

Lost Lake Preservation & Rehabilitation District

Special Commissioner's Meeting Minutes-- St. Germain Community Building

August 4, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

I. Commissioner Ulett called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Roll Call was taken:

Present: Commissioners Ulett, Southwick, Heeler, Truppe, Anderson, Ritter.

Absent: Commissioner Rameker

Others Present: Jack Peil, Webb Southwick, Karen Anderson, Vilas County representatives Carolyn Scholl and Catherine Higley

III. Healthy Lake Grant Program: Carolyn Scholl explained a new Vilas County grant initiative on "Healthy Lakes" and its five components of (1) in-lake "fish sticks," (2) shoreline native plantings, (3) diversion of run-off waters, (4) rock infiltration practice, and (5) rain gardens. Carolyn requested the LLPRD's support in finding Lost Lake property owners willing to apply for this 25/75 DNR grant which would improve our shorelines and fish habitat. On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Southwick, the motion to support Vilas County's grant proposal passed unanimously. The district will include a pamphlet on "Healthy Lakes" in our annual newsletter to gauge support of lake property owners who might sign up for this grant. If the grant would be implemented, actual work on shorelines would not start until 2018.

IV. Update on Town of St. Germain Lakes Meeting: Heeler reported that at the July 12 Town Lakes meeting the committee passed a resolution providing area lake groups reimbursement for active AIS management (herbicide, DASH, hand-pulling) in the amount of 20% of the actual cost up to a maximum of \$10,000/year. Based on our projected costs of \$27K for CLP and \$10K for EWM we could receive reimbursement of \$7,400 from the town.

V. CLP Active Management Costs: Onterra has estimated the projected cost for herbicide treatment for 30 acres in the SW bay of the lake to be at \$27K. Of this amount \$8K could be covered by our CLP EDR grant and another \$5.4K by the town's Lakes Committee funds (see IV). Herbicide treatment is contingent upon DNR approval, and the cost of \$27K could change depending on new CLP surveys in spring of 2017.

VI. Additional Monies Available to LLPRD: Based on funds already guaranteed for CLP treatment (\$8K from DNR grant and \$5.4K from St. Germain) we are still short \$13.6K of the needed \$27K. In addition, if we do not get a DNR grant to help pay for our proposed 2017 Lake Study, we will need an additional \$23K. Additional areas of revenue discussed were asking for donations for AIS management from lake property owners and additional help from the LLCC. On a motion by Southwick, seconded by Truppe, the committee unanimously passed a resolution to request the LLCC forgive the \$6,000 loan we received from them in October of 2015. This request will be taken up at the LLCC's meeting on Aug. 7.

VII. 2017 Budget Discussion/Action: Treasurer Truppe gave commissioners his Proposed 2017 Budget document and then gave an overview of our existing bank account balance and projected revenue from property tax payments. Projected revenues were figured using last year's \$20K levy compared to an increased levy. After much discussion Anderson motioned and Southwick seconded that the LLPRD set the 2017 budget at \$70,345. Motion passed unanimously.

VIII. 2016 Tax Levy Discussion/Action: After reviewing budgeted amounts and projected revenues, Chairmen Ulett asked each commissioner his/her opinion on what the LLPRD needed as far as a 2016 property tax levy. After hearing all responses Southwick motioned, and Truppe seconded, that the LLPRD propose a 2016 tax levy of \$30,000. Motion passed unanimously. The 2015 levy was \$20,000.

IX. Other Concerns/Comments: Heeler stated there has been little response to his email request for boat inspectors at our landing for our CBCW grant. If we do not get 82 hours of volunteers inspectors we will lose some of the \$3200 advance funds we paid to UW-O. He will send another email to lake owners requesting help.

Anderson reported on the workshop he had attended on treatment repercussions of using the herbicide 2-4-D on EWM. It was noted that the herbicide we would be using for our CLP treatment will not be 2-4-D.

The LLPRD newsletter/proposed 2017 budget/elector meeting agenda and invitation needs to be sent out by August 21 in order to make the deadline for the Elector meeting to be held at Vanderort Park at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, September 4, 2016. Ulett will get the current mailing addresses of lake property owners, and he and Heeler will put together the invitation letter to electors.

X. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Heeler

Acting Secretary