

LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes:

May 17, 2022: 6:00pm @ Bridge Creek Town Hall

S9515 State Road 27, Augusta Wi 54722

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Lea at 6:00 pm

1. Roll call: Joe Bechtel

Members present: Mike Lea, Dean Boehne, Joe Bechtel, Todd Mayer, Bruce Logterman

Also present from the public: Joe Vydral, Lori Bechel

2. Meeting Minutes:

Minutes of June 16, 2021

Motion by Mike Lea to accept June 16, 2021 meeting minutes as printed, Motion carried 5-0.

Minutes of August 21, 2021 LECPRD Commissioner board assignments meeting

Motion made by joe Bechtel to accept August 21, 2021 meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried 5-0

3. Treasurer's report: Dean Boehne presented and walked-thru the financial reports.

- Funds have been received from tax levy from January tax roll.
- County cost sharing funds received are \$60k
- Outstanding bill of dredging/sediment. Finalization of the per-yard rate will be validated by Mike Lea with Krueger Excavating. Also bill for sediment trap measurements for Gravel Pit and Troubled Waters locations.
- Discussion on other county cost sharing projects:
 - Sediment removal or aeration system related.
 - Potentially aeration property walk-way
 - Driveway approach to aeration equipment
 - Aeration equipment building needs some work
- DNR Grant for riprapping on Lost Lake was received.
- A question was raised regarding the length of the contract with Krueger Excavating. We believe it is a 5-year contract. Mike Lea and Dean Boehne will validate.

- Motion made by Joe Bechtel to accept Treasure Report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Public Comment

Joe Vydral

Joe and Tom have spent time cleaning aeration system components and filters. Need to replace water separation filters, cost is \$1,221.00, Joe V. will forward invoice to Dean Boehne. System is currently running at full-service level.

5. Bills: Dean Boehne

- Title fee for Rip-Rap project \$30
- Augusta Lions Hall rental fee \$100
- Current electricity bill of \$42
- Remaining balance of sediment removal \$22,323
- Aeration system filter replacement \$1,221
- Bruce Logterman made motion to accept bills as presented, motion carried 5-0

6. Grant Report/Update: Mike Lea

Skid Row Area Restoration Project:

- The federal grant pursued for \$940k was rejected.
- The \$245k recreational boating grant was initially rejected due to the fact we didn't specify handicap access at boat launch. We will update the petition with handicap items and Troubled Waters canoe access improvements and resubmit. Due June 1, 2022, evaluation mid-August and decision shortly thereafter.
- The total cost of the project is estimated at \$490k, therefore we still must secure \$225k of funding.

Smaller grants:

- In conjunction with Lake Altoona, we went for new barometric equipment. We did get \$2,000. The two districts will be splitting the remaining balance (\$14k each). There will be a 20-day training course on equipment. Volunteers have already come forward.
- ARPA granny for water quality equipment, measures phosphorus and other elements within water. We requested \$20k, not sure on probability at this time, this was also done in conjunction with Lake Altoona.
- Excel Energy grant is being researched. Nothing active at this time but will continue to pursue.

7. Lake Eau Claire Association update (Lori Bechtel)

- Entering the main fund-raising season with various events.
- Fish crib installation is in process with looking at deep water cribs. 8-9 cribs is the target and will take place in the fall of 2022.

8. Other Business

- Mike Lea – June 29th, 2022, EC County Board get together for a tour on Lake Altoona and no-till farm demo in Augusta. Mike attempted to get Lake EC on tour as well but too much time would be required for two lakes. Mike Lea will attend. Will look at offering Lake EC Club House as a location for one of their meetings in the future.
- Friday, May 20th, Greg Leonard will be leading a group around EC County. There are planning a stop at the County Park on Lake EC.

9. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting

June 29th, 2022, 6:00PM at the Bridge Creek Town Hall. The 30th will be a backup date.

10. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06PM by Mike Lea with no further items to be discussed.