

LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes:

July 23, 2014: 7:00pm @ Bridge Creek Town Hall

S95125 State Road 27 Augusta Wi 54722

1. Roll Call:

- Marlo Orth-present
- Dean Boehne-present
- Mike O'Connor-present
- Gary Gibson-absent
- Lynn Norheim-absent
- Recording Secretary, Bob Buley-present

2. Adopt Meeting Agenda:

- Discussion to have meeting available through teleconference technology will be discussed on future agendas with guidance from Lake Association/District website manager.
- Motion to approve agenda: Marlo Orth
- Approved unanimously

3. Minutes of 6-18-14 Commissioners Meeting:

- Minutes corrected to note that Marlo will obtain mailing list and labels for annual meeting notification.
- Language on minutes of item number 9 and 11 were corrected.
- Motion to approve minutes: Dean Boehne
- 2nd: Marlo Orth
- Unanimously approved

4. Treasurer's Report: Dean Boehne

- Report represented as of June 30, 2014 and subject to audit by approved or contracted auditor.
- Minimal activity in financials at this time.
- Still collecting revenue from mil rate from townships. Approximately \$45000 collected with another approximately \$20000 still to be collected.
- Motion to approve Financials subject to audit approval: Mike O'Connor
- 2nd motion: Marlo Orth

- Unanimously approved

5. Public Comment:

- Information about cleaning out the Hay Creek and Muskrat Creek traps was addressed by Marlo Orth who stated that the permits have expired and will take approximately 1 year to obtain new permits per DNR process for approval.

6. Discussion on how to handle routine bills incurred by the Lake District and required to be paid prior to a scheduled Board meeting:

- Marlo brought up issue about paying outstanding bills without board approval if for example, the electric bill is due and we do not have a meeting scheduled. Dean will review Township rules for paying these bills since it is not addressed in our Bylaws and report back to the board. Until this is resolved we will table this issue.

7. Insurance Proposal:

- Dan Esser was present at the meeting to discuss the decision to choose an insurance plan for the Lake District.
- A review of each plan was done to verify that the board properly compared each plan for accurate comparison prior to making a decision. It was determined that Spectrum offered a level of coverage above the coverage provided by Esser Insurance.
- Dan Esser's proposal was \$1825.00 per year and Spectrum Insurance bid was at \$1419.00. Dan stated that both rates were very good. He also stated that he will be happy to again bid on next year's insurance plan.
- Motion to accept Spectrum Insurance, 4233 Southtown Dr. Eau Claire Wi bid: Dean Boehne
- 2nd motion: Mike O'Connor
- Unanimously approved

8. Request for Lake Rehab funds from Eau Claire County:

- Marlo Orth has submitted a request for Lake Rehab Funds from Eau Claire County for approximately \$130,000 with the District's portion of matching funds equaling \$65,000 of the \$130,000.

9. Status of river sediment traps:

- It is now understood that the Troubled Water, Gravel Pit and Skid Row traps are essentially full and need attention.
- Review of the plan to address this situation will be addressed financially in the proposed 2015 Budget to be presented at the 2014 Annual Meeting.

10. Draft Agenda for Annual Meeting on August 16, 2014:

- Reviewed draft of proposed 2014 Annual Meeting Agenda presented by Marlo Orth and reviewed by board.

- Registration process for voting reviewed per State of Wi Statutes and will be entered into our By Laws and updated in the Annual Meeting. It was recommended that voter registration will include signing a voter certificate. Mike Lee has agreed to manage the voter registration again this year.
- Balloting at annual meeting was addressed and clarified. It was decided that we will be prepared to offer private balloting for votes on critical issues.
- Nomination and selection of new Commissioner was reviewed.
- Marlo Orth will notify appointed Revenue Committee to present their recommendation at the Annual Meeting.
- No additional Annual Meeting agenda requests were presented to the board prior to the annual meeting as required by By Laws and State Statutes.
- A written 2014 Annual Agenda with proposed budget will be mailed to all Lake District owners per By Laws and Wi. Statutes.

11. Work on 2015 proposed budget:

- Dean Boehne presented multiple budget proposals for the review that would address cleaning the sedimentation traps. Dean presented a budget that included revenue from the mil rate and the mil rate plus borrowed funds for the board to review.
- A budget amendment to the 2014 Budget to proceed with \$59,000 in trap cleaning (partial cleaning) that was not included in the budget but now necessary due to the excessive high water events.
- For the 2015 Budget a mil rate of 1.5 is recommended without borrowing any additional funds.
- Budget includes engineering costs that covers bid process that is necessary for budget.
- It was also decided and understood that this budget will not be able to address additional dredging of the Skid Row trap.

12. Other Business:

- By Laws were reviewed and updated to address issues that were unclear or misinterpreted at the first annual meeting; primarily the voting rights of the lake owners.
- Changes in By Laws were recommended and rewritten according to current State of Wisconsin Statutes without any board interpretation.
- Amended By Laws will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

13. Set time and date for next meeting:

- 2014 Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2014.
- Voter registration will be completed at the door when entering the meeting.

- Public Notice of the Annual Meeting Agenda will also include proposed agenda, Amended Budget, 2015 Budget.

14. Adjourn:

- Motion to Adjourn:
- 2nd motion:
- Unanimously approved