

Lost Lake Preservation & Rehabilitation District

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

October 20, 2016

I. Commissioner Ulett called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. Roll call was taken:

Present: Commissioners Ulett, Guckenberg, Heeler, Truppe, Anderson, Ritter

Absent: Commissioner Rameker

Audience: Webb Southwick

III. Minutes approval of September 4, 2016 commissioner's meeting: Motion by Heeler to approve, second by Guckenberg. Minutes approved as amended.

IV. Treasurer's Report: Truppe reported the district has \$22,876.98 in the checking account plus he received a property tax payment today from the town in the amount of \$6,591.23 bringing the balance to \$29,468.21. He also paid Guckenberg \$17.11 tonight for marker buoy supplies.

V. Review of AIS issues: Ritter presented a review of AIS issues saying the DNR is being more hesitant to issue herbicide permits because in some cases CLP goes away on its own, some studies have shown no difference between herbicide treated lakes and non-treated lakes, and other studies suggest herbicides may cause damage to other plants and animals. On the other hand, our lake management consultant, Onterra, generally has seen positive results with herbicides. We have time to decide our approach as herbicide permits do not have to be submitted until March, and our district along with the Little St. Germain district will be scheduling a meeting with the DNR's Kevin Gauthier to discuss AIS options. Heeler will coordinate this meeting with the other people with a mid-January time thought to be best for us.

VI. Updates and action on grant applications:

A. CBCW grant for 2017: Motion made by Heeler, second Anderson to apply for CBCW grant using UW Oshkosh interns to inspect boats at boat landing for the summer of 2017. Passed unanimously. Grant is due in by December 10 with Ulett to contact Cathy Higley at Vilas Cty to start the process.

B. EDR grant for CLP: Nothing to report as no active management occurred in 2016.

C. Lake Planning Grant: Ulett reported that he has been in contact with Onterra, and they are moving ahead with the grant application which is due in December. This lake study will tell us more about our lake since the discovery of AIS, and the study is needed if we want to receive more grants for fighting AIS.

VII. Update on other AIS grants: Nothing to report.

VIII. Other concerns/comments:

A. St. Germain Lakes Committee: This town committee will be increasing its meetings to every-other-month so will now need two primary and one alternate Lost Lake appointee that are able to attend most meetings. On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Ritter, Heeler and Guckenber were appointed as primary attendees; and on a motion by Ritter, seconded by Truppe, Anderson was appointed as the alternate attendee.

B. Heeler reported that Steve Gilbert the DNR fisheries manager for Vilas Cty has advised him that the DNR has discontinued stocking Lost Lake with walleye but will continue with muskie (544 planted this fall). Anderson suggested, and Ulett agreed, that our chair should contact Mr. Gilbert requesting the reasoning behind this decision and what can be done to resume DNR walleye stocking.

C. Heeler reported that 5 marker buoys have been purchased through Rolyan Buoys of Cedarburg, WI for \$119 each. The funds for payment came from our Wildlife Club escrow account. Lost Lake volunteers will pick up the buoys and deliver them to the lake.

D. Heeler reminded the commissioners of the AIS Partners Meeting set up by Vilas Cty on October 28 starting at 10 a.m. in the Boulder Jct Community Building. The meeting will cover what is being done to fight AIS. Guckenber will be attending but others are welcome.

E. Anderson expressed his support to the changes made (and being made) to the Town Lakes Committee chaired by Ted Ritter.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Heeler

Acting Secretary