

LECA BOARD MINUTES, Oct. 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by President Fred Poss.

Roll Call: Members present: Fred Poss, Dean Boehne, bob Buley, Mike Harden, Rod Zika, Ed Henry, and Al Ross. Members absent and excused were Vicki Reed, Patti McHugh, Ed Wilson, Lori Bechtel, and Phil Kalscheur. One guest: Marlo Orth was present.

Minutes of the previous board meeting had been approved via email. Minutes of the annual meeting were distributed and perused. They will be approved at the next annual meeting in summer 2015. Bob Buley moved to conditionally approved annual meeting minutes as an advisory motion to the attendees at the next annual meeting. Motion seconded by Rod Zika. Motion approved.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Dean Boehne. A discussion followed, with Dean updating the current financial statement, as of Oct. 1. Motion by Al Ross, seconded by Ed Henry to approve the treasurer's report. Motion approved.

Rod Zika presented an update of the aeration project. It is currently behind schedule. No action taken. (Update 11/24 – road and power now in but snow prevents building.)

Rod Zika also presented an update of the 2014-16 Lake Management Plan, delineating responsibilities that the LECA, LECD, the Department of Natural Resources, and professional consultants will have regarding plan implementation and the duties and responsibilities of each agency. Rod indicated that he is carrying a disproportionate amount of the load in serving as a consultant regarding the implementation of the Management Plan. He suggested the prospect of hiring Neil Trombly to serve in a consulting capacity to assist in grant application, map development, and other duties. Motion by Bob Buley to recommend that the LECA approve an amount of \$2500 to retain the services of Mr. Trombly of GOES, an environmental consulting company, until January, when a further evaluation of the need for such services will be made. The motion was seconded by Al Ross and was approved. Rod also mentioned that Cynthia Thomas has been volunteering to create a fundraising arm for the association to raise funds for lake purposes.

President Poss presented a waiver form to be used by the LECA and LECD to release those bodies from any liability incurred through volunteers involved in working for those organizations and their activities. A motion was made by Bob Buley and seconded by Ed Henry to approve the waiver form, with two small corrections. Poss will oversee the development of the corrected form.

Marlo Orth updated the association board on the current status of the dredging project. The sediment trap at Troubled Waters has filled in and needs to be dredged again. At present, there is a shortage of funds to accomplish that operation. (Update: Nov. 20, 2014, Eau Claire County has approved \$65,000 to assist in dredging due to the record high water.)

Bob Buley did a presentation promoting the idea of providing one or more automatic electronic defibrillators (AEDs) to be located at the lake and made available for use by interested lake residents. A discussion followed, but no action was taken.

The agenda item for President Poss to discuss talking points for the DNR meeting on Oct. 22 had been covered in previous item discussions.

The Holiday Party for the Lake Association will be held Jan. 3, 2015. Bob Buley, Mike Harden, and Al Ross have agreed to serve on the committee to make arrangements for the event.

President Poss updated the board on the fish crib project. To date, 150 fish cribs have been installed in the lake. Anecdotal reports indicated a noticeable improvement in fishing success. The ultimate goal is to install 500 to 1,000 cribs. After receiving board support, Poss also discussed with the DNR a change to the panfish limits on our lake to make it more in line with smaller limits on neighboring lakes.

Ed Henry presented an idea for formulating a petition process by which lake residents might petition the LECA board regarding proposed projects of concern to those residents. This would be intended to make individuals feel that their concerns are being heard. Bob Buley, Rod Zika, and Fred Poss have agreed to work with Ed to come up with an appropriate form for such a petition process.

A proposal is in the works to institute an online payment system for such things as association dues, donations, etc. This would be linked to the existing lake website, and would be intended as a convenience for facilitating such transactions.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 3, 2015, at 9:00 A.M. Meeting adjourned by Poss at 12:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Harden

Secretary