

**Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**  
**Annual Electors' Meeting UNAPPROVED Minutes**  
**Vandervort Park, September 3, 2023, 11:00 a.m.**

**1.** The Annual Meeting of the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was called to order by Chairperson Eckerman at 11:00 a.m.

**2. Roll Call:** Present: Commissioners Ulett, Truppe, Heeler, Ritter, Eckerman, and Anderson.

Excused: Guckenberger

Also Present: There were 32 other District members present.

**3. 2022 Minutes Approval:** On a motion by Georgie Southwick, seconded by Bill Rameker, the minutes of the 2022 Electors' Meeting were unanimously approved.

**4. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Truppe explained his 08-31-2023` Treasurer's Report showing deposits made and checks he had written from 08-31-22 to 08-31-23. The account (see attachment) showed the District had \$118,187.23 in its checking account as of 08-31-22 but that amount has decreased to \$47,753.28 as of 08-31-23. Much of the decrease was due to a \$75,000 CD taken out through Nicolet Bank of Eagle River. Adding the CD money to the checking account shows \$116,753.28 total funds.

**5. Audit Report:** Jim Jandrain of the Audit Committee presented the report. Full copies of the report were distributed (and attached); a summary of the report includes the following: **(1)** Checking account and other figures agreed with minutes and treasurer's reports. **(2)** All minutes of the LLPRD were reviewed and found to be approved, and all motions were approved and passed. It was noted that a written policy on open records requests was to be discussed at July 6 meeting, but it was not acted upon and will be instead discussed at the October 11 meeting. (The date is incorrect on the attachment.) **(3)** The annual budget appears to be consistent in scope with adjustments where necessary. **(4)** The Audit Committee again requests all meeting minutes and financial transactions be sent to them on a quarterly basis, and **(5)** The committee recommends the LLPRD continue to levy taxes enough to combat AIS and provide funds for all other lake maintenance expenses without borrowing funds. Commissioners thanked the Audit Committee members, Jim Jandrain, Andrea Thomas, and Josh Hessing for their work.

**6. Concern or Comments by Attendees on Items NOT on the Agenda:** Don Schmidt spoke to the issue of a floating-type bog in front of his house to the south of Found Creek. Eckerman stated that this issue will be on the October 11, LLPRD meeting. **Chairman Eckerman** thanked Lost Creek dam keeper Jack Peil for controlling the lake level and doing maintenance on the dam. **Georgie Southwick** expressed her concerns on the damage waterski-type wake boats are doing to our lake. **Paul Novorolsky** asked if PFAS (forever-type chemicals) are being checked for in Lost Lake. Eckerman will consult with our lake consultant, Onterra. **Skip Raisor** also expressed his concerns over wake boats on our lake. **Eckerman** stated that the LLPRD is planning a new in-depth lake water study in 2024-25, and we will need volunteers to collect and ship water samples to UW-Madison. He urged any lake person interested in helping with this project to contact him (jjack@charter.net). He also noted that the DNR will be checking our boat landing for possible future work in the shallow water approaching the landing.

**7. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Report:** Chairperson Eckerman reported on AIS activities mentioning that the DNR continues to deny any herbicide-type treatment options leaving us with only mechanical harvesting as an option which is very expensive. We continue to have populations of curly leaf pondweed (CLP) in our western bay and Eurasian water milfoil in our eastern bay. Our lake consultant, Onterra was on the lake on August 29 and 30 documenting areas of high levels of AIS and will be reporting to us what they found.

**8. Clean Boats Clean Waters Report:** Commissioner Heeler reported that the UW Oshkosh interns who were checking boats at our landing during the summer have finished their time with us. It is now up to our volunteers to continue greeting boaters at the landing. The LLPRD is in need of 84 hours of volunteer hours

in order to have a DNR grant pay for the intern's time. Eric and Ginger Eade have been volunteering at the landing but we are still in need of more volunteer/hours at the landing. If you can volunteer time at the landing please reply to this email or call/text Heeler at 920-860-1660 to arrange a time to get the paperwork and CBCW vests to use at the landing.

**9. St. Germain Lakes Committee Report:** Committee member Eric Eade reported on issues the St. Germain Lakes Committee is working on: (1) Some area towns are trying to limit where "wake boats" can be used due to harm they may cause to shallow lakes and shorelines, but due to the state's Public Trust Doctrine, the issue will most likely only be settled by a change of laws by the state. (2) The problem of rental units exceeding capacity of septic systems is another issue the committee is addressing that the state will have to get involved with to prevent lake-side rentals possibly polluting our lakes. (3) The Lakes Committee has produced a Boater Safety poster for rental agencies and other interested parties. Eade dropped off copies of the poster (see attached) at the check-in table for interested parties to take home. (4) The Town Fisheries Sub-committee has met with resistance from the DNR to work with the town committee as a whole; instead, the DNR prefers to work with lakes on an individual basis. (5) Eade stressed the need for more volunteers to help with lake projects. He mentioned the state Lakes Conference in Stevens Point as a way to get involved with issues facing all area lakes.

**10. Presentation/Vote on Proposed 2024 Budget:** Treasurer Truppe presented the proposed 2024 LLPRD budget showing \$13,600 for non-AIS expenses and \$81,600 for AIS expenses, with the expectation that most of the AIS budget for active management (herbicide/harvesting etc.) would most likely never be approved by the DNR. Truppe also listed the 2022 carryover amount as \$109,100 and 2024 revenues projected at \$22,600. A motion by Georgie Southwick, second Bill Rameker, to approve the proposed \$95,200 budget was approved on a unanimous vote by electors.

**11. Presentation/Vote on Proposed 2023 Tax Levy:** Based on the 2024 budget, carry-over funds, and expected revenues, Truppe and LLPRD Board proposed a tax levy of \$7,000 to support 2024 spending. On a motion by Bill Rameker, second Georgie Southwick, the motion to set the 2023 tax levy at \$7,000 passed unanimously by electors.

**12. Election to Fill Expiring Term of Commissioner Eckerman:** Nominations were taken from the floor by Commissioner Anderson. John Eckerman was nominated by Eric Eade. Anderson called three more times for nominations from the floor but none were received. A secret ballot was taken and Eckerman was elected by unanimous vote to a three-year term. While votes were being counted a question was asked who should be contacted in case a boating or other lake violation is being observed. Commissioners responded by saying call the WI Warden Tip Line at 1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367) or you can call the Vilas County Sheriff's non-emergency number at 715-479-4441. Depending on the violation being observed, the sheriff's dispatcher can radio a DNR warden for faster response.

**19. Set Date, Time, and Location of 2024 Annual Elector Meeting:** After minimal discussion, the electors agreed to hold the 2024 Electors' Meeting at the same place, day, and time as this year's meeting. Therefore next year's meeting will be held on Sunday, September 1, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Vandervort Park.

**20. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m

Minutes prepared by Gary Heeler---LLPRD Secretary