

LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes:

May 14th, 2014: 9:00am @ Bridge Creek Town Hall

1. Roll Call @ 9:05am:
 - Marlo Orth-present
 - Dean Boehne-present
 - Mike O'Connor-present
 - Gary Gibson-present
 - Lynn Norheim-absent
2. Review Meeting Agenda:
 - Motion to approve agenda: Marlo Orth
 - 2nd motion: Dean Boehne
 - Approved unanimously
3. Review of Meeting Minutes from 2-1-14:
 - Minutes were updated with corrections
 - Motion to approve amended Minutes: Dean Boehne
 - 2nd motion: Gary Gibson
 - Approved unanimously
4. Treasurer's Report-Dean Boehne:
 - Copy of January – April 2014 Revenue and Expense Report provided by Dean Boehne. (see attached Financial Statement)
 - Total revenue January – April Tax Levy: \$44,404.00
 - Expenditures: \$3,062.00.
 - Current Balance: \$41,342.00
 - Levy collection update: Levy amount from Bridge Creek and Ludington: \$66,740.00. Collected: \$44,403.68. Balance to be collected: \$22,336.32 or 33.5% of total levy expected to receive in August. (see attached break down of Levy)
 - Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Mike O'Connor
 - 2nd motion: Gary Gibson
 - Approved unanimously
5. Audit-Dean Boehne:
 - Tami Moss accepted the Board's offer to complete the Lake District's Audit.
 - Dean requested an estimate of the Audit fee from Tami Moss for Board review, but she volunteered her services at no charge.

- The Audit is expected to be completed this spring with no specific date identified at this time. Board will review results of audit and determine if an audit fee is appropriate.
6. Public Comment:
- Vicki Reed reminded the Board of the Annual Lake Association Fundraiser on June 21st that included the triathlon with food, music, and entertainment at the Hideaway Bar.
 - Rod Zika reported that the Lake Eau Claire Association Inc. and Lake Eau Claire Protection and Rehabilitation District agreed to create, share, and maintain a joint website. This website is now in place and available for all to view with Association and District information segregated and available. Minutes, Agendas for both Association and District are now posted on the website, and this will be used as a storage site (Document Center) for both Association and District information.
 - The approved Lake Management Plan is now on the website and the new Proposed Lake Management Plan will be added to the website following approval of the draft plan.
 - Board agreed to approve the request for posting both draft and final meeting minutes on the website, and both made available to the public.
 - The Secretary from the District Board of Commissioners will be responsible for submitting all information to the website.
 - Motion to approve use of website for All Documents including Notifications, Agendas, Drafts and Final Meeting Minutes including the draft and final Budget:
Gary Gibson
 - 2nd motion: Dean Boehne
 - Approved unanimously
7. Bills for legal fees-Marlo Orth:
- Following a meeting with Steve Weld (March 27th) from the prior District Law Firm-Weld, Riley, Prenn & Ricci, Mr. Weld agreed to adjust their final bill of \$6,290.00 to \$3,000.00 and that has been paid in full with no further obligations to this Law Firm.
 - Current outstanding legal fee owed to Bill O'Connor is \$3,722.48
 - Motion to pay Bill O'Connor for billed legal services: Marlo Orth
 - 2nd motion: Gary Gibson
 - Approved unanimously
8. Update on plowed roads on Lake Eau Claire-Marlo Orth:
- Marlo Orth spoke with Bill Yearman from Wisconsin DNR who stated that plowing roads on the lake when frozen is acceptable and cannot be stopped.

9. Website Update-Rod Zika:

- Up and running without any apparent problems or response to issues noted.

10. Posting of minutes on Website: See Agenda Item #6 that outlines the posting of All Documents on the joint shared Lake Eau Claire Lake Association/Lake District Website.

11. Eau Claire River Watershed Coalition-Rod Zika:

- This watershed encompasses approximately 1000 square miles, and involves Lake Eau Claire, Lake Altoona, Mead Lake, and Rock Dam.
- Wisconsin River Alliance from Madison Wisconsin is very interested in assisting but very busy and unable to assist at this time.
- Kelly Jacobs, Buzz Sorge, and Rod Zika discussed initiation of this Coalition and informed that the Lake Districts should take the lead with implementation, and the County and DNR will consult to assist but not lead.
- Lake District and Association membership will be involved in this proposal and will need to be on board and approve this proposal prior to implementation.
- Marlo Orth and Board of Commissioners will begin the process of setting up meetings and/or discussions to begin the review of this proposal.

12. Lake Eau Claire Management Plan-Rod Zika:

- Initial consideration for proposed "Phase II Lake Eau Claire Management Plan" was presented by Rod Zika with a review of the current status of approved Lake Management Plan and how it will lead into the next phase.
- Further review on a County and DNR level is being conducted prior to submitting a proposed Management Plan to the Board of Commissioners for budget consideration.

13. Initial consideration for 2015 Budget-Marlo Orth:

14. Other Business:

- Steve and Bonnie Haug have proposed donating money to construct a handicapped t-shaped aluminum fishing pier at Bedpost Park on Eau Claire County land on the North Shore. This could include a raised walkway for handicapped use.
- The Gravel Pit spoils site is now in process to be removed from County Forrest Land (CFL) that could take up to 2 years to be completed. We currently have permission to use this site at this time, but no material can be removed from the site prior to removing this site from CFL. The Eau Claire County Board and Parks and Recreation Dept. have recommended removing this site from CFL, and now have been forwarded to the DNR for approval.
- Any revenue from the sale of this sand located at this spoils site will be split 50/50 between Eau Claire County and our Lake District when sand removal has been approved.

- Eau Claire County does reserve the right to cancel the agreement for the use of the spoils sites with a 30 day notice even with the 10 year Spoils Site Leases in place.
- Requests for Eau Claire County Budget funds need to be submitted to the County in June. The request needs to be specific like we did this past year when we received County funds for the aeration system.
- Lake Eau Claire Protection and Rehabilitation Agreement-Marlo Orth: This agreement formally states our Lake District will take over responsibility for implementation of the Lake Management Plan and its updates and agree to work cooperatively with Lake Eau Claire Association, Eau Claire County, and Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources. This management plan outlines a framework of lake stewardship activities which will provide improved motorized and non-motorized recreational activities, improved fishery and aquatic life habitats and water quality. (see copy of signed Agreement)
- Motion to sign this Agreement: Dean Boehne
- 2nd Motion: Mike O'Connor
- Approved unanimously

15. Time and Date for the next Board of Commissioners Meeting: June 18th, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Bridge Creek town Hall.

16. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn: Gary Gibson
- 2nd Motion: Mike O'Connor
- Approved unanimously