5. Community outreach and education. Connection/coordination with groups/Government.
 - 6. Alum treatments
 - 7. Permitting and easement enforcement.
 - 8. Cost share program. Rain gardens/barrels. Clean Water Cleanup program/award.
 - 9. Projects: e.g 12/17 wetland restoration, Raymond Park, Fish Point Park, N. Shoreline Spring Lake, and Ferric Chloride plant.
 - 10. Regional storm water planning.
- IV. Adjourn 8:01pm

PLSLWD: 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.

CAC: 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

Projects: ferric chloride treatment facility, alum treatments, carp seining, carp management program, carp mapping, carp contests, carp barriers, easement enforcement, permits, 12/17 wetland, Lower Prior Lake protection program, outlet channel, outlet channel repair, invasive aquatic plant control, NW Spring Lake shore project, lake and stream water monitoring, flood reduction plan, Farm Led-Council, partnerships with other agencies, work shops, project cost share, Water Quality Improvement Award, Fish Point Park, Raymond Park, Indian Ridge Park, Sand Point Beach Project, Watzl's Beach shoreline restoration.