



WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Prior Lake City Hall, Parkview Room

Members Present: Curt Hennes, Steve Pany, Frank Boyles & Mike Myser

Staff Present: Joni Giese, District Administrator; Maggie Karschnia, Project Manager; Jaime Rockney, Water Resources Specialist; Patty Dronen, Administrative Assistant and Kathryn Keller-Miller, Outreach Specialist

Others Present: Annette Thompson, City of Prior Lake; Dave Beer, Scott County; Jim Fitzsimmons, Scott SWCD; Christian Morkeberg, CAC

The meeting was called to order by President Mike Myser at 4:30 p.m.

New Staff Introduction: Patty Dronen, Administrative Assistant

Patty Dronen, the Administrative Assistant for the District was introduced to the Board of Managers.

CAC 2021 Goals & CAC Bylaws Review

Christian Morkeberg, CAC Chair, provided a brief overview of CAC accomplishments in 2020. Christian expressed a desire to better align CAC work with Board of Managers goals and priorities. He also suggested that an approach be developed for staff to report to the CAC on the status of CAC-suggested projects that have advanced to the Board of Managers for implementation.

Christian provided an overview of CAC suggested revisions to the CAC's bylaws. Current bylaws call for an annual review of the bylaws by the CAC. There was discussion about the desire to recruit additional CAC members and potential modification of term length for CAC members, which is currently three years.

Manager Hennes commended Christian on his accomplishments as the CAC Chair.

Potential LCCMR Grant

Staff stated an issue coming to light as part of the carp removal program is the lack of a market for the carp. Staff is interested in preparing a LCCMR grant application that would be used to research the creation of potential new carp markets. Board of Managers were in favor of PLSLWD preparing a LCCMR grant application to research this issue.

Update on Gallagher's Study

Staff provided an update on the status of the Gallagher Compensation Study. A draft of the study that reflects the District's recent hires is expected from the consultant in the next week for review and comment.

MAWD Dues

Staff provided a brief overview of MAWD-provided member benefits. Board of Managers discussed whether or not the Watershed District was receiving benefits commensurate with the annual dues. The Board directed staff to perform additional research of benefits received by staff associated with membership and to report back findings at the April workshop.

Watershed Organizations Unification Update

Manager Myser shared that a one-page summary describing the project intent and process is currently under development.

City Hall Space Lease Agreement

Manager Myser indicated initial discussions were held with the City on potential lease renewal and cost allocation methodology associated with PLSLWD's use of City Hall space. The Board of Managers agreed additional discussion would occur at the April meeting regarding an approach for evaluating office lease options.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.