

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2018, 7:00 p.m. St. Germain Community Building

1. **Call to Order:** Commissioner Ulett called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Quorum was established:

Present: Anderson, Eckerman, Guckenberg, Ritter, Ulett

Absent: Heeler, Truppe

Others Present: Webb Southwick, David Heeler, Paul Novorolsky,
Catherine Higley (Vilas Co. Land & Water Conservation,
Lake Conservation Specialist).

3. **Approval of February 19, 2018, Meeting Minutes:**

On Motion by Anderson, second Ritter, minutes of the February 19, 2018, LLPRD Special Meeting Minutes were approved.

4. **Treasurer's Report:**

Ulett presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Truppe.
Report was accepted for record.

5. **Reconsider proceeding with the 2018 Herbicide Permit Application:**

A great amount of discussion followed concerning the memo sent by the WDNR to Onterra detailing the WDNR's reluctance to approve a 2018 herbicide application permit to treat Lost Lake's curly leaf pondweed, apparently due to lower weed concentration in Lost Lake the past year.

Comments from Commissioners:

Guckenberg: Lost Lake is not unique in lower weed growth this past year, as the majority of the lakes had lower weed growth and they were not treated with Herbicide. AIS growth was observed in the fall of 2017 reoccurring in the treated bay, supporting the need for additional treatment to control.

Ritter: Stated in support that the gains made in the treatment and costs associated will be wasted if treatment is not continued. Onterra's report data shows treatment was well controlled, and effective.

Anderson: Read the WDNR's response to Onterra's and LLPRD report for meeting attendees to hear. He expressed frustration that it appears that the WDNR is now looking to stop the treatment with no substantiated data to support why. The WDNR knew this was a 3 to 5 year treatment when WDNR gave the initial permit after meetings with LLPRD and Onterra in 2017.

Ulett: Expressed his frustration, reiterating, the WDNR is giving no scientific evidence as to the concern that lake weeds appear to have gone down in general. Lakeland Times stated in an article that most lakes in Vilas county had lower weed grow last year, and not sure why.

Question was presented to Catherine Higley (Vilas County Lake conservation specialist):

Ritter: Can you find out as soon as possible, who from the WDNR makes the decision to Approve or Deny treatment and what the process is? Is the WDNR stopping all permits for chemical treatment in 2018? Relative to Anderson's comment that the WDNR has denied permit for North and South Twin Lakes for Eurasian Mill foil treatment. Catherine didn't think so.

Ulett suggested the LLPRD add a letter of our concerns to the WDNR with our application for treatment permit. All LLPRD commissioners (in attendance) agreed.

Question was presented, is the \$780 application refunded if application is denied?

Thought is no. Ulett will find out. Ulett will write the letter and offer for commissioner review before including it in permit.

Catherine Higley, and the commissioners were surprised that no WDNR representative was present at the meeting. Representative Kevin Gauthier resides in St. Germain.

After reconsideration of WDNR's memo to Onterra, a motion made by Anderson, second Guckenber, to enclose a letter of concern with the herbicide application permit and proceed with application for the AIS treatment. Include WDNR's Kevin Gauthier on Application.

Motion passed Unanimously.

6. Review/Action on current AIS Activities:

No action taken on this item.

7. Lake Planning Study – Progress/Nest steps:

Discussion on cost of Lake study was questioned. What would the impact be if AIS permit is denied? Ulett to follow up with Onterra and get back to the LLPRD commissioners, ASAP.

8. Open Meeting Law Compliance:

Anderson, currently a county commissioner on the North and South Twin Lakes District, discussed the steps they have taken on the Open Meetings Law Compliance. They have a Resolution for a Policy supported by Legal representative, which Anderson read at the meeting. After further discussion by commissioners, Anderson will craft a Resolution for a Policy for LLPRD that the commissioners can review at the next meeting.

9. CBCW training/refresher in St. Germain June 29, 2018 2 p.m.

Catherine Higley confirmed the date of June 29 but corrected the time as being 1-3 p.m.

10. Commissioner Comments/Updates:

Higley and Eckerman will be attending 2018 Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention in Stevens Point. April 18-20.

11. Public Comments:

Concerns on the condition of the Lost Lake boat ramp. WDNR controls the boat landing, LLPRD will forward concerns to WDNR. Ritter will contact Dan Jacoby who is the DNR's boat landing contact person on this concern and get back to commissioners next meeting.

12. Adjournment: 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Eckerman— Acting Secretary