

## Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

### 3rd Quarter Meeting APPROVED Minutes

July 1, 2019, 7 p.m. St. Germain Community Building

1. **Call to Order:** Commissioner Heeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Quorum was established:
  - Present: Heeler, Eckerman, Truppe, Ritter, Guckenberger, Anderson (phone)
  - Excused: Ulett
  - Others Present: Jack Peil
3. **Approval of May 3, 2019, Meeting Minutes:**

On Motion by Truppe, second Eckerman, minutes of the May 3, 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 May 3, 2019, district meeting the LLPRD had a balance of \$54,687.48 which has now decreased to \$46,605.13 due to checks written to Onterra (2), Business Connections, and Vilas County.
5. **Public Comments:** None Given
6. **Update on Lost Creek Dam Ownership:** Heeler explained that Ritter and he met at the dam on June 20 with DNR Rep Jennifer Jefferson as she did a required inspection of the dam before a transfer can take place. The dam was in very good shape except for some minor erosion problems. Vilas County Land/Water Committee has voted that the LLPRD should pay the \$500 dam transfer fee should the dam change hands because the LLPRD initiated the idea of the sale. This statement is incorrect as a Vilas Cty rep asked Heeler in April if the LLPRD would agree to own the dam. Anderson and Ritter discussed different approaches to meeting with the county. It was decided that Heeler will contact Jay Verhulst of Vilas Cty requesting to meet with the Land/Water Committee at a time when Ritter, Jefferson, and he can all attend. (Email sent to Verhulst on 7-02-19 with no reply yet.) Ritter suggested and commissioners agreed that the electors at our annual meeting shall vote on the proposed purchase of the dam with a possible \$1000 cost to be associated with the purchase.
7. **Update on EWM/CLP and Herbicide Results:** Onterra reports that the CLP herbicide application done in spring seems to have been very effective as they spotted few CLP plants in the treatment area when they performed a whole-lake check for CLP on June 13. Truppe responded in agreement saying he is finally seeing native cabbage weed in places where only CLP was in past few years. Onterra did find CLP in two other areas of the lake, but not in great numbers. As for Eurasian water milfoil (EWM), lake users are

seeing much more of this invasive plant in the lake. Onterra stated they were not looking for EWM on June 13 because that plant is a late bloomer, so they will be back in August to map it when the EWM is at its peak. Due to EWM's seemingly expanded presence, the LLPRD will contact Onterra to find out what future control options may entail.

**8. Update on DNR Grants:**

**A. Early Detection and Response (EDR) Grant--CLP:** Onterra recommended that the LLPRD extend this grant (that was to end on June 30) until Dec of 2019, and the DNR agreed to the extension. Onterra will use this time so that they can present a report on our battle with CLP to all lake property owners at the annual meeting in September or at another time. Commissioners questioned whether Onterra staff would be available on for our annual meeting on Labor Day weekend (Sunday, Sept 1 at 11 a.m.), and that perhaps a power point-type presentation could be used instead.

**B. Lake Planning Study:** Heeler reported that he will send out the final tabulated results of the questionnaire that was sent out to all property owners at the beginning of this grant two years ago.

**C. 2019 CBCW Grant:** Heeler stated that several area residents were in attendance at the just-completed CBCW training that was held in St. Germain, and that we've already had volunteers performing boat inspections at our refurbished landing along with the paid interns.

**9. Discussion of Draft LLPRD Policy Guidelines:** Eckerman led this discussion asking commissioners for their input on various policy guidelines on bidding, reimbursements, and other issues. Commissioners offered suggestions, and Eckerman will revise the draft copy per suggestions and bring it back to the commissioners at a later meeting.

**10. Update on Boat landing Improvements:** Heeler updated commissioners on our boat landing improvements saying the DNR along with local contractor Jeremy Rappa did an outstanding job adding four new angle parking spots this summer. Originally, we thought we would have to pay for a portion of the upgrades, but Dan Jacoby of the DNR found money in his budget to fund the entire project.

**11. 2020 Budget and Levy, Elector Meeting Agenda:** Truppe reported that he has been in contact with Onterra getting projected expenses for next year's costs to the district. Although some of the expenses were given, other are still up in the air until we get a better idea of AIS costs, especially if EWM needs to be addressed next summer. Commissioners agreed to schedule a meeting in later July (30<sup>th</sup>) to finalize a proposed budget and other info pertaining to the annual meeting.

**12. Commissioner Concerns/Updates:** Heeler questioned the process for purchasing walleye through the Sayner/St. Germain Fish and Wildlife Club as to bidding process with the fish farm. Ritter gave him a contact person to check with. Guckenbergh questioned the apparent movement of marker buoys by high wind around the rock bars. Ritter gave him info as to legality of marker buoy placement and contact info.

**13. Next Meeting:** Tentatively set for July 30, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Germain Community Building.

**14. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gary Heeler, LLPRD Secretary