

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

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

**April 28, 2021: 6:00pm @ Bridge Creek Town Hall**

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Lea at 6:00 pm

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

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

Also present from the public: Joe Vydral

### **2. Minutes of October 14, 2020**

Motion by Gary Gibson for October 14, 2020, meeting minutes accepted as printed. Motion carried 5-0.

### **3. Treasurer's report:** Dean Boehne presented and walked-thru the financial reports.

EOY 2020 – Dean walked through report for 2020, no questions or concerns were raised.

2021 YTD – Dean walked through the YTD 2021 report.

- Dredging expense of \$100k has been paid in full.
- EC County budget is accommodating for \$50k of matching funds for 2021 versus \$100k from previous years. Planning will take place with dredging company on volumes to ensure maintaining of budget levels.
- Expenses will begin soon as the aeration system is scheduled to start up soon, targeting first week of May.

Motion made by Joe Bechtel to accept Treasurer Reports as presented. Motion carried 5-0. Tax levy has all been collected from the county.

### **4. Public Comment**

Joe Vydral is working with Tom Hartel on aeration system start-up as Joe will take an active roll in its operation moving forward.

## 5. Bills: Dean Boehne

Dean mentioned the following items:

- Krueger Excavating fir the amount of \$42,166. County sends funds to district then we issue check to Krueger.
- Aeration system maintenance items (oil, filters, seals, etc.) - \$1,156

Motion by Joe Bechtel to accept bills, motioned carried 5-0.

## 6. Grant Report: Mike Lea

Bank stabilization: Targeted area of Lost Lake shoreline to put in place riprap.

- Engineering costs will be covered by Lake Eau Claire Association (Friends of Lake Eau Claire)
- Road work that is needed to get to work site will be donated by Eau Claire County.
- We requested an amount of \$82,500 for a DNR Surface Water Grant. \$49,685 was provided, therefore we have a gap bigger than initially anticipated.
- LECA initially was supportive of covering a \$14k gap but now it's bigger. Mike will work with Lori Bechtel on potential options or increase contribution.
- Verbally Krueger Excavating stated a bid figure of \$75k so potentially we can dial-in n cost factors and get project done for less that initially projected.
- Mike Lea is looking for agreement to "go-to-bid" so we can get more firm bids.

Motion was made by Gary Gibson for Lake EC District to take project for bid. Motion carried 5-0.

Skid Row / Eagles Nest area sediment removal and establishing sediment traps.

- Looking a federal level grant options for funding
- It is projected to be a \$450k-\$500k project.
- Mike applied for a \$250k federal grant but it was reject on this latest round. Can re-apply next year.
- Mike also is looking to apply for a state level grant for \$250k which is due in September.
- Options:
  - Apply for state grant and re-apply for federal grant at next opportunity which combined between the two grants would get us to the project cost.
  - Work with local representation (Kathy Brainer and Jesse James) to be influenced by Shannon Zimmerman to get a line item in the state budget for the \$450k-\$500k.

In discussion items:

- The efforts on Muskrat Creek have been highly successful. There is about 100ft on lake inlet that is still too shallow for motorized boats. This area will self-scour over time or potentially we may look to go a little further next time of trap clean out.

- Considering options for similar activity on Hay Creek inlet with the intention of accelerating the scouring process. Would look to execute similar fund-raising efforts from donations and speaking directly to property owners on Hay Creek water way.

#### **7. Lake Eau Claire Association update (Lori Bechtel)**

No update

#### **8. Other Business**

- Mike Lea and Lori Bechtel received the 2020 award of Water Quality Leadership from the Eau Claire County Land Conservation Commission for their efforts and dedication to improve water quality on Lake Eau Claire. Congratulations to both!
- Once again, the subject of establishing a “Low Wake” policy on Lake Eau Claire during high water conditions was discussed. Issue being is the enforcement of such a policy. One possibility is to post “Recommended” low speeds for high-water conditions. Still remains as an open item.

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

Next meeting set for May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 6:00PM at the Bridge Creek Town Hall.

A reschedule was made for June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at 6:00 PM at Bridge Creek Town Hall

#### **10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05PM by Mike Lea with no further items to be discussed.