

**Lost Lake Preservation & Rehabilitation District
Board of Commissioners
1st Quarter Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2015**

I. Chairman Ulett called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

II. The Secretary took the Roll:

Present: Commissioners Ulett, Rameker, Heeler, Truppe, Southwick, Anderson and Hennes.

Absent: None.

Also Present: John Eckerman, Jim Guckenberg, Mel Schutlz, Kay Schultz and Jack Peil.

III. **Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioner Southwick moved, seconded by Commissioner Truppe, to approve the Minutes of the February 23, 2015 Meeting of the Board of Commissioners. The Motion passed unanimously.

IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Commissioner Truppe presented the Treasurer's Report. See the attached copy of the Treasurer's Report. The Chair asked Treasurer Truppe to explain yearly projected income and expenses. He stated that Onterra projected a \$24,000 cost over three years, of which we will receive \$18,000 from the State, or 75% reimbursement. Our fixed costs/expenses are about \$2,500. Our tax levy is income of \$6,000. However, we are incurring additional expenses due to EWM/AIS.

The Chair commented that Onterra recommends a second harvesting of the weeds in the fall. Commissioner Heeler asked how many days was Many Waters committed to doing weed harvesting. Chairman Ulett said they are committed to one and one half days, which will occur in late June. Onterra will see if Many Waters can do two full days.

Jim Guckenberg said that he found four areas of curly leaf pond weed, and was told that the curly leaf pond weed seed pods need to be collected in June, before they drop to the bottom of the lake and start new plants.

Commissioner Heeler questioned who was requesting the state permit to do suctioning of the EWM. That is being dealt with by Onterra. Commissioner Heeler noted that even when grants are approved, many are not being fully funded by the State, due to a lack of available funds.

Commissioner Soutwick raised the question of whether the Lake District needed to raise the tax levy to cover the additional costs we potentially face due to the increased EWM/AIS. Chairman Ulett indicated that this may be a need that we will have to

address at the next meeting, when we consider the budget. Treasurer Truppe raised the issue of how much the Lake District can raise in advance to hold for treating EWM/AIS. Commissioners Anderson, Hennes and Rameker all agreed that it was limited to a \$15,000 fund. Commissioner Rameker stated that raising the levy to increase the funds to cover future costs in light of less funding from the State needed to be fully investigated before any increase in the levy or the creation of a special assessment. Commissioner Anderson noted that a special assessment can only be used for the designated purposes of the special assessment.

- V. **Control of EWM/AIS Issues.** In addition to what was discussed during the Treasurer's report, Commissioner Anderson suggested doing more harvesting to combat the EWM/AIS problems. Commissioner Heeler agreed with this position.
- VI. **2016 Budget and Tax Levy Increase.** Based on the prior discussion during the Treasurer's Report, Chairman Ulett directed the Treasurer to come up with an analysis of our needs for the 2016 budget in light of the EWM/AIS concerns discussed previously.
- VII. **Grant Application Issues.** Chairman Ulett stated that we need to cover organizing the Clean Boats Clean Lakes boat landing volunteers, and that we need to get more people involved. Contact is being made to the lake residents requesting their assistance, both individually by members of the Lake District, as well as through the Lost Lake Community Club and through email contacts.
- VIII. **Lost Lake Community Club.** There were no issues raised with regard to the Lost Lake Community Club.
- IX. **Lost Lake Dam.** There were no issues raised with regard to the Lost Lake dam.
- X. **Lake Leaders Program.** Commissioner Anderson addressed changes being made by the DNR which caused reason to defer this item. Chairman Ulett stated that the matter would be deferred to the next meeting.
- XI. **Next Meeting.** The next Meeting for 2015 will be July 5, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the St. Germain Community Center. The Annual Meeting, which was previously scheduled for that date and time will not take place, and will be rescheduled at the next Board meeting.
- XII. **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted:

William J. Rameker, Secretary