

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
May 4, 2023, APPROVED Minutes
7:00 p.m. St. Germain Community Building

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Eckerman called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.
- 2. Verify Posting of Meeting:** Heeler stated the agenda was posted on 04/23/23 in kiosks at the Post Office, Community Building, and Camp's Market.
- 3. Roll Call:** Quorum was established.
Present: Heeler, Ritter, Anderson, Eckerman, Guckenberg, and Truppe
Excused: Ulett
Others Present: Eric Eade, Eddie Heath of Onterra via Zoom
- 4. Approval Feb 2 and April 24, 2023, Meeting Minutes:** On motion to approve Feb 2 minutes by Eckerman, second Truppe, the motion carried. On motion to approve April 24 minutes by Eckerman, second Ritter, the motion carried.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Truppe handed out the 3rd fiscal quarter ending report (ended 2/28/23) showing checks deposited of \$2,250.00 (CBCW grant reimbursement), and \$2,543.56 and \$2,411.28 for property tax distribution. Checks written since starting the 4th fiscal quarter include \$3,570.48 to UW-O for CBCW summer interns, \$176.00 to Eckerman for entry fee to Lakes and Rivers Conf, and \$256.00 and \$276.84 to Eric Eade for entry fee and lodging to Lakes and Rivers Conf in Stevens Point.
- 6. Public Comments:** None
- 7. EWM/CLP Treatment/Containment Planning:** To start our Aquatic Plant Management Planning Meeting-2, Eddie Heath from Onterra presented Power Point slides on possible changes to our plan after consultation with our partners of the DNR, LDF, and GLWIC during our April 24 meeting. He reviewed our 2019 Lake Management Plan's four goals including: managing AIS, managing water quality, increasing communication, and the improving the fishery on Lost Lake. Our new plan will update the first two goals, managing AIS and water quality. The other two 2019 goals have already been covered. **Goal 1 (AIS)** will be to prevent the establishment of new AIS populations in the lake via of boat inspections or other techniques at the landing. In addition, other action steps for this goal will be to (A) Monitor all lake vegetation for population rises and falls every three years via point intercept surveys; (B) Monitor CLP every other year starting with this year. (C) Monitor EWM every year. (Seeing that the DNR stated at the April 24 meeting that herbicide treatments are not being allowed due to Lost Creek's wild rice, another possible AIS removal option is mechanical harvesting. (D) Perform full-lake aquatic plant mapping every 5 years. (E) Manage AIS to prevent it from negatively impacting recreation, navigation, and aesthetics using a "trigger point" to start remediation. **Goal 2 is to manage water clarity** with action steps of (A) Monitor water for clarity and composition via volunteer water collectors and possible DNR /Town of St. Germain assistance for testing water samples. (B) Continue to test Stella Lake water to make sure AIS and other negative water influences are not present there. (3) Consider professional assistance in combating heavy algae growth via of possible DNR grant which could lead to possible water treatment or other options to reduce algae. Heath will have an Onterra water-study proposal and draft plan for our updated Aquatic Plant Management Plan ready by July.
- 8. Update on 04/24/23 Meeting with DNR, LDF, and Other Lake Stakeholders:** Eckerman referred to just-approved minutes from the 04/24/23 meeting for those wanting detailed info on the APMP Meeting-1.
- 9. Report on Lakes and Rivers Conference in Stevens Point:** Eckerman reported that he and Eade attended the conference that was attended by many ranking DNR and government officials. The opportunity to meet and greet these officials as well as many other lake stakeholders during education seminars was immense. Eckerman attended sessions on water quality, fisheries, and updates to the state's SWIMS system. Eade reported on attending sessions on WI's Public Trust Doctrine, shoreline development, and dam maintenance and rules. Both thanked the LLPRD for the opportunity to attend the conference.
- 10. Action/Discussion to Move Some of Checking Account to a CD:** With CD's now at high interest rates, Eckerman discussed the idea of moving some checking account money to a CD now that the DNR has nixed any idea of high cost herbicide treatment this year. Truppe made motion to move \$75,000 from checking account to a 12 month CD at Nicolet Bank at rate just over 4%, second, Guckenberg: motion passed unanimously.
- 11. Training Dates for Volunteers to Collect Lake Water Samples:** Eckerman has set May 12 at our boat landing to have a DNR representative instruct LLPRD volunteers (Eckerman, Guckenberg, and Eade) how to collect lake water samples and use the Secchi disc for water clarity checks.

- 12. 2023 CBCW update:** Heeler reported that the LLPRD has been approved for another CBCW DNR grant for 2023. UW-Oshkosh has sent a schedule of its interns for boat inspections at our landing. Heeler emphasized that we will again need 84 hours of Lost Lake volunteer boat inspections to meet the grant requirements. Anyone wishing to spend an hour or two checking boats at landing this summer/fall should contact him for open times and the paperwork needed to record contacts. As reported by Onterra, our participation in CBCW is crucial to being awarded lake-rehabilitation grants by the DNR.
- 13. Review Action Steps of 2019 LMP for Stella Lake AIS Info:** After Secchi disk/water sampling training by DNR staff on May 12, LLPRD members Eckerman, Guckenberger and Eade plan to take readings at Stella Lake every other week during the summer.
- 14. Records Retention/Dissemination/Pricing for Open Records Requests:** Eckerman talked to a state attorney at the Lakes and Rivers conference who suggested all open records data retrieval go through our secretarial service who will charge the requester an appropriate fee for the work. Anderson made a motion, 2nd Truppe, to have Eckerman and Ritter draft a written policy for open records requests to be placed on our web page on the town's website, motion carried.
- 15. St. Germain Lakes Committee Update:** Eade presented info on the Town's Lake Committee activities including discussions on the following: (1) WI Lakes Public Trust Doctrine and its effect in helping to prevent damage to lakes by enhanced wake boats. (2) The status of the town's campground zoning which now is proposed to allow only current campgrounds to increase density regulations. (3) The Lake's Committee supplying watercraft rental agencies with key tags and other information with boating laws and responsibilities.
- 16. Adjournment:** Eckerman adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Gary Heeler
LLPRD Secretary