



PRIOR LAKE-SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

Citizen Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 27, 2020

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Prior Lake City Hall

Attendees:

- **CAC Members present:** Christian M., Marianne B., Jim W., Kim S., Jerry M.,
- **Others present:** Board Members: Bruce L.; Curt H. District Staff: Kathryn K-M, Diane L.
- **Guest speaker:** Scott Soil and Water District Director: Troy Kuphal and SWCD Member: Jim Fitzsimmons

- I. Call meeting to order 6:30 pm – Chair Christian Morkeberg
- II. Agenda-Additions-Approval of Agenda & January 2020 meeting minutes.
 - a. Approved January minutes.
 - b. Motion to amend the agenda. Amended agenda approved.
 - i. Additions to the agenda
 1. Spring Lake Ridge development
 - a. City handles land use; stormwater needs watershed permit
 - b. County handles the county road
 - c. All areas agreed to work together on this project to make sure all is compliant on the rules. The plan now is much better than the original plan. Traffic might still be an area of concern.
- III. February Board meeting update – Kim
 - a. Top highlights:
 - i. 2019 annual outlet channel reviewed, and the report is on the website
 - ii. 3/2/2020 low flow gate will be opened to anticipate spring water levels
 - iii. Spring Lake core sample will be taken, and data used for the next dosage treatment.
 - iv. Upper Prior Lake treatment will be determined
 - v. Watershed was awarded \$449k for a clean water grant from BWSR
 - vi. Carp seine will be done on Spring Lake if the carp can be schooled together. Watershed is using speakers to move the carp.
 - vii. Bluegill stocking in Geis wetland and possibly Northwood pond.
 - viii. Added notes from discussion:
 1. City of Prior Lake invited the Watershed to discuss spring high water response plans so that a coordinated outline or response to 'readiness' and steps that will be taken are in sync. Christian recommended an article go out in the Prior Lake American detailing efforts.
 - b. March Board Meeting Attendee – Jerry
- IV. Wetland Banking Presentation – Troy Kuphal - Scott SWCD
 - a. Great presentation, especially around wetlands and the bank of credits.
- V. Staff Project Updates
 - a. Next week looks to be a seine opportunity – watch for upcoming updates.

- b. Volunteers, if needed will be requested from the people on the carp email list.

VI. **Subcommittee Reports**

a. **50th Anniversary** (Marianne, Kim)

- i. Boathouse Brewery on board for a trivia/bingo event
- ii. Walk the parks in the watershed summer event – self guided
- iii. Brochure still in the works
- iv. More updates in March meeting

b. **Fish Stocking** (Christian, Jerry)

- i. Christian provided a write up around fisheries.
- ii. For March meeting – discuss do we leave the lakes do naturally what they do vs. stocking the fish in Spring Lake and Prior Lakes. And work with the local lake associations.

c. **AIS/Signage** (Jodi, Jerry)

- i. Solar powered, informational devices called I-LIDS.
- ii. Used to prevent the invasive species before it enters a lake.
- iii. DNR provides a limited number of signs free to lake associations- Watershed does have AIS signs posted.
- iv. Suggestion is to capture both the I-LIDS & the signage.
- v. There are grant programs for public awareness and are currently open – AIS Grants (Watershed applied for the curlyleaf pond weed, which is different).
- vi. There are outreach programs that we can pull information and materials to help spread the word.
- vii. Organization called LAW CON – used for states to obtain grants to use in local areas.
- viii. There is a local Maple Grove company that focuses on environmental goals and might be beneficial for further research. They have the ‘talking’ signage that can help with educational signage at the boat launches.
- ix. Signs have a camera for video recorded ‘inspections’- can be sent for citations
- x. Can capture launch statistics around boats going on/off the water.
- xi. Cost of this type of signage- upwards of \$9-10k (with permits, unit and setup) options to rent per month as well.
- xii. Trial may be a first step.
- xiii. March consensus to the CAC then an April report to the Board may be possible.

VII. **Goals & Topics for March Meeting**

- a. Send suggestions to Christian, Diane and Kathryn
- b. Primary focus on the 50th anniversary events for March

VIII. **Staff announcements:**

- a. Looking for a new water quality sampling volunteer for Lower Prior Lake
- b. Clean water clean-up on Sunday, April 19th. Location has changed and will be announced.
- c. Carp tracking continues almost every day and try to move to areas where they can be seined.
Potential for both Spring and Upper in the next week or two.

IX. **Adjourn – 8:27 pm**

Upcoming Meetings:

- Board Meeting: Tues, March 10, 2020, 6:00 pm
- CAC Meeting: Thurs, March 27, 2020, 6:30-8:00 pm
- Clean Water Clean-Up: Sunday, April 19, 9-11:30 am.