

## **LAKE EAU CLAIRE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Minutes – MAY 10, 2014

Bridge Creek Town Hall

1. Meeting called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Fred Poss. Members present: Larry Comstock, Rod Zika, Lori Bechtel, Mary Schutz, Patty McHugh, Randy Richards, Phil Kalscheur, Ed Wilson. Mike Harden, Vicki Reed and Dean Boehne were excused. Guests include John Selz, Herb Comstock, Robin Walsh, Marlo Orth, Jed Kaurich-Augusta Fire Ranger, Shane Krueger-Krueger and Steinfest Dredging, and Neil Trombly-DNR.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed. They were approved electronically. These minutes will be approved electronically and the president will send them to FYI to be posted on the website.
3. The treasurer's report was provided by Dean Boehne via email. It was discussed and approved.
4. Jed Kaurich, the Augusta Forest Ranger, provided a report on fire danger. He emphasized how much fire risk existed for the Lake Eau Claire area. He was invited to write articles for our newsletter. He said there will be a Mock Fire in this area on Sept. 10, 2015 (next year). More information to follow. Kaurich discussed starting a Firewise Community by distributing fire information. LECA agreed to embed a fire video he will send us on our website.
5. Marlo Orth reported the Gravel Pit will need another 6 months to more than a year to be removed from the County Forest Land. This process is under the direction of Brooke Ludwig. Orth attempted to draft a new cooperative agreement with the Lake District, our association, Eau Claire County, and

the DNR. The county attorney agreed only on a letter of understanding. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to have Fred Poss, President of the Lake Eau Claire Association Board, sign the Declaration of Cooperation with Eau Claire County and the Lake District on behalf of the Lake Eau Claire Association.

6. Fred Poss announced an agreement with the Lake District has been reached whereby the district will pay for 50% of the monthly cost of the website.
7. Rod Zika made a motion to accept the bid from Krueger and Steinfest, Inc. for \$43,642.20. Unanimous approval from the board. This money pays for the remaining costs from last year (including the overage) as well as for this year's work at the aeration site.
8. The board of directors listened to a description from Rod Zika of the aeration project. It was agreed that Herb Comstock, Fred Poss, John Selz, and Rod Zika will meet with affected property owners before the aeration access path is created in June. A poster idea was discussed to show where the association money and grant money has gone. This poster will be shown at the June Fundraiser. Fred will work with Rod and Dean to develop this poster.
9. Rod Zika also suggested that after the aeration project is completed, the association should build an historical marker at the site.
10. Vicki Reed shared information about the upcoming June Fundraiser. She discussed the beer and wine wall idea. It was agreed that one ticket for the beer and wine wall would cost \$5, 3 tickets for \$10, 6 tickets for \$20. Randy Richards agreed to contact the Tri-County Newspaper, WQOW TV, Volume One Magazine, and WEAQ for advertising the fundraiser. Vicki Reed agreed to contact Bridget Cook, the editor of the Augusta Times to do an interview about the fundraiser as well as doing an interview for WEAU TV. Fred Poss agreed to pick up the kayak prize from Marine Plus, hang it at the

Hideaway Bar, and hang the poster advertising same. Vicki Reed will meet with John Selz and Dean Boehne to see about tickets to use for the beer, wine, chicken dinner, and free tickets to sponsors.

11. John Selz reported that the date for installing fish cribs will be Saturday, June 28, at 8:30 AM at the north boat landing. Herb Comstock said he has asked that Marine Plus to be there with an extra pontoon. Fred Poss confirmed this with Marine Plus. John Selz agreed to obtain enough wood for 16 cribs. Larry Comstock agreed to supply the necessary pine boughs sometime the week of June 21-28. Selz will also make a SignUp Sheet and possibly post in on the website as well as post it at the June Fundraiser.

12. Fred Poss and Herb Comstock met with Anna Mares and received instructions on using the Oxygen meter. Rod Zika will be connecting with the Wildlands School to get volunteer students to do measuring. He will also order a new part needed (probe).

13. Fred Poss made his president's report. The Meat Raffle project collected a profit of \$1,200. Many thanks to Trails Edge Saloon and Campground. Poss reported that John Selz and he had asked for aeration donations from other groups as well. The Augusta Foundation has made a contribution of \$250. The Augusta Sportsmen Club donated \$500. The city of Augusta donated \$750 for this year and will continue this donation for another two years. The Lions Club donated \$1,000. The township of Bridge Creek responded to our request and donated \$1,500. Our deepest thanks to these groups. Poss will write thank you notes to them.

14. The next meeting date for the board was tentatively set for Saturday, July 19, at the Bridge Creek Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Poss and Mary Schutz