

Lost Lake Preservation & Rehabilitation District

Board of Commissioners

Meeting Minutes

February 24, 2015

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

II. Roll Call was taken:

Present: Commissioners Ulett, Southwick, Heeler; Anderson (town liaison), Hennes (county liaison).

Absent: Commissioners Rameker, Truppe (Truppe was in contact via speakerphone).

Also Present: Linda Heeler, Webb Southwick.

III. **Minutes:** The minutes of the October 23, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Southwick.

IV. **Treasurer's Report:** A copy of the treasurer's report was handed out to all. Truppe explained the report via speaker phone.

V. **AIS Issues:** Ulett discussed the possibility of raising the district's mill rate in the future because of declining grant dollars available. A suggestion for the May agenda was to include a discussion of raising the 2016 LLPRD levy. It was stressed that at the annual meeting it would be necessary to show how the different tax rates would affect lake property owners. Ulett has also been in contact with Many Waters weed harvesters to harvest weeds in early June. It was recommended to use the diver-assisted suction system vs. the snorkeling method. A second harvesting may be necessary in late summer. Ulett will check on other harvesters in the state and their availability in case Many Waters is unable to work with us or the cost is prohibitive.

VI. **Grant Applications:** Heeler reported we are currently involved with two grants. One is an AIS early detection and eradication grant, of which we received our advanced payment of \$4599.38. The second grant is a CBCW grant in which we just received reimbursement of \$1300 for the 2014 grant year. For the 2015 CBCW grant we will be paying up front money of \$4530 by 5/22/15 to UW-Oshkosh for its interns to do boat inspections at our boat landing this summer. If we have enough volunteer boat inspectors at our landing, most of that money will be returned to us by the state grant. Finally, Onterra will be billing us in the neighborhood of \$6000 which will be reimbursed by the Early Detection and Eradication Grant. Authorization for this Onterra billing will be moved to the second quarter commissioner's meeting.

VII. **Lost Lake Dam Contract:** Heeler reported that the LLPRD is now in charge of control and maintenance of the dam as per the new contract signed with Vilas County. This contract renews annually automatically unless one party declines.

VIII. **Lake Leaders Program:** Anderson reported on the WI Lake Leaders program in hopes that some lake residents would volunteer for the program. The program will help participants gain a better understanding of lake ecology and how to work with state and local governments to assure lakes get the attention they deserve. Southwick will include this information in the LLCC spring newsletter.

- IX. **Walleye Purchase:** Southwick made a motion to authorize the purchase of 1500 extended growth walleye for fall planting in Lost Lake at an approximate cost of \$3000 which will be paid through our Sayner St. Germain Wildlife Club escrow account. Heeler seconded the motion. Motion passed. Heeler will apply for the DNR permit and contact the fish farms for pricing.
- X. **Weed Harvest Authorization:** Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Southwick to authorize Ulett to engage Many Waters as our preferred weed harvester for 2015, set dates for harvestings, and authorize a dollar amount. Motion passed.
- XI. **Next Meeting and Annual Meeting:** The regular 2nd quarter meeting will be on Thursday, May 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Germain Community Center. The Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, July 5 at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Germain Community Center.
- XII. **Announcements:** Southwick will include CWCB training information in the LLCC Spring Newsletter. Heeler will include our lake district website information in the LLCC Spring Newsletter, and Ulett will include LLPRD news in the LLCC newsletter.
- XIII. Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Heeler, Acting Secretary