

LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes:

June 18, 2014: 7:00pm @ Bridge Creek Town Hall

1. Roll Call @ 7:00pm:
 - Marlo Orth-present
 - Dean Boehne-present
 - Mike O'Connor-present
 - Gary Gibson-present
 - Lynn Norheim-present
 - Guests: Fred Poss-Lake Association President, Neil Trombly-Wi DNR
2. Review Meeting Agenda:
 - Motion to approve agenda: Marlo Orth
 - 2nd motion: Dean Boehne
 - Approved unanimously
3. Review of Meeting Minutes from 5-14-14:
 - Minutes were updated with corrections
 - Motion to approve amended Minutes: Dean Boehne
 - 2nd motion: Gary Gibson
 - Approved unanimously
4. Treasurer's Report-Dean Boehne:
 - Copy of January– June 2014 Revenue and Expense Report provided by Dean Boehne. (see attached Financial Statement)
 - Total revenue January – June Tax Levy: \$45,712
 - Expenditures: \$6,784.
 - Current Balance: \$40,234
 - Motion to approve Treasurer's Report subject to audit: Mike O'Connor
 - 2nd motion: Gary Gibson
 - Approved unanimously
5. Audit-Dean Boehne:
 - Tami Moss has completed the Lake District's Audit and found it to be accurate and complete.
 - Tami Moss will forward the Final Audit Report to Dean Boehne for Board review at the next Board meeting on July 23, 2014. The Audit Report will be included in minutes when available.
6. Public Comment:

- Fred Poss reminded the Board of the Annual Lake Association Fundraiser on June 21st that included the triathlon with food, music, and entertainment at the Hideaway Bar.
- Fred Poss informed the Board of the June 30th, 2014 deadline for applying to Eau Claire County for cost sharing grant for lake management assistance.
- Options to obtain increased funding for the Lake Management Plan were discussed with and without available grant money from Eau Claire County.
- Fred Poss also reiterated the Lake Association's commitment to assisting and funding the approved lake management plans when possible as permitted by Eau Claire County and the DNR.
- Fred Poss recommended that the Lake Association and Lake District form a collaborative effort to seek a cost sharing grant from Eau Claire County by the June 30th deadline.
- Discussion was centered on obtaining matching funds to assist with the cleaning of the sediment traps at Troubled Waters and Gravel Pit.
- Estimates used by Fred Poss are based on \$40,000 currently available in Lake District funds. Examples included matching with a grant of \$40,000 for \$80,000 available or seeking a loan to match current funds if the grant was not obtained.

7. Bills: Dean Boehne:

- No outstanding bills at this time.
- Dean Recommend obtaining list of and labels of all lake owners for the 2014 Annual Meeting. Cost is \$35.00
- Marlo Orth will obtain list for use by the Lake District.
- Motion to obtain list and labels from Eau Claire County: Gary Gibson
- 2nd motion: Mike O'Connor
- Approved unanimously

8. Proposed updates for Bylaws: Marlo Orth:

- Bylaws must conform with Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin State Statutes
- Article #1-Property Owners, Section 3: Correct language and interpretation of who is eligible to vote on District Business at the Annual and special Meetings. New language will be compliant with Sec. 33.30(3) and Sec. 33.01(9) (ar) of the Wi State Statutes.
- Article #6-Low Bid, Section 1: Recommend changing language from "\$2500 for the work" to "\$2500 for work" and change language in second sentence from "bid soliciting process and the determining" to "bid soliciting process and determining". New language will be in compliance with Sec.33.22 (1) of the Wi State Statutes.

- These recommendations to the Bylaws will be presented at the Annual Meeting for approval.

9. Status of river sediment traps-Neil Trombly Wi DNR:

- Slide show presentation details the current condition of the existing sediment traps at Troubled Waters Bridge and the Gravel Pit based on onsite inspection.
- Trouble Waters trap has filled in more rapidly based on the excessive rain this spring but has been successful in capturing all of the sand and has shown significant positive effects on the depth (18-20 in) of the river eliminating multiple sand bars.
- Data has been presented based on permanent elevation markings previously marked to measure effects of sediment traps.
- The TWT (Troubled Waters Trap) have not failed but they have filled in; 68% is filled and 6% remaining before cleaning is required by contract or 75% max before cleaning. The TWT has collected from 9000 to 10000 yards of sand. The GPT (Gravel Pit Trap) is approximately 65% full with the 2 high water events this spring.
- If the TWT is maintained the GPT (Gravel Pit Trap) will eventually be eliminated.
- This positive impact will also lead to the scouring and opening of the river to a point where the SRT (Skid Row Trap) is no longer needed.
- Additional high water events this fall have probably filled both traps to capacity.
- Cleaning of the traps cannot begin until the river drops to normal river level.
- Neil stated that when the traps are filled we will not lose the positive effects of the traps, but cleaning them will be critical to the continued success of the traps.
- Neil also reminded the Board of the District's contractual agreement to clean out the traps when they reach 75% Capacity.
- The Board unanimously recommended and requested Neil Trombly to present his finding at the Annual Meeting.

10. Draft Agenda for the Annual Meeting on Saturday August 16, 2014 at 10:00am:

- Marlo Orth submitted an agenda draft for the Annual Meeting for the Board to review and update.
- Marlo reminded the Board that the Annual Meeting will only address and vote on issues presented on the approved agenda. Items requiring formal discussion and action that are not on the agenda will require a Special Meeting.
- The Board agreed that our Attorney was not required for the Annual Meeting.
- It was recommended that Bob Laden be contacted to assist the Board with maintaining Parliamentary Procedure and Roberts rules at the Annual Meeting. Each person is restricted to a maximum of 3 minutes per agenda item.

- The Board will draft the final Annual Meeting Agenda at the next Board meeting on July 23rd.

11. Work on proposed 2015 budget

- Dean Boehne submitted the first draft of a proposed 2015 budget for the Board to review as a basis for updating to the final draft to be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- The preliminary budget was based on the total cost of cleaning the sedimentation traps and what money was required to achieve this goal.
- The Board reviewed options of obtaining revenue to clean the traps while maintaining the mil rate at 1.5. Additional revenue could be obtained by borrowing a low interest 6 month loan from the State Trust fund.
- The Board recommended drafting a new budget for review that maintained the 1.5 mil rate and the cost of a partial trap cleaning this year and continued cleaning of the traps in 2015 fiscal year. District contract terms with the DNR does not specify that we must totally clean the traps as long as we maintain them below the 75% capacity.
- Budget discussion included dredging skid row as a cost to the total membership, or a special assessment to those affected, or doing nothing and allow skid row to clean out on its own by maintaining the TWT and GPT as stated by Neil Trombly. Cost of cleaning out skid row could be \$64,000.
- Discussion also included Hay Creek and Muskrat Creek dredging and should these projects be included in the budget.
- Final recommendations for the proposed 2015 Budget will be completed at the July 23rd Board meeting.

12. Other Business

- Insurance proposals: from current Agent and Dan Esser Agency will be obtained and reviewed at the July 23rd meeting.

13. Set date and time for next meeting

- Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 7:00pm at the Bridge Creek Town Hall located at S9515 State Road 27 Augusta Wi 54722.

14. Adjourn:

- Motion to adjourn: Lynn Norheim
- 2nd: Marlo Orth
- Unanimously approved