

# PRIOR LAKE - SPRING LAKE

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## WATERSHED DISTRICT

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### **Citizen Advisory Committee**

Tuesday October 22, 2019

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Prior Lake City Hall

4646 Dakota Street SE Prior Lake, MN 55372

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#### **Attendees:**

- **CAC Members present:** Steve P., Elizabeth S., Jody S., Woody S., Marianne B., Christian M., Jerry M.
  - **Others present:** Water Resources Outreach Specialist: Kathryn K-M; Board Member: Curt H.; Board Secretary: Bruce L.; District Administrator, Diane L.
- Special Guest:** Carl Almer from EOR

- I. Call meeting to order 6:30 pm – Chair Christian Morkeberg
  - a. Introductions- Chair Christian Morkeberg and attendees
- II. Agenda-additions-Approval of Agenda & September meeting minutes.
  - a. Approved minutes.
  - b. Approved agenda.
- III. Additions to the agenda
  - a. What is missing at the manager's meetings- CAC participation
    - i. Workshops
      1. Most interesting and discussions generated
      2. 4-4:30pm before the board meeting
      3. Come back to following CAC meeting with a brief update
      4. CAC members take turns attending board meeting
    - ii. Board meetings
      1. It was recommended to ask at these meetings if any volunteers interested in joining CAC because they are broadcast on local TV
  - b. Logo – 3 options presented
    - i. Voting held with CAC members for their favorite logo
- IV. 2020 Possible CAC Activity Areas
  - a. CAC members will select areas they are interested in volunteering for and form a subcommittee.
  - b. A white paper overview of the activity, background and recommendations on the Activity Area will be drafted by volunteers and will be reviewed at a CAC meeting. Once approved at a CAC meeting, the white paper will be presented to the District's Board of Managers.
  - c. Members can partner with anyone within or outside of the CAC on the Activity Areas.
  - d. Marianne suggested as some of these Activity Areas shrink, another area could be added to grow the list.
  - e. Below are the initial areas to consider, with some suggestions that were discussed.
    - i. Shoreline Restoration
      1. Look into what the regulations that exist currently
      2. Communicate to lakeshore owners to restore/stabilize/educate
        - a. Those who call in, elderly who cannot maintain and may need help, etc.
        - b. SWCD already has a program to provide technical support to landowners, promoting that program can be part of the communication to landowners

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3. Really need the process documented. What are the regulations, and do they need updating, new techniques etc.?
- ii. Fish Stocking
  1. How is it done and is it done?
  2. What is the stock/levels of the healthy fish?
  3. Recommendations to fund more and the like.
  4. Can the PL & SL Associations help?
  5. Steve provided an idea of what kind of fish and some of the benefits to consider.
  6. Marianne provided insight into a study from the U of M that might be beneficial for this topic.
- iii. Storage Assessment, Plans and Wetland Banking
  1. Staff and the District Engineer will be resources.
  2. Most recent tour of two areas that feed into Spring Lake was visible different between the flows; one very clean (Buck Lake) and the other very dirty (Ditch 13)
  3. Side note, the District bought the 'frog farm' wetland area – could this be taken into consideration in this area?
- iv. Grants/Fundraising
  1. Any interest in this area?
  2. Bruce spoke about a wetland restoration by Swamp Lake – use the 'credits' of removing a wetland in the watershed is replaced by a credit of a new wetland within the watershed (i.e. wetland banking).
  3. Partner with the developers? Any ideas?
  4. Steve mentioned a USFWS grant they participated in on Lake Volney
  5. Christian has some other areas for grants that he is gathering from the Spring Lake Association.
- v. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
  1. This area has a deadline to plan in 2020
- vi. Other topics –
  1. Education and Outreach
  2. Invasive species
    - a. Ex. How can we fund a motion detected announcement that 'spoke' to the person who triggered it. Jody is interested and will research a bit further.
- V. WRMP Update Review
  - a. Carl reviewed Sections 3 & 4
  - b. Email Diane and/or Kathryn if members have any comments that we did not have time to cover.
  - c. Side note: FEMA restoration on the Prior Lake outlet channel targeted to be completed by next week.
- VI. Other and Next Steps
  - a. November and December CAC meetings will be combined and will meet on December 12, 2019
  - b. Assignment of board meetings will start with the CAC leaders (Marianne attends in November as Christian attended September's meeting) then go alphabetically each month.
  - c. Remember to sign up or show up for the buckthorn clean up at the Woods in the Wilds. Bring your own tools.
- VII. Adjourned 8:04pm

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**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 barriers, easement enforcement, permits, 12/17 wetland, Lower Prior Lake protection program, outlet channel, outlet channel repair, invasive aquatic plant control, NW Spring Lake shoreline project, lake and stream water monitoring, flood reduction plan, Farmer Led-Council, partnerships with other agencies, workshops, project cost share, Water Quality Improvement Award, Fish Point Park, Raymond Park, Indian Ridge Park, Sand Point Beach Project, Watzl's Beach shoreline restoration.