

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

2nd Quarter Meeting APPROVED Minutes

May 3, 2019, 7 p.m. St. Germain Community Building

1. **Call to Order:** Commissioner Ulett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Quorum was established:
 - Present: Ulett, Heeler, Eckerman, Truppe, Ritter, Guckenber
 - Excused: Anderson
 - Others Present: DNR dam rep Jennifer Jefferson, Webb Southwick, Mel and Steve Schultz
3. **Approval of January 22, 2019, Meeting Minutes:**

On Motion by Eckerman, second Truppe, minutes of the Jan 22, 2019, LLPRD meeting minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** Copy of Treasurer's Report was handed out while Treasurer Truppe went over line items in report stating that at the Jan 22, 2019, district meeting the LLPRD had a balance of \$30,715.57 which has now grown to \$54,687.48 due to grant reimbursement, property tax levy, and other payments. Commissioner Ritter then presented the LLPRD a check in the amount of \$4,400.00 on behalf of the Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee to offset costs LLPRD incurred on the lake study we are currently working under.
5. **Public Comments:** None Given
6. **Discussion of Lost Creek Dam Concerns by Vilas County:** Guckenber reported on the Vilas County (VC) meeting he attended where the topic of VC selling the Lost Creek dam to the LLPRD was discussed. VC suggested that LLPRD purchasing the dam (for \$1) might be a good idea as then the LLPRD would have complete control of what happens to the dam rather than VC. Ritter did research showing that even though VC owns the dam, the Town of St. Germain owns the land on which the dam is located, and it was built in 1937. Jefferson of the DNR listed the steps needed to transfer dam ownership: 1. \$500 filing fee. 2. Certified survey of the parcel. 3. DNR inspection of dam. 4. Water level benchmarks need to be set (currently we have a 12" operating range). Jefferson says the DNR has no objections if the sale of the dam is pursued. Ulett questioned what owning the dam would do to our liability insurance costs, so he will contact our insurance agent to get costs and bring back findings to our next meeting.
7. **Update on 2019 AIS Progress and Implementation:** Ulett reported that if our lake consultant Onterra deems another herbicide treatment of the curly leaf pondweed is needed, all is in place and ready to go. Onterra will be doing a survey of the CLP shortly

to make that determination. As Lost Lake is targeted for native American spear fishing this spring, all spear fishing would have to be completed before herbicide application.

8. Update on DNR Grants:

A. New 2019-2021 AIS Control Grant: This spring the LLPRD was awarded a three-year DNR grant for AIS control with the total cost of the project at \$91,000 with the state grant paying for 75% of the cost. Ulett reported that Onterra is working on implementation of this grant.

B. Early Detection and Response (EDR) Grant--CLP: The District is in its last year of this EDR grant with it ending this June.

C. Lake Planning Study: Ulett stated nothing new to report.

D. 2019 CBCW Grant: Heeler stated that the LLPRD was awarded another CBCW grant for 2019 boat inspections. As this project is through a DNR grant, if lake volunteers put in 84 hours of boat inspections the DNR will reimburse all of the money paid for the 150 hours of UWO intern work. A training seminar for new or returning volunteer boat inspectors will be held at the St. Germain Community Building on Friday, June 28 at 1:00 p.m. Ritter suggested that due to the success of this program we should consider applying for it again in 2020.

9. Discussion of Draft LLPRD Policy Guidelines: Eckerman tabled this discussion until next meeting as Commissioner Anderson was not in attendance, and he had info from Vilas County Corp Consul as to questions about Contract Bidding requirements.

10. Commissioner Concerns/Updates: Heeler stated that the Town of St. Germain will be replacing the ageing public pier at Vandervort Park and also looking at repairing or replacing the shelter building. Ritter added that if building replacement is necessary the town will be looking for help paying the cost. Guckenberg stated he talked with the new DNR fisheries biologist about bluegill and walleye studies. DNR will be doing Lost Lake walleye electro-shocking study in 2021. Ritter suggested that the LLPRD establish a fisheries plan for Lost Lake with the help of the DNR fish biologist

11. Next Meeting: July 1, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Germain Community Building.

12. Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Heeler, LLPRD Secretary