

LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes:

November 16, 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 6:01 pm

1. Roll call: Mike Lea

Members present: Joe Bechtel, Dean Boehne, Todd Meyer, Mike Lea

Absent: Bruce Logterman

Also present: Lori Bechtel, Joe Vydrzal, Rick (DNR), Joe Kirst

2. Minutes of May 17, 2022 LECPRD Meeting

Motion made by Todd Meyer to accept meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Minutes of June 30, 2022 LECPRD Meeting

Motion made by Dean Boehne to accept meeting minutes as printed. Motion carried 4-0.

4. Treasurers report: Dean Boehne presented the financial report for Jan-October 2022. The report showed total revenue of \$215,257 and total expenditures of \$209,313. There is a cash balance of \$42,406.

- Tax Levy received from EC County for 2nd part of 2021 taxes. Slightly higher due to property value increases.

- Nothing yet on new boat expense, details still being finalized, we are looking for this to happen in Spring of 2023.

- EC County matching funds balance to be used yet for aeration expenses and beginning of dredging efforts.

Motion by Joe Bechtel to accept the treasurer's report as presented subject to audit. Motion carried 4-0.

5. Public Comment

Joe Vydrazil inquired on how many yards of sediment were removed from the Gravel Pit Trap this past year? Response was on average 10,000 square yards are removed annually. Joe V. also commented that by usage of the biometric tools/measurements we are determining the number of square yards deposited between dredging efforts.

6. Bills: Dean Boehne

- Expecting EC Electric bill for amount of about \$3500.00 for aeration operation.
- \$2,256.29 for our share of the boat/drone/water testing equipment – Same amount coming from Lake Altoona – Balance will be coming from approved grant funds – We are waiting on final bill.

Motion by Todd Meyer to pay the \$2,256.29. Motion carried 4-0

7. Grant Update – Mike Lea

Skid Row Project –

- DNR Recreational Boating Grant - \$61,550 – working to integrate handicap access for bathrooms and dock.
- 800 feet channel from Skid Row to main lake access
- EC County ARPA Grant money of \$276,000 – for the installation of two traps in the Skid Row area
- Remove sediment in front of cottages at Skid Row area – costs need to be finalized.

Trying to get new designated area for deposit site. The targeted area is in flood plain – working with EC County to get approved and get access point which would work well with the location of the two new traps in the Skid Row area.

8. Lake Association – Friends of Lake Eau Claire Update – Lori Bechtel

- Successfully installed three deep water fish cribs
- Lake Association pontoon motor is shot. It is being used as a pull behind barge.
- Effective fund-raising efforts – matching funds concept is underway
- Discussion on targeted areas/parts of the lake for sediment removal that are visually expanding. – Hay Creek delta area, small area by the delta of Muskrat Creek, and bay area by aeration pump house.
- Website access needed to get meeting minutes updated along with other pertinent information. – Lori will provide contact so we can get items uploaded.

9. Lake Management Plan Director Report – Joe Kirst

- Been executing surveys in targeted areas on the lake using new equipment. The goal is to do the entire lake as time permits. Working with certified surveyor to get maps created.

- ARPA Grant funds in conjunction with Lake Altoona are being utilized for a new boat, drone, and water quality equipment. All items have been ordered.

10. Other Business

There was no other business.

11. Set Date and Time For Next Meeting

TBD – Targeting 1st quarter of 2023.

12. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm