



Joint Board of Managers and CAC Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Prior Lake City Hall

6:00 PM

Board Members Present: Mike Myser (President), Curt Hennes, Bruce Loney, Steve Pany, Frank Boyles

CAC Members Present: Christian Morkeberg (CAC chair), Woody Spitzmueller, Christopher Crowhurst, Matt Newman, Jim Weninger, Ben Burnett, Matt Tofanelli, Loren Hanson, Maureen Reeder, and David Hagen

Staff Present: Joni Giese, District Administrator

Others Present: Lisa Quinn, Spring Lake Township

Prior to meeting:

- CAC Group Photo
- Dinner and Introductions

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Board President Mike Myser at 6:25 PM

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Manager Hennes moved to approve the agenda. Seconded. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

III. 2020 CAC Accomplishments (presented by Christian Morkeberg)

- Adapted to Covid and survived with online meetings and Covid rules
- Major revisions to CAC Bylaws
- Added many new members, currently have 10
- Helped drive Anniversary Brochure
- Hike the Watershed Brochure and Events
- Review of fisheries in both Prior Lakes and Spring Lake
- Presented I-LIDS project and followed installation, setup, and usage
- Developing formal guidelines for submitting ideas/proposals to PLSLWD staff and Board

IV. 2021/2022 Board of Managers Goals & Priorities (presented by Board of Managers Liaison to CAC, Bruce Loney)

- Presented a summary of the 10-yr Water Resource Management Plan (requested printed copies for all CAC members)
 - Plan outlines the basic steps: Identify issues; Prioritize; Implement actions

- Would like to use the CAC to review and research projects, and then make recommendations keeping in mind the three core priorities: Water Quality, Storage, and Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
- V. 2021/2022 CAC Goals & Priorities** (Led by CAC Chair, Christian Morkeberg)
- Help PLSLWD with primary goals: Water Quality, Storage, and AIS
 - Provide more community involvement and interaction with watershed staff and Board and increase level of review of PLSLWD activity
 - Sub-Committee restructuring
 - Shoreline restoration
 - AIS/I-LIDS - Continue following, expand?
 - Water Quality – Muck digesters idea is evolving, exploring methods of removing phosphorus (alum treatments just lock it up)
 - Review flood plans and offer suggestions/recommendations
 - Complete new formal guidelines for submitting ideas and proposals to the PLSLWD staff and Board

VI. Open Floor Discussion

- Input on Goals & Priorities
 - Discussed the current effort of defining formal guidelines for submitting ideas and proposals to the PLSLWD Staff and Board
 - Discussed formalizing the process of CAC review of PLSLWD Board activity, budgeting, processes, and projects (active and planned)
 - Why is PLSLWD not a member of Minnesota Assoc. of Watershed Districts (MAWD)?
 - Was expensive and benefits were minimal
 - In the past when PLSLWD asked for help lobbying for legislation, MAWD helped some, but was not successful. PLSLWD achieved legislative goals primarily through own effort

VII. August Board Meeting – CAC attendee: Christopher

VIII. Staff Project Updates & Other Announcements

- Another staff member has resigned for a new position elsewhere
 - Looking at options to adjust staff work assignments. Will hire two new staff to fill vacancies
- Chamber Fest booth needs CAC volunteers for Aug 7th – Matt Tofanelli volunteered

IX. Joint Meeting Adjournment

- Manager Hennes moved to adjourn joint portion of meeting. Second by Manager Boyles. All Ayes. Motion Passed 5-0. Joint meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.
- Next CAC Meeting: Thurs., August 26, 6:30 PM
- Next Board Meeting: Tues., August 10, 6:00 PM

X. Continued Board Meeting Call to Order

Continued meeting called to order by Board President Mike Myser at 8:10 PM

XI. Spring Lake Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) Discovery and Response

Administrator Giese provided EWM discovery information and potential treatment options identified by staff. Manager Loney moved to authorize PLSLWD staff to retain Blue Water Science to hand pull the EWM as soon as possible with no chemical treatment. Second by Manager Hennes. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

XII. Continued Board Meeting Adjournment

Manager Hennes moved to adjourn the continued board meeting. Second by Manager Boyles. All Ayes. Passed 5-0. Continued board meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM

Steve Pany, District Secretary July 29, 2021