

## Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

### Annual Electors' Meeting Approved Minutes-- Vandervort Park

September 1, 2019, 11:00 a.m.

1. The Annual Meeting of the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was called to order by Chairperson Ulett at 11:04 a.m.

#### 2. Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Ulett, Truppe, Heeler, Guckenberger, Ritter, and Anderson.

Excused: Eckerman

Also Present: There were 33 other District members present.

3. **Introduction of Commissioners:** Commissioners introduced themselves to electors.

4. **Concern or comments by attendees:** Karen Anderson asked what can be done about the geese problem around the lake. Commissioners gave some personal advice but responded by saying, not much, as geese are protected until the early fall goose hunting season which starts Sept 1. Chairperson Ulett will check with the DNR to see if something can be done.

5. **2018 Minutes Approval:** On a motion by Jim Hardgrove, seconded by Jack Peil, the minutes of the 2018 Electors' Meeting were approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Truppe passed out copies of his 09-01-2019 Treasurer's Report showing deposits made and checks he had written from 09-02-18 to 09-01-19. The account showed the District had \$8,235.80 in its checking account as of 09-02-18 but that amount has increased to \$22,476.25 as of 09-01-19. He also stated the District has \$8,970.81 in its St. Germain/Sayner Wildlife Club escrow account.

7. **Audit Report:** Jim Jandrain of Audit Committee presented the report. Full copies of the report were distributed; a summary of the report includes the following: **1)** Checking account and other figures agreed with minutes and treasurer's reports. **2)** All minutes of the LLPRD were reviewed and found to be approved as well as all motions were approved and passed. The committee also gave recommendations should the town ask for funds to rebuild the Vandervort Park pavilion. **3)** The annual budgets appear to be consistent in scope, with adjustments where necessary. It is recommended that a side-by-side comparison of actual revenue and expenses be compared to budgeted revenue and expenses, and analyze the difference. **4)** The committee again requests all copies of meeting minutes, Treasurer reports, and bank statements on a quarterly basis. **5)** The committee suggests the LLPRD commissioners review current insurance coverage to determine if it includes Errors and Omissions coverage for volunteer workers, board members, and Audit Committee members. **6)** The Audit Committee continues to recommend that future tax levies be sufficient to cover ongoing expenses as well as combat AIS without having to borrow money. At the conclusion of the audit report the commissioners thanked the new Audit committee members Jim Jandrain, Andrea Thomas, and Josh Hessing for their work.

8. **Aquatic Invasive Species Report:** Chairperson Ulett reported on AIS activities mentioning that the 3<sup>rd</sup> treatment of curly leaf pondweed (CLP) this spring (2019) seemed successful as there was no rafting of plants as was experienced before treatments were started. Our lake consultant Onterra will be back on the lake this fall checking for Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) and more CLP. Commissioner Guckenberger stated that EWM has increased dramatically this past summer, especially in the far east bay. Commissioner Ritter told the history of fighting AIS in Little St. Germain lake stating that HOW to combat AIS is an on-going question with no firm answers. Ulett ended the report saying we have to prepare and budget for the worse even though it may not happen.

**9. Vote by Electors to approve Lost Creek dam transfer of ownership/resolution:** Commissioner Ritter led the discussion giving an overview of past dam operations, the procedure for transferring ownership of a dam, the costs for transfer, and the problems that might occur if someone other than the county or LLPRD owned the dam. Commissioners Anderson and Ritter also shared the county and town's perspective and timeline for a transfer to take place. Commissioner Ulett then read the dam resolution to all present. Jim Hardgrove made a motion to adopt the resolution that the LLPRD take over ownership of the dam, with a second by Jack Peil. Prior to the vote, secretary Heeler reviewed the state statute rules for voting at an elector meeting. By a show of hands, electors approved the motion by a vote of 24-0. Motion passed.

**10. Clean Boats Clean Waters Report:** Commissioner Heeler reported that the UW Oshkosh interns who were checking boat at our landing during the summer have now finished their time with us. It is now up to our volunteers to continue with boat inspections through mid-October. The LLPRD is in need of 80 hours of volunteer boat inspection hours in order to have a grant, not the LLPRD, pay for all of the intern's time. Heeler suggested that anyone (including people new to the CBCW program) can contact him (920-860-1660) about getting the paperwork and CBCW vests to use at the landing.

**11. Boat Landing Upgrade Report:** Commissioner Ulett reported that a new parking area has been put in at the landing. Commissioner Heeler asked if anyone has had parking problems since the new parking has been in place, and no one reported problems. Seeing the parking/driveway blocking problem seems to have been taken care of, Heeler will contact the DNR and thank them for their work as well as request that no additional parking areas need to be built as was the original DNR plan. Heeler also stated the audio/video boat landing monitoring system (I-LIDS) discussed at last year's elector meeting was not pursued by the LLPRD due to costs and DNR problems with the system.

**12. Review of 2020 Budget:** Treasurer Truppe presented the proposed 2020 LLPRD budget showing estimated expenses in 2020 to be \$38,170.00 (corrected from the \$37,670 amount on document handed out at meeting which Truppe pointed out did not have the \$500 additional cost for dam site survey). Of this amount, \$31,070 is for AIS abatement. Carryover funds from 2019 are estimated to be \$36,1700.00 and 2020 revenue projected at \$42,825.00. Commissioner Ritter explained a Town of St. Germain donation of \$4,400 to cover partial cost of our just-completed lake study.

**13. Vote by Electors to Approve/Disapprove 2020 Budget:** On a motion by Milt Grimm, second by Linda Heeler, the motion to approve the 2020 budget as presented at \$38,170 passed unanimously by the electors.

**14. Vote by Electors to Approve/Disapprove 2019 Tax Levy:** On a motion by Marv Anderson, second Webb Southwick, the motion to set the tax levy at \$31,600.00 passed unanimously by electors.

**15. Election to Fill Expiring Terms of Commissioners Guckenberg and Truppe:** Nominations were taken from the floor. Jim Ulett nominated Bob Truppe. Jack Peil nominated Jim Guckenberg. No other nominations were brought forward. A secret ballot was taken and Bob Truppe and Jim Guckenberg were elected to three-year terms. While ballots were being counted Commissioner Heeler stated that through the efforts of the Lost Lake Community Club and the LLPRD, 2,500 extended growth walleye were purchased and are scheduled to be stocked in the lake in early October.

**17. Set Date, Time, and Location of 2020 Annual Elector Meeting:** After minimal discussion, it was decided to hold the 2020 Electors' Meeting on same day and time as this year's meeting. Therefore next year's meeting will be held on Sunday, September 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at Vandervort Park.

**18. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Heeler---LLPRD Secretary