

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

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

**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014: 9:00am @ Bridge Creek Town Hal**

1. Roll Call @ 9:05am:
  - Marlo Orth-present
  - Dean Boehne-present
  - Mike O'Connor-present
  - Gary Gibson-present
  - Lynn Norheim-absent
2. Review Meeting Agenda:
  - Motion to approve agenda: Marlo Orth
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Dean Boehne
  - Approved unanimously
3. Review of Meeting Minutes from 11-9-13:
  - Minutes were updated with corrections
  - Motion to approve amended Minutes: Dean Boehne
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Gary Gibson
  - Approved unanimously
4. Treasurer's Report-Dean Boehne:
  - Copy of 2013 Revenue and Expense Report provided by Dean Boehne
  - Total revenue: \$11,500.00
  - Expenditures: \$10,194.23
  - Current Balance: \$1,305.77
  - As tax revenues are collected by Bridge Creek and Ludington, they will be forwarded to Lake Eau Claire Lake District. December tax collections will be forwarded in January, January tax collections will be forwarded in February, and July tax collections will be forwarded in August.
  - Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Gary Gibson
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Mike O'Connor
  - Approved unanimously
5. Audit-Dean Boehne:
  - Dean contacted Tamy Moss, and she accepted the Board's offer to complete the Lake District's Audit.
  - Dean will request an estimate of the Audit fee from Tami Moss for Board review and approval at the next Board meeting.

- The Audit is expected to be completed this spring with no specific date identified at this time.
6. Lease Agreement with Eau Claire County for sediment spoils sites-Marlo Orth:
- Marlo received letter that the Eau Claire County Administrator has signed 2 originals transferring the Spoils Sites Agreement from Lake Eau Claire Lake Association to the Lake Eau Claire Lake District.
  - This Lease Agreement is for 4 spoils sites in the name of the Lake Eau Claire Lake and Rehabilitation District with Eau Claire County.
  - The Agreement is signed for 10 years at a cost of \$1.00 per year or \$10.00.
7. Public Comment:
- Bob Buley recommended a 2 week notice of future Board Meetings to the Lake Owners so those wishing to attend have more time to make arrangements.
  - Currently the Board Meetings are posted in 5 public locations: Bridge Creek Town Hall-Hwy 27, Woodland Store-Hwy 27, Augusta BP gas station, Augusta Post Office, and Gordy's Food Store in Augusta.
  - A mass email with Public Notice and Board Meeting Agenda is also sent out to all lake owners who have shared their email addresses with the Board.
  - State of Wisconsin Statute requires a 24 hour public notice in 3 locations.
  - Board agreed to take request for advanced notification under advisement.
8. Eau Claire River Protection and Restoration Project Alliance Proposal-Marlo Orth:
- Alliance partners would include: Lake Eau Claire District, Lake Eau Claire Association, Lake Altoona District, Lake Mead District, Eau Claire County, and DNR.
  - The goal of this alliance is to form a collaborative effort to improve the Eau Claire River, and is supported, in concept, by all 5 potential partners at this time.
  - Annual fee for the 5 partners is approximately \$750.00 or \$150.00 each to create a website "cloud" to store information and communication.
  - Motion to proceed with the Alliance concept and have Marlo Orth meet with the 5 Alliance partners to discuss proceeding with the proposal: Gary Gibson
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Dean Boehne
  - Approved unanimously
9. Attorney Bills-Marlo Orth:
- Former Lake district Law Firm: Weld, Riley, Prenn & Ricci, S.C. represented by Nicholas Hennemann and William Thiel with Managing Partner Stephen Weld.
  - Unpaid attorney balance up for discussion at this time: \$6,290.08. The Lake District Board will require proof that the services charged were requested, and

the time charged for work on By-Laws and Spoils Site Agreement is appropriate prior to approving payment.

- Options discussed are: do not pay balance in question, set up meeting with Stephen Weld to review and settle on an acceptable payment for the outstanding balance, and/or seek a Fee Arbitration settlement under State of Wisconsin law.
- Bob Laden offered comments and clarification on options for the Board.
- New contracted Attorney for Lake District: Bill O'Connor
- Motion to pay attorney fees of \$1642.00 submitted by Bill O'Connor and have Marlo Orth and Dean Boehne meet with Stephen Weld from prior Lake District Law Firm to reach an acceptable resolution for payment of the balance in question: Gary Gibson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Dean Boehne
- Approved unanimously

#### 10. Insurance-Marlo Orth

- Paid Workman's Comp Insurance bill: \$602.00
- Unpaid Spectrum Insurance bills: Public Officials Bond-\$125.00, Commercial Auto-\$446.00, General Liability-\$848.00
- Insurance plan will be reviewed on an annual basis with the insurance plan bid to be awarded to the lowest bid per Wisconsin statutes.
- Lake-owner Dan Esser- owner of Dan Esser Insurance was recommended for opportunity to bid on future insurance.
- Motion to pay Spectrum Insurance for outstanding bill of \$1419.00: Marlo Orth
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Mike O'Connor
- Approved unanimously

#### 11. Other Business:

- Open discussion about maintaining safety on the lake this winter with ice fishing shanty's, plowed roads on the ice, and the high speed snowmobiles.
- Lake owners have expressed concerns about injuries incurred when running into a plowed ice road with a snowmobile.
- Marlo Orth will contact the DNR, Eau Claire County Sheriff, and Bill O'Connor to obtain guidance and recommendations for this safety issue on the lake.

12. Next Meeting: May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Bridge Creek town Hall.

13. Motion to Adjourn meeting at 10:00 am: Dean Boehne

- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Gary Gibson
- Approved unanimously