

## Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

### Annual Elector's Meeting Minutes-- Vandervort Park

September 2, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

1. The Annual Meeting of the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was called to order by Chairperson Ulett at 11:04 a.m.

#### 2. Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Ulett, Truppe, Heeler, Eckerman, Guckenberg, Ritter and Anderson.

Absent: None

Also Present: There were 27 other District members present, plus Dan Jacoby of the WI DNR.

**3-4. Agenda Approval/Boat Landing Improvement:** Due to special guest Dan Jacoby's attendance, the Boat Landing Upgrade report was moved up on the agenda. Mr Jacoby, in charge of 100s of area boat landings, explained his vision for keeping the Lost Lake landing in its natural surroundings but also upgrading it to allow better in and out traffic as well as additional parking areas. He proposed a three step approach: This fall the in and out roads would be brushed out, widened, and the roads would be re-graveled and leveled. Step 2 (2019) would involve creating additional gravel parking spaces on either the north or south entrance road and also installing new concrete ramps in the lake next to the pier. Step three (2020) the parking area on north or south entrance road not completed in 2019 would now be constructed. Mr. Jacoby stated that by doing the landing upgrades over three years the DNR will pay for all improvements. Judging from audience comments, everyone thought the plan was a necessary step for our boat landing.

**5. 2017 Minutes Approval:** On a motion by Georgie Southwick, seconded by Jack Peil the minutes of the 2017 Annual Elector meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Truppe passed out copies of his latest Treasurer's Report showing deposits made and checks he had written from 09-03-17 to 09-02-18. The account showed the District had \$21,492.62 in its checking account as of 09-03-17 but that amount was reduced to \$8,235.80 as of 09-02-18. He also stated the District has \$8,001.81 in its St. Germain/Sayner Wildlife Club escrow account.

**7. Audit Report:** Mel Schultz of Audit Committee presented the report. A full copy is attached but a summary of the report includes the following: **1)** Checking account and other figures agreed with minutes and treasurer's reports. **2)** Minutes of 01/04/18 were approved "with minor changes" but changes were not listed. **3)** When choosing a bidder for projects, all bids and prices should be included in minutes. **4)** Some checks were written out of order due to use of two check books, which should be avoided if possible. **5)** The budget item "mailings and office expense" had an amount of \$1,000, but the amount spent was \$1,794, so it is recommended to transfer \$800 from Weed Removal budget to this account and increase the "mailings" account in 2019. Also, add a "Miscellaneous" account to future budgets. **6)** It is recommended to add an "Onterra" budget category to keep all Onterra expenses in one category. **7)** Due to less than expected revenues in 2018, it is recommended that the Board consider increasing the tax levy in 2019 in case of any unexpected expenses. **8)** The Board should continue to send timely minutes and bank statements to the Audit Committee. \*\*As a final comment, Mr Schultz announced his and other Audit Committee resignations. As such, the District is now asking for any interested individuals with a background in banking or other audit type duties to contact Chairperson Ulett if you might be interested in serving on this committee. Mr Schultz will also help with transition of new committee members.

**8. Aquatic Invasive Species Report:** Chairperson Ulett reported on the delay in getting DNR approval for the spring treatment of Curly leaf pondweed (CLP) but the June treatment was deemed successful by LLPRD observers. Our lake consultant Onterra will be giving a more detailed follow-up report later this fall. On September 13 the LLPRD will be meeting with Onterra to discuss new grants to help pay for costs associated with treatment plans for both the AIS we have in Lost Lake. The two current grants we are operating under will end in 2019.

**9. Lake Planning Study Report:** Chairperson Ulett reported that the Lake Planning Study has to be completed before the LLPRD can be awarded further grants for AIS control. As the treatment of CLP mentioned in 8 (above) is a three to four year process, the District will be meeting with Onterra on Sept 13 to find out more about future AIS treatment grants as well as the progress of the Lake Study.

**10. Clean Boats Clean Waters Report:** Commissioner Heeler reported that the UW Oshkosh interns who were checking boat at our landing during the summer have now finished their time with us. It is now up to our group of volunteers to continue with boat inspections through the mid-October. The LLPRD is in need of 80 hours of volunteer boat inspection hours in order to have a grant, not the LLPRD, pay for all of the intern's time. It was also discussed that this may be the last year of UWO boat inspectors as the program has been running into problems getting enough interns to staff all landing they commit to. Heeler suggested volunteer inspectors work in pairs to help get the hours needed, and that anyone (including people new to the CBCW program) can contact him about getting the paperwork and CBCW vests to use at the landing.

**11. Boat Landing Upgrade Report:** Part of this agenda item was addressed in items 3-4 (above) with the discussion of boat landing parking, road, and ramp improvements. A second item of boat landing upgrade was presented by Commissioner Heeler. He presented the possibility of installing a high-tech video/audio monitor at the landing that will capture video of all persons launching a boat at the landing and simultaneously upload the info to a remote website. This may be very useful now that UWO interns boat inspectors may not be available in the future. Already the Town of Plum Lake and other groups are using this system at selected boat landing. The system called I-LIDS (Internet Landing Installed Device Sensor) is solar powered, strongly built to resist vandalism, and delivers an audio message when activated ("Welcome to Lost Lake" etc). The system sells for about \$8K, plus requires a user charge of about \$275/month for the months it is in use. The state may fund a grant for half of the installation charge (\$4K) and the Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee will approach the Town for additional funding (\$2-4K?). If these other funding options would be realized, the cost to the LLPRD would be at most \$2K plus monthly user charges. Georgie Southwick suggested that the Community Club could possibility fund the remainder of the installation costs if need be. Questions were asked about privacy, vandalism, and insurance of the unit: Ritter said the state has thoroughly vetted the system as for privacy concerns and thus has allowed them at its boat landing, and the system has been in use for many years, so new systems are very vandal-resistant. As for insurance, this system would fall under the District's existing insurance policy. There were no objections to the I-LIDS system by electors so the LLPRD will continue to investigate this new device.

**12. Review of 2019 Budget:** Treasurer Truppe presented the proposed 2019 LLPRD budget showing estimated expenses in 2019 to be \$60,970.00 (\$56,770 for AIS abatement) with carryover funds from 2018 to be \$29,200.00 and 2019 revenue projected at \$50,200.00. He added that due to the audit report recommendation and with CLP showing up in other areas of the lake, additional funds may be required.

**13. Vote by Electors to Approve/Disapprove 2019 Budget:** On a motion by Marv Anderson, second by Jack Peil, Mr. Anderson's motion to increase the presented 2019 budget by \$6,000.00 to \$66,970.00 passed unanimously by the electors.

**14. Vote by Electors to Approve/Disapprove 2018 Tax Levy:** On a motion by Georgie Southwick, second Mel Schultz, Ms. Southwick's motion to set the tax levy at \$36,000.00 (an increase of \$6,000.00 to support the increased budget amount) passed unanimously by electors.

**15. Other Concerns of Electors:** Dirk Peterson asked when property owners would get results back from the lake survey they completed last fall. Chairperson Ulett said our lake management consultant Onterra will be getting the info to us later this fall, and we will email results to all lake people.

**16. Election to Fill Expiring Terms of Commissioners Heeler and Ulett:** Nominations were taken from the floor. John Eckerman nominated Gary Heeler. Jim Guckenberger nominated Jim Ulett. Marilyn Walters nominated Jack Peil, who declined the nomination due to being away from the lake all winter. No other nominations were brought forward. A secret ballot was taken and Gary Heeler and Jim Ulett were elected to three year terms.

**17. Set Date, Time, and Location of 2019 Annual Elector Meeting:** After minimal discussion, it was decided to hold the 2019 Electors' Meeting on same day and time as this year's meeting. Therefore next year's meeting will be held on Sunday, September 1, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Vandervort Park.

**18. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Gary Heeler

LLPRD Secretary

PENDING APPROVAL