

LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes:

June 21, 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 6:02 pm

1. Roll call: Mike Lea

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

Absent: All present

2. Minutes of May 17, 2023, LECPRD Meeting

Motion made by Bruce Logterman to accept meeting minutes as printed, 2nd by Dean Boehne. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Treasurers report: Dean Boehne presented the financial report for January – June 2023.

- Not a lot new since last meeting in May 2023
- \$730 received from Town of Ludington – Lottery Tax Credit
- \$581 expense for aeration system fix
- \$589 electricity bill for aeration system operations

Motion by Joe Bechtel to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2nd by Todd Meyer. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Comment

- Property owners in Hay Creek delta area communicated positive feedback based on efforts made over the winter months to remove sediment buildup. One homeowner was not satisfied as they felt it did not go far enough into the inlet of Hay Creek.
- Muskrat Creek has about 30-40 yards of area going into main lake area that has not cleared yet. It is believed that natural scouring over time will push this sediment. Joe Vydzal has some creative ideas to speed up the process by use of his long-tail outboard.

5. Bills: Dean Boehne

- No outstanding bills.

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

- Friends of Lake Eau Claire is willing to donate new prop to Joe Vydzal to progress channel going into Muskrat Creek cabin access.
- Looking to purchase a new pontoon to utilize for lake projects and other events needed for water transport. The old unit has finally expired. However, will retain old unit to utilize as a barge for fish cribs and other such projects.

7. Lake Management Plan Director Report / Eau Claire River Watershed Association

- EC River Watershed Association is now a non-profit organization as of March of 2023
- Good participation from Lake Altoona and Lake EC individuals however looking to broaden that network
- Equipment initially obtained from Lake EC Association will be donated to the new EC River Watershed Association. Equipment included boat, motor, and trailer, along with technical equipment utilized for measurement and analysis to quantify effects of all the various efforts that are being executed across the EC River watershed area.
- Surveys are currently underway utilizing equipment to obtain oxygen and phosphorus levels in Lake EC.
- They have had great working relationships with both EC County and the DNR.
- The EC River Watershed Association is looking for its first official meeting and set bylaws to make things operate in a more consistent method. They are looking to increase membership and are asking LECPRD for some funding.
- Mike Lea made a motion recommending \$1,000 be donated to the EC River Watershed Association in their efforts to get established. Joe Bechtel 2nd the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

8. Approve Annual Meeting Budget and Agenda

- Mike Lea presented proposed agenda to board members
- Dean Boehne presented the proposed 2024 budget to board members
- the 2024 budget included a large Skid Row/ Eagles Nest project that has dollars being generated from grants that have been applied for and have received approval on much of the project funding.
- A 1.75 Mil. Rate is being recommended in the 2024 budget which is the same rate since 2016.
- ARPA grant money that has been approved has to be spent by end of 2026.
- One change to 2024 budget was to remove line item involving the EC River Watershed Association membership fee since we approved \$1,000 donation in prior agenda item.
- Motion was made by Todd Myer to approve LECPRD 2024 Annual Meeting Agenda and Budget for 2024. 2nd by Buce Logterman. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Other Business

- No movement has been made involving the land donation from Ron Wilkinson located next to Bedpost Park/Beach. It is the area where access is currently happening for Bedpost trap sediment removal.

10. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting

Annual LECPRD Meeting – August 19, 2023, at 2:00PM – Lake EC Club House Pavilion

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm