

# **LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

## **Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes:**

**October 21, 2019: 7:00pm @ Bridge Creek Town Hall**

**S9515 State Road 27, Augusta Wi 54722**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Lea at 7:00 pm

### **1. Roll call: Joe Bechtel**

Members present: Mike Lea, Dean Boehne, Joe Bechtel, Gary Gibson, Bruce Logterman

Also present: Marlo Orth, Fred Poss, Rod Zika, Lori Bechtel, Joe Vydrzal

### **2. Minutes of September 25, 2019**

Motion by Gary to accept September 25, 2019 minutes as presented. Motion carried 5-0

**3. Treasurers report:** Dean Boehne presented and walked-thru the financial report for Jan-October 21, 2019. Dean reported overall limited activity but did mention income from EC Energy Patronage refund of \$100 and workers comp refund of \$50. Expenses mentioned were \$608 for fish crib building, \$1,094 for insurance premium, and \$2,039 for electric bill.

Ludington property tax amount had not yet been received but communication did occur with town clerk and expect payment any day.

Motion by Joe to accept the treasurer's report as presented subject to audit. Motion carried 5-0

### **4. Public Comment**

Dean read two thank letters that were received. No other comments.

### **5. Bills: Dean Boehne**

Dean mentioned indicated no bills were up for discussion at this time.

### **6. Eau Claire River Watershed Update: Marlo**

Commitment from LECA of \$500 towards farm program that promotes no-till practices for local farmers. Marlo worked with Lori Bechtel.

## **7. Muskrat Creek Sediment Trap Discussion**

Mike communicated the engineering is nearly complete. Seeding of disturbed area is being requested, Mike is working with county on requirements and him along with any needed volunteers will handle the initial seeding themselves this spring (2020). Mike also mentioned the road work/improvements continue. Expect completion over next 2-3 weeks.

## **8. Lake Management Plan Director Report**

Rod Zika provided updates to board members.

- Measurement and Data Collection (Vicki Reed)
  - Working on getting additional training on equipment for oxygen level monitoring.
  - Capturing fish crib location data
  - Looking into getting access to additional equipment the county possesses. Specifically, for elevation measurements. Additional equipment might be required for a “base station” due to lack of cellular coverage in certain areas. Looking at equipment purchased for Lake Altoona projects.
- Aeration system
  - Shutdown will be October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  - Mid-summer maintenance will be required in summer of 2020
  - Need to look at maintenance required on steps accessing lake from aeration location.
- Fisheries (Fred Poss)
  - Creek traps are full and will require another round of emptying. Bedpost trap needs some access improvements.
  - Deep water fish cribs are being considered and continue to be a topic of discussion. No action plan determined yet.

## **9. River Bank Stabilization Update**

Mike and Joe met with EC County Land Conservation and Parks and Rec members and executed an onsite review of targeted areas. County members seemed very enthused and willing to assist in getting things to move forward. Road improvements will be required, and verbal commitment was made to do so. Rock availability was also discussed with target location of Stanley.

## **10. Lake Eau Claire Association Update (Lori Bechtel)**

- Lake Management Plan update effort will kick-off on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019. A group of individuals have been asked to participate from various Eau Claire County departments and Lake Eau Claire groups. The goal is getting the updated plan submitted to DNR for approval and then enable ability to apply for grants at state of WI level, specifically the Knowles/Nelson grant.

- Craft fair fundraiser generated about \$2,000
- Gun raffles generated a \$1,000.

#### **11. Other business**

None reported.

#### **12. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting**

TBD

Open bid meeting for Muskrat Creek trap will be held at 2:00 pm Monday, November 18 at the Eau Claire County Court House. All board members are welcome.

#### **13. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm