

LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes:

May 17, 2023: 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: Mike Lea

Members present: Mike Lea, Joe Bechtel, Dean Boehne, Todd Meyer, Bruce Logterman

Absent: All present

2. Minutes of November 16, 2022 LECPRD Meeting

Motion made by Todd Meyer to accept meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Treasurers report: Dean Boehne presented the final 202 financial report and January – April 2023 financials.

Review of final 2022

- Negative balance is shown due to dredging started in December of 2022 but paid in 2023. This allowed to maximize EC County matching funds.

- Tax levy was about \$2500 more due to property value increase across zoned Lake EC District.

- Insurance cost increase due to additional equipment purchased and needed insurance coverage.

Review Jan.-April 2023

- 1st tax levy received from EC County. 1st levy payment is typically greater than the 2nd as some residents pay-in-full.

- Cash balance of \$65,861

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

4. Public Comment

Joe Vydral has observed of waterway from Skid row toward the main lake has deeper water. Sediment is moving.

5. Bills: Dean Boehne

- No outstanding bills.

6. Dredging Update – Mike Lea

- Main sediment traps (Gravel Pit/Troubled Waters/Muskrat) had 15,100 yards of sediment removed this winter. Hay Creek trap added another 8-10 yards.
- Since 2013, 224,665 yards of sediment have been removed from trap locations. That equates to a football field including the end-zones piled 100ft high to give an idea of mass. A total of about \$1.73M has been spent since 2013 on this effort.
- Plans for this year:
 - All existing traps to be cleared
 - Plus, two additional traps (Skid Row and Eagles Nest location)
 - Finalize new sediment deposit site outside of flood plain. Working with EC County to finalize and get approval.
 - Renewal of our 10-year dredging permit. Currently in-process of being approved.
 - Access route to new traps is in-process of being finalized.
 - Money for new traps projects is in the approved county budget.
 - Skid Row boat landing upgrade is included in the project. New dock, new pit toilet, all handicap accessible.

7. Lake Association – Friends of Lake Eau Claire Update – Lori Bechtel

- Fundraising efforts underway. \$50k matching funds effort led to an additional \$30k raised.
- Sponsor Program in underway and getting good response.
- Golf outing is set, and final planning is being executed.
- Calendar raffle sales are in progress.

8. Lake Management Plan Director Report – (Nothing new to report)

9, Watershed Lake Association Membership

- New bigger “Group” to be form non-profit association. Would include the entire EC County watershed area.
- Purpose is to have the ability to go after larger scoped projects and apply for funding.
- Lake Districts would be members of the watershed association.
- They need funds. Looking for \$2,000 each from Lake EC and Lake Altoona.
- They would have ownership of equipment that can be utilized for its members to assist in statistical and measurement requirements for project efforts.
- Expense management of equipment is still being determined but is being addressed.

- Current equipment that was awarded to Lake EC through grant efforts is being registered under Lake EC Association for the time being until insurance and formal transfer can occur.

10. Land Donation

- Ron Wilkinson owns a small parcel of land by Bed Post Park and is part of area where we typically remove sediment in the early winter. He is willing to donate it to Lake EC District.

- Mike Lea will discuss more details with Ron.

Motion was made to accept land donation from Ron Wilkinson by Joe Bechtel, Mike Lea 2nd the motion. Motion was carried 5-0

11. Annual LECPRD meeting & Location

- Lake EC Club House will not be available this year as it will be under renovation.

- Augusta Lions Hall is available but wanted hold it this year at more lake location

- Other locations discussed were Harvest Moon, Augusta Sportsman's Club, EC County Shop, Pavilion at the EC County Park (by Clubhouse).

- Date of meeting is August 19, 2023 at 2:00PM. 4:00PM will be social hour for Lake EC Association picnic. 5:00PM will be dinner. After dinner will be Lake Association Annual Meeting.

12. Other Business

There is money available for solar renewals. To be located at the aeration pump house. Grant submission is by township which in our case is Ludington. Lori Bechtel will discuss potential interest from Vicki Reed.

Dean needs final bill for equipment purchased with ARPA grant money.

13. Set Date and Time For Next Meeting

June 21, 2023 at 6:00PM – Bridge Creek Town Hall

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm