

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

APPROVED Minutes

July 30, 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: Heeler, Eckerman, Truppe, Ritter, Guckenberger (phone),
Anderson, Ulett.

Absent: None

Others Present: Marilyn Hessing, Keith Scholle

3. Approval of July 3, 2019, Meeting Minutes:

On Motion by Anderson, second Truppe, minutes of the July 1, 2019, LLPRD meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Truppe went over line items in report stating that at the July 1, 2019, district meeting the LLPRD had a balance of \$46,605.13 which has now decreased to \$23,699.51 due to checks written to Clean Lakes LLC, Business Connections, Sayner/St. Germain Wildlife Club, and WI state Lab of Hygiene. The printed report shows two checks written to Business Connection for the same amount (\$9.74) but the correct number is only one.

5. Public Comments: None Given

6. Lost Creek Dam Ownership Update and Resolution Document: Ritter spoke of lack of communication from county to-date dealing with dam transfer. He also produced a Dam Resolution document he suggested electors at our annual meeting approve before any dam transfer takes place. Ulett has spoken to the Vilas County rep, Jay Verhulst and has a meeting set for Aug 1 with Verhulst and Scholl of Vilas Cty Land/Water Department to discuss dam transfer. Ulett also checked with Meyer Insurance and found that our liability cost will not rise appreciably with dam coverage. Ritter then handed out his Dam Resolution document to all commissioners. After discussion on whether a resolution document or just a simple vote would be better to use at our annual meeting to gain elector approval, on motion by Ritter, second Eckerman, the commission voted unanimously to use the Resolution document.

7. Discussion/Action on Draft LLPRD Policy Resolution: Eckerman led this discussion by reading the Policy Resolution Document's guidelines on bidding, emails, reimbursements, and other issues. On motion by Eckerman, second Anderson, a motion to accept this resolution for all LLPRD commissioners' future district work was approved

unanimously. Once the document is signed by all commissioners Ritter will place the Policy Resolution on the district's web-page.

- 8. Audit Committee Update:** Heeler and Truppe are in the process of organizing the new members of the audit committee so they can begin their work. Retired Audit member Mel Schultz has agreed to help the new committee get started. Heeler and Truppe will try to coordinate a meeting of all parties in early August
- 9. 2020 Budget and Levy, Elector Meeting Agenda:** Truppe reported that he has been working on 2020 budget and has added the expense items of marker buoy repair/replacement (\$500) and dam transfer expenses (\$1,000) for a 2020 budget of \$35,270. Discussion then ensued on the 2019 tax levy amount. Due to the on-going threats of both CLP and EWM, options stated were to keep the levy the same, lower it by \$6,000, or lower it by \$4,400 (the amount the Town of St. Germain awarded the LLPRD to defray cost of its lake study). Anderson motioned to reduce tax levy by \$6000. Motion failed for lack of a second. Ritter motioned to lower levy by \$4,400, second Heeler; motion carried 6-1 with Anderson voting against motion. Heeler will send out the final draft of annual meeting agenda and cover letter to commissioners, and if no corrections, Business Connections will send it to all Lost Lake electors along with proposed 2020 budget and 2019 tax levy. Anderson thanked the treasurer and secretary for all their work on the budget and other documents.
- 10. Waterway Marker Application and Permit Report:** Guckenberg reported he has put all marker buoys on Lost Lake on GPS coordinates so they can be replaced in same spot if they lose an anchor or wind blows them off location. He also supplied a DNR application which is needed for formal approval of all buoy placement. The town as well as the DNR has to sign off on the application. Guckenberg has twice tried contacting the area DNR warden to get his input, but so far has received no response. Ritter will complete the application and take it to the town for their approval at the next town board meeting.
- 11. Commissioner Concerns/Updates:** Heeler reported that staff at UW- Stevens Point Lakes Dept suggested that a bidding process be used for fish purchase even if the fish are purchased through another entity's escrow account. Anderson suggested that the wording "No action will be taken," be inserted after agenda items of Public and Commissioner Comments. Ulett stated that commissioners should think about setting a date for a lake-wide meeting where Onterra could do a 1 1/2 hour report-out on results of our AIS battle of the past few years as Onterra is not available for our elector meeting on Sept. 1. Ritter suggested removing "Approval of Agenda" from annual meeting agenda.
- 12. Next Meeting:** Tentatively set for September 1, immediately after the elector meeting.
- 13. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Gary Heeler, LLPRD Secretary