

**Lost Lake Preservation & Rehabilitation District
Board of Commissioners
2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes
May 30, 2016**

1. The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ulett at 7:00 pm.

2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Commissioners Ulett, Heeler, Southwick, Truppe, Rameker, and Ritter

Also Present: Catherine Higley, Invasive Species Coordinator; Vilas County; LLP&RD Members Webb Southwick, Diane & Jim Guckenberg and Mel Schultz

Chairperson Ulett welcomed our new Town Board representative, Ted Ritter, and noted that Commissioner Anderson was moving from Town Board representative to County Board representative.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** The Secretary presented the Minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting for Approval. Commissioner Heeler noted changes to be made to the Treasurer's Report portion of the Minutes in that the 2nd sentence should read "It was noted that we had not yet received any funds from the Town of St. Germain based on the tax assessments in the 2015 real estate tax bills." Commissioner Anderson moved for approval of the Minutes as amended, and was seconded by Commissioner Truppe. The Motion was approved unanimously.

4. **Treasurer's Report (see attached report):** Commissioner Truppe presented his Treasurer's Report. He noted that the Town of St. Germain will be delivering to us approximately \$6500.00 in late summer representing the second portion of the proceeds from the 2015 tax assessment in the 2015 real estate tax bills.

Commissioner Anderson asked if any funds had been placed into a segregated account. The Treasurer said that had not been done. A discussion followed on the use of a segregated account for some of the funds generated by the 2015 tax levy. The Chairperson suggested that the Treasurer could identify on his Treasurer's Report that certain funds were designated for certain uses.

The Treasurer presented his proposed 2017 Budget for LLP&RD (see attached). It is similar to the 2016 Budget, although there are several unknowns. Commissioner Ritter addressed the cost of the Lake Study, which is 75%/25% split between the State (DNR) at 75% and the lake district at 25%, provided the lake district gets the grant awarded by the State DNR. He stated that we would likely, if approved, get 75% of the State's 25% up-front. He also added that the Town/Lakes Committee for St. Germain has over \$45,000

available, though some of it is used on education projects. The Town/Lakes Committee Chair has taken the position that these funds should be used by the lake districts in the Town of St. Germain. Treasurer Truppe stated that there are several unknowns as to costs going forward on a Lake Study, as well as on other issues with the lake. The Chairperson suggested the Budget be tabled. Commissioner Rameker moved to table the discussion and action on the Budget for 2017, seconded by Commissioner Southwick. The motion passed by one vote; Commissioner Anderson issuing the “nay” vote.

5. **Status of Loan from LLCC.** Commissioner Heeler discussed the status of the Lake District’s \$6,000 loan from the Lost Lake Community Club (“LLCC”). Commissioner Rameker stated that the loan needs to be paid back. The Chairperson suggested that the matter be postponed until the 3rd quarter meeting. Commissioner Anderson suggested the Lake District start paying the LLCC back, maybe at a rate of \$500. Commissioner Rameker moved to table the discussion to the 3rd quarter meeting of 2016, seconded by Commissioner Southwick. The motion passed unanimously.
6. **Review Status of AIS issues.** The Chairperson reported that Onterra should be done by the end of June on its current review of the lake. The DNR wants a one year hiatus on hand harvesting. Until Onterra finishes its current study, we can’t do anything. Onterra does not think hand harvesting is beneficial. Commissioner Ritter stated that it is too late to do anything this year, as it should be done before Memorial Day weekend.
7. **Updates on Grant Applications.**
 - A. **2016 CBCW Grant**

Catherine Higley reported that the summer interns were trained on Friday, May 27, and that the grant was awarded.
 - B. **2016 Early Detection and Removal (EDR) Grant for CLP**

The grant has been approved at \$26,670 (75%). LLP&RD has a 25% share responsibility of \$8,890, which the LLP&RD must come up with. This project will be done next spring. The LLP&RD has received \$5,000 of the grant up-front. The remainder of the grant money will be received when the project is completed.
 - C. **2016 Lake Planning Grant**

This was discussed in the prior Budget discussions. The grant from the State DNR will cover 75% of the cost or \$36,338 and the lake district must come up with the other 25%, or \$12,113. The lake district’s 25% share maybe be partially covered by volunteer hours.

8. **Treatment of Purple Loosetrife.** Commissioner Anderson reported, for information only, that, per an article in *The Lakeland Times*, that Lake Sheshebogan is raising buttes to control purple loosestrife (not our problem yet).

9. **Member Concerns/Comments.**

Catherine Higley discussed other buttes being used to combat various AIS problems. Commissioner Ritter suggests we discuss purple loosestrife at our annual meeting.

Mel Schultz mentioned the need to appoint a replacement for Bryce Hessing on the audit committee. He suggested Marilyn Hessing. The Chairperson appointed Marilyn Hessing to the audit committee.

Commissioner Anderson presented correspondence on the Vilas County to Action Workshop.

10. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



William J. Rameker, Secretary

**Lost Lake Preservation & Rehabilitation District
Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting Minutes
July 2, 2016**

1. The Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ulett at 7:01 pm.
2. **Roll Call:**

Present: Commissioners Ulett, Rameker, Heeler, Southwick, Truppe, Ritter and Anderson

Members Present: Mel Schultz, Kay Schultz, Dan Truppe, Jim Guckenberg, John Eckerman, Webb Southwick, Don Walters, Jack Peil and Don Eliason.
3. **Update from Onterra.** Chairperson Ulett reported that Onterra just finished their spring update on Lost Lake. The CLP has grown to cover about thirty acres. Onterra reported that there was no big change from last year at this time with respect to the EWM. Onterra has indicated that they are strongly in favor of the use of a herbicide on the lake to combat CLP next year, though weather conditions may cause in decrease in CLP. The cost of the herbicide and application would be about \$27,000, plus costs for permits. We have approximately \$8,200 available to us from the DNR, but we have to cover 25% of the cost. Commissioner Ritter stated that if the DNR allotment is \$8,000, we must come up with an additional \$2,000, for a total of \$10,000. The CLP drops turions (seeds) at this time of the year, but the CLP is likely at its peak. Commissioner Anderson stated that we should be prepared to do something next year, based on the three year history. Chairperson Ulett stated that currently, the DNR attitude is "no herbicide treatment". Commissioner Heeler asked Commissioner Ritter whether putting money in the budget for herbicide treatment will assist in getting the DNR to agree to the use of chemical treatments. Commissioner Ritter stated that only two lakes in Vilas County are using herbicides, one being Little St. Germain Lake, where CLP is controlled by herbicides. He stated that we need to be prepared financially to act next spring, because it has to be done shortly after the ice is out, before the other aquatic plants begin to grow, as the herbicide will kill everything. Chairperson Ulett has provided Kevin Gauthier with the maps of the growth of the CLP. Chairperson Ulett stated that it was up to the homeowners on whether a budget providing for chemical treatment next spring will be approved.

Commissioner Southwick asked Commissioner Ritter what negatives occurred with the application of chemicals on Little St. Germain Lake. He responded by stating that Little St. Germain had little money to begin with, and the chemical was applied in the heavy areas of CLP by spray, causing chemical drift, killing all foliage. It is done differently today, so that it is applied in a

safer manner. Commissioner Anderson emphasized the statements from Onterra that were encouraging us to prepare for and apply to the DNR, as well as possibly meeting as a Board with Kevin Gauthier. He also stated that the Town Lakes Committee has \$45,000 - \$48,000 available to them to make grants to local lakes for this type of treatment to control invasive species.

4. **2017 Budget:** Commissioner Rameker moved, and Commissioner Anderson seconded, to remove discussion of a 2017 budget off the table. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Truppe presented his proposed budget for 2017. See the attached budget.

Commissioner Truppe stated (Bob – fill in the blank on the discussion on your proposed budget).

Commissioner Rameker stated that it is totally irresponsible for this body to speculate on how funds can be raised in the future, in that we need to come up with a the funds prior to making a commitment to herbicide treatment. Commissioner Rameker further stated that we need to set the tax levy to ensure that we have the necessary funds available to pay for the treatment, and can then look for ways to gain funds from other sources to supplement the required financial needs.

Commissioner Anderson moved to approve the proposed budget for 2017 as presented by the Treasurer. Commissioner Southwick seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioner Southwick moved that the budget should be increased by \$10,000 for weed removal. Commissioner Ritter seconded the motion. Commissioner Anderson pointed out that it is both an expense and an income change to the budget. The motion passed unanimously.

5. **Discussion on 2017 Levy.** Commissioner Anderson moved that we ask the Town Lakes Committee to provide us with a \$15,000 grant for the purpose of dealing with the CLP and treating it with herbicides. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Southwick. It was noted that the next Town Lakes Committee meeting will be on July 12, 2016 and it is hoped that our request will be heard at that time. It was also noted that we have several members of this body that are part of Town Lakes Committee, but that only two members

representing Lost Lake may vote at the Town Lakes Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Member Concerns.** It was noted that last week, there were hundreds of CLP turions floating on the lake and drifting beyond the CLP present location.
7. **Next Special Meeting.** The Chairperson set the next special meeting for August 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the St. Germain Community Club.
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



William J. Rameker, Secretary

Lost Lake Preservation & Rehabilitation District

Special Commissioner's Meeting Minutes-- St. Germain Community Building

August 4, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

I. Commissioner Ulett called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Roll Call was taken:

Present: Commissioners Ulett, Southwick, Heeler, Truppe, Anderson, Ritter.

Absent: Commissioner Rameker

Others Present: Jack Peil, Webb Southwick, Karen Anderson, Vilas County representatives Carolyn Scholl and Catherine Higley

III. Healthy Lake Grant Program: Carolyn Scholl explained a new Vilas County grant initiative on "Healthy Lakes" and its five components of (1) in-lake "fish sticks," (2) shoreline native plantings, (3) diversion of run-off waters, (4) rock infiltration practice, and (5) rain gardens. Carolyn requested the LLPRD's support in finding Lost Lake property owners willing to apply for this 25/75 DNR grant which would improve our shorelines and fish habitat. On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Southwick, the motion to support Vilas County's grant proposal passed unanimously. The district will include a pamphlet on "Healthy Lakes" in our annual newsletter to gauge support of lake property owners who might sign up for this grant. If the grant would be implemented, actual work on shorelines would not start until 2018.

IV. Update on Town of St. Germain Lakes Meeting: Heeler reported that at the July 12 Town Lakes meeting the committee passed a resolution providing area lake groups reimbursement for active AIS management (herbicide, DASH, hand-pulling) in the amount of 20% of the actual cost up to a maximum of \$10,000/year. Based on our projected costs of \$27K for CLP and \$10K for EWM we could receive reimbursement of \$7,400 from the town.

V. CLP Active Management Costs: Onterra has estimated the projected cost for herbicide treatment for 30 acres in the SW bay of the lake to be at \$27K. Of this amount \$8K could be covered by our CLP EDR grant and another \$5.4K by the town's Lakes Committee funds (see IV). Herbicide treatment is contingent upon DNR approval, and the cost of \$27K could change depending on new CLP surveys in spring of 2017.

VI. Additional Monies Available to LLPRD: Based on funds already guaranteed for CLP treatment (\$8K from DNR grant and \$5.4K from St. Germain) we are still short \$13.6K of the needed \$27K. In addition, if we do not get a DNR grant to help pay for our proposed 2017 Lake Study, we will need an additional \$23K. Additional areas of revenue discussed were asking for donations for AIS management from lake property owners and additional help from the LLCC. On a motion by Southwick, seconded by Truppe, the committee unanimously passed a resolution to request the LLCC forgive the \$6,000 loan we received from them in October of 2015. This request will be taken up at the LLCC's meeting on Aug. 4.

VII. 2017 Budget Discussion/Action: Treasurer Truppe gave commissioners his Proposed 2017 Budget document and then gave an overview of our existing bank account balance and projected revenue from property tax payments. Projected revenues were figured using last year's \$20K levy compared to an increased levy. After much discussion Anderson motioned and Southwick seconded that the LLPRD set the 2017 budget at \$74,345. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. 2016 Tax Levy Discussion/Action: After reviewing budgeted amounts and projected revenues, Chairmen Ulett asked each commissioner his/her opinion on what the LLPRD needed as far as a 2016 property tax levy. After hearing all responses Southwick motioned, and Truppe seconded, that the LLPRD propose a 2016 tax levy of \$30,000. Motion passed unanimously. The 2015 levy was \$20,000.

IX. Other Concerns/Comments: Heeler stated there has been little response to his email request for boat inspectors at our landing for our CBCW grant. If we do not get 82 hours of volunteers inspectors we will lose some of the \$3200 advance funds we paid to UW-O. He will send another email to lake owners requesting help.

Anderson reported on the workshop he had attended on treatment repercussions of using the herbicide 2-4-D on EWM. It was noted that the herbicide we would be using for our CLP treatment will not be 2-4-D.

The LLPRD newsletter/proposed 2017 budget/elector meeting agenda and invitation needs to be sent out by August 21 in order to make the deadline for the Elector meeting to be held at Vanderort Park at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 4, 2016. Ulett will get the current mailing addresses of lake property owners, and he and Heeler will put together the invitation letter to electors.

X. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Heeler

Acting Secretary