

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

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

**10-14-15, 2015: 7:00pm @ Bridge Creek Town Hall**

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

### **1. Roll Call: Mike O'Connor**

- Marlo Orth: present
- Dean Boehne: present
- Mike O'Connor: present
- Gary Gibson: present
- Lynn Norheim: absent
- Guests: Rod Zika, Fred Poss, Tom Hartel, Alan Berger, and Glen Johnson

### **2. Minutes of 7-22-15 : Mike O'Connor**

- Motion to approve minutes as amended: Gary Gibson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Dean Boehne
- Approved unanimously

### **3. Minutes of 8-15-15: Mike O'Connor**

- Motion to approve minutes as amended: Dean Boehne
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Gary Gibson
- Approved unanimously

### **4. Treasurer's Report: Dean Boehne**

- District Financials presented with Financial Statement January through September 2015
- Beginning Cash Balance is \$55,821
- Tax Levy of \$67,500 collected
- Received Eau Claire County Cost sharing of \$64,850
- Donation of \$500 tree drops received
- Total revenues are \$133,553
- Total Expenditures are \$142,578 including aeration costs (electric is \$74/day), partial cleaning of Gravel Pit and Trouble Waters Bridge sediment traps, insurance, and engineering fees.

- Current Cash Balance at end of September is \$46,796
- Motion to approve Treasurer's Report subject to audit: Mike O'Connor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Gary Gibson
- Approved unanimously

**5. Public Comment: Marlo Orth**

- Fred Poss informed Board that some sand has been removed from the Gravel Pit spoils site. Quantity of sand removed and person removing sand is unknown at this time.

**6. Bills: Dean Boehne**

- Electric bill of \$3,637.50 has been paid to Eau Claire Electric Cooperative. This represents a budgeted monthly electric charge.
- Motion to pay: Gary Gibson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Mike O'Connor
- Unanimously approved

**7. Half logs fish cribs update: Fred Poss and Rod Zika**

- Lake District now in charge of managing fish crib installation and will request assistance from the Lake Association.
- Lake Association, under the leadership of Chairman Fred Poss will coordinate, assemble, and install the fish cribs. Fred will continue to recruit volunteers for this ongoing project.
- A total of 183 cribs have been installed at this time, and this project is currently on schedule as documented in the Lake Management Plan.
- Long term plan is to install and maintain 500 cribs.

**8. Aeration project report: Fred Poss and Rod Zika**

- 11 yards of rock has been installed over the aeration tubes on the shore line at the end of the boardwalk to protect the tubes during the winter season from ice damage.
- Installation of boardwalk decking has been completed.
- Rod Zika and Tom Hartel recommended to the Board that the aeration pods will require cleaning and need to be blown out to open aeration ports. This was confirmed based on an observed drop in airline pressure and resolution of the problem was reviewed and confirmed by the aeration system manufacturer.

- Tom Hartel has been in ongoing communication with the aeration Manufacturer in Minneapolis to replace the faulty oil pressure indicator under warranty. No other defects have been observed at this time.
- Lab test results, including phosphorous level, and underwater observation has indicated positive improvements in lake water quality since the installation of the aeration system.
- The aerations system is scheduled to be shut down the last week of October.
- The Lake Eau Claire Association, Inc., at their October 31, 2015 Board Meeting, has an agenda item to donate the aeration site to the Lake Eau Claire Protection and Rehabilitation District. If this item passes: Dean Boehne moves that the Lake Eau Claire Protection and Rehabilitation accepts the donation provided that the Lake Association pays off the Land Contract or continues to provide funds for the Land Contract payments.
- The Aeration site property is described as follows: Lot 2 of Certified Survey Map #2948 as recorded in Volume 16 of Certified Survey Maps on Page 322 as Document #1095647; being a part of Outlot 50, Block 2, First Assessor's Plat of Lake Eau Claire North, Town of Ludington, Eau Claire County Wisconsin.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Gary Gibson
- Unanimously approved

#### **9. Update on tree drops**

- DNR has identified and marked 52 trees to be dropped, but the DNR will initially drop only 50 trees. Cables will be attached to the tree stumps. The project was completed on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2015. No further update by Walsh at this time, but reports show all went well with tree drops.

#### **10. County Lake Rehabilitation Fund Request for 2016**

- We received initial feedback from County Board members indicating that funds still remain in the proposed County Budget.

#### **11. Status of Gravel Pit and trouble Water Bridge Traps: Rod Zika**

- Latest high water event indicate that we will need to clean, at least partially, both traps again this year.
- We will plan cleaning possibly both traps in January 2016 utilizing same cleaning model as 2015 and the same permits.
- Recommendations to stabilize the river banks will be made to the DNR and Eau Claire County to decrease sand spilling into the river.

**12. Explore possibility of new upper Skid Row Trap: Rod Zika**

- Options and locations for future Skid Row Trap was presented by Rod Zika and discussed by Board.
- Rod Also discussed possibilities for future spoils sites in lieu of the remaining capacity of the gravel pit site.

**13. Other business:**

- No other business discussed at this meeting.

**14. Set time and date for next meeting:**

- Next meeting will be held January 6, 2016 at the Bridge Creek Town Hall.

**15. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned.