

**Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**

**APPROVED Minutes**

**October 3 , 2019, 1:00 p.m.**

**St. Germain Community Building**

**1. Call to Order:** Commissioner Ulett called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call:** Quorum was established:

Present: Heeler, Ritter, Guckenberger, Ulett

Excused: Eckerman, Anderson, Truppe

Others Present: Guest speaker Eddie Heath of Onterra and 8 other lake people

**3. Treasurer's Report:** Heeler presented Treasurer's Report provided by Truppe showing two deposits made (the tax levy of \$11,761.84, and Town of St. Germain reimbursement of CLP herbicide costs of \$4,601.88) and one check written out to Business Connection (\$245.00) bringing balance in checking account to \$38,594.87 as of 10/03/19.

**4. Approval of Sept 1, 2019, Special Meeting Minutes:**

On Motion by Ritter, second Guckenberger, minutes of the Sept 1, 2019, LLPRD meeting were unanimously approved as amended to show the motion to approve the Lost Creek dam survey and \$675 survey costs.

**5. Public Comments:** Comments were made about lake levels: It was pointed out that the dam is currently wide open and the current high lake level is due to heavy rain the past several days. In the future, the lake level may be a little lower than past years due to a re-calibration of our high water mark which was set by the DNR in 1952.

**6. Onterra Overview of Lost Lake AIS Situation:** Special guest, Eddie Heath of Onterra gave a power point presentation on the LLPRD's management plan including history and current state of our aquatic invasive species (AIS) problem within Lost Lake. Onterra has been involved since 2005 with lake consulting on AIS and other issues. Eddie called his presentation a Comprehensive Management Plan wrap-up which is called for in the current grant we are working under. He listed three main study areas of our management plan including (1) Watershed and shoreline, (2) Water quality, and (3) Aquatic plants. As for (1) watershed. Lost Lake's water shed is in "fantastic shape" made up mostly of forested and wetland areas, while our shoreline could use more natural habitat. Eddie also mentioned the Lost Lake fishery plan which is being developed with the DNR with 2,500 walleye being stocked this fall. As for (2) Water Quality, Onterra determined our water quality to be in the "good" range for a shallow water lowland drainage type lake. Even though we have periods of algae bloom, our average water visibility (determined by Secchi disk readings) is in the "excellent" range for our type of lake. The next study area, (3) Aquatic Plants, showed that we have a healthy native plant population (58 species) but it has been

weakened the past few years due to cloudy waters from heavy rain runoff and other natural factors. As for the first AIS to enter Lost Lake, Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) was first found in 2013 and has gradually increased until 2019 when much more of it was marked. At this time EWM is tolerable, so no active management procedures are recommended. Should EWM continue to expand its density and area, there are a number of options available in the future to slow its growth including herbicides or machine harvesting. Curly leaf pondweed, (CLP) our other AIS, has been knocked down quite a bit since first finding it and treating it with herbicide for three consecutive years. Eddie also stated it is Onterra's advice that the LLPRD treat CLP in the western bay one more year then take a wait-and-see approach the following years. Upon completion of Eddie's report, LLPRD commissioners thanked him and Onterra for the excellent work they have been doing for Lost Lake. His Power Point presentation will be available on our district website in the near future.

**7. Lost Creek Dam Transfer with Vilas County:** Based on a higher than anticipated quote received for dam signage, Ritter said the total transfer cost will now exceed the \$1500 amount allocated in the Dam Resolution. Guckenberg stated he will get a second quote from an Appleton area sign maker he is familiar with. Heeler mentioned that the LLCC could possibly be approached for the sign money, and its president, Jack Peil, in the audience agreed. We will await Jim G's finding on a second sign price before proceeding. Heeler also mentioned the signs can be bolted on to the upright concrete walls so posts wouldn't be needed. He and Guckenberg will patch eroded areas around dam with concrete on 10/04. Ritter said he will introduce a resolution to the St. Germain town board to deed the dam property to the LLPRD after the dam transfer has occurred.

**8. Other Commissioner Concerns: Heeler:** We will be stocking 2,500 walleye in the lake in the next few weeks, so we will need volunteers with power boats to transport the walleye to various parts of the lake. Heeler will email all on his email list when he gets the date of delivery. **Guckenberg:** Thursday, October 10, is the date we will need volunteers to remove marker buoys from lake. Heeler will send email asking for volunteers for the work. Guckenberg also updated commissioners on his work to get all marker buoys on GPS and get DNR approval.

**9. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Heeler  
LLPRD Secretary