



# PRIOR LAKE SPRING LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT

## REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

*Tuesday September 14, 2021*

*Prior Lake City Hall*

*6:00 PM*

### BOARD OF MANAGERS:

Mike Myser, President; Curt Hennes, Vice President; Bruce Loney, Treasurer  
Steve Pany, Secretary and Frank Boyles, Manager

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

Staff & Consultants Present: Joni Giese, District Administrator  
Patty Dronen, Administrative Assistant  
Jaime Rockney, Water Resources Project Manager  
Jeff Anderson, Water Resources Coordinator  
Shauna Capron, Water Resources Specialist  
Camille Will, Summer Intern  
Janae Carlson, Summer Intern  
Carl Almer, EOR, District Engineer

Others Present: Lisa Quinn, Spring Lake Township  
Wes Steffan, President, Spring Lake Association  
Ben Burnett, CAC

### **CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Meeting called to order by President Myser at 6:02 P.M.

### **2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **Public Hearing--2022 Preliminary Proposed Budget and Levy**

2022 Proposed Levy—Resolution 21-348

Administrator Giese proposed a three percent increase in 2022 levy for a total of \$1,848,935.00  
Manager Hennes moved to open the public meeting for the 2022 Preliminary Proposed Budget and Levy. Second by Manager Loney. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

Public comment: None.

Manager Loney commented that this is the Preliminary Proposed Budget maximum amount. It cannot be increased. In the past three years there were no increases to the Levy. President Myser pointed out that projects in the upper watershed are moving forward to reduce phosphorous flowing downstream to Spring and Prior Lakes.

Manager Hennes moved to approve the 2022 Preliminary Proposed Budget and Levy. Second by Manager Loney. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

### **3.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Manager Hennes moved to approve the agenda. Second by Manager Pany. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

### **4.0 OTHER OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

#### **4.1 2021 Intern Update Presentation. Camille Will & Janae Carlson**

Activities included bluegill stocking; baited carp box traps; community outreach, such as the Hike the Watershed tours; YMCA and local school student educational activities; carp tracking and electrofishing; water quality sampling; conservation easement compliance inspections; invasive species management; and wetland health assessments.

#### **4.2 Programs & Projects Update**

Patty Dronen reported that on Saturday September 25, 2021, 9:45 am -12:00 pm, PLSLWD and the City of Prior Lake will jointly host a Clean Water Cleanup Event. The event will be stenciling storm drains. The stencil will indicate on the storm drain that water entering the drains ends up in the lake.

Jeff Anderson reported Spring Lake water level was 909.7 and Prior Lake water level was 900.8. Ten radio tags will be installed in carp for tracking in Spring and Upper Prior Lake. Fall walleye fingerling stocking permit will be submitted and stocking will be done later this fall. Approximately 2,500 walleye will be stocked in Spring Lake, 1,875 walleye in Upper Prior Lake, and 3,125 walleye in Lower Prior Lake.

Jaime Rockney reported that the Farmer-Led Council had an event on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Rob Casey and Joe Hentges farms received a Lake-Friendly Farm award. About 40 people attended. The event included a presentation by Jodi DeJong Hughes with the University of Minnesota Extension on tillage practices. The boat inspection program inspected 457 boats in August. 76 boats on Lower Prior Lake, 149 on Upper Prior Lake, 228 on Spring Lake, and 4 on Fish Lake. The I-LIDS unit reviewed 160 boat launches at Spring Lake.

Spring Lake Association will be treating Eurasian watermilfoil on Spring Lake. This plant does not affect water quality. It may cause navigation difficulties.

Biobase 2021 vegetation monitoring indicated that Spring Lake has a 26% increase in aquatic plants from 2020. The goal is 40% lake bottom plant growth for good water quality. Monitoring in Spring Lake began in 2013. Upper Prior Lake is showing a 115% increase in aquatic plants from 2020. Part of this improvement resulted from the carp removal, alum treatment, citizen lakefront improvements/practices, and other improvements in the upper watershed.

#### **4.3 2021-2022 Integrated Pest Management Plan**

Jeff Anderson reported that this plan began in 2017. It has been an unusual year with the drought and low water levels. Some smaller lakes experienced winter kill. Electrofishing, barriers, seining, box traps, and other methods are reducing carp population levels.

Manager Loney moved to approve the 2021-2022 Integrated Pest Management Plan. Second by Manager Pany. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

#### **4.4 Wise Addition Development Agreement**

Manager Boyles moved to approve this agreement. Second by Manager Loney. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

#### **4.5 Mesenbrink Parcel Development Agreement**

Manager Pany moved to approve this agreement. Second by Manager Loney. All Ayes. Passed 5-0. Residents are asked to not mow or place yard waste in PLSLWD conservation easements.

#### **4.6 Managers Presentations & Liaison Updates**

Manager Loney reported that Steve McComas of Blue Water Science will be making a presentation at the CAC meeting on September 30, 6:30 p.m at City Hall.

### **5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**

Manager Boyles moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Manager Loney. All Ayes. Passed 5-0.

- 5.1 Meeting Minutes— August 10, Board Workshop
- 5.2 Meeting Minutes—August 10, Board Meeting
- 5.3 Meeting Minutes— August 26, CAC Meeting
- 5.4 Claims List & Visa Expenditures Summary
- 5.5 Sutton Lake Outlet Access Improvement: EOR Work Order
- 5.6 City of Prior Lake Office Lease Agreement

### **6.0 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Manager Loney reported that finances are in good order. New reports are providing good information.

#### **6.1 Financial Reports Update**

- Fund Performance Analysis
- Cash and Investments Summary
- Cash Flow Projections

### **7.0 UPCOMING MEETING/EVENT SCHEDULE**

- Clean Water Cleanup Event on Saturday, September 25, 2021, 9:45 am -12:00 pm, joint sponsorship by PLSLWD and City of Prior Lake
- CAC meeting Thursday, September 30, 6:30 pm, in Parkview Room in Prior Lake City Hall

**ADJOURNMENT**

Manager Pany moved to adjourn meeting. Second by Manager Loney. All Ayes. Motion Passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 P.M.

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Steve Pany, District Secretary

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