

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

APPROVED Minutes

January 24, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

St. Germain Community Building

1. Call to Order: Commissioner Heeler called the meeting to order in absence of Chair Ulett at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Quorum was established:

Present: Heeler, Ritter, Guckenberg, Eckerman, Truppe, Anderson

Excused: Ulett

Others Present: Webb Southwick

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

On Motion by Eckerman, second Guckenberg, minutes of the October 3, 2019, LLPRD meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Truppe gave report showing a 10/03/19 balance of \$38,594.87. Checks deposited were from LLCC for \$1500, (walleye stocking) and State of WI \$1.03 (computer aid). Checks written were to Vilas Cty \$500 (dam transfer fee), Carl Eliason Co. \$28.66 (dam supplies), Paul's Rent-All \$25.32 (dam supplies), Gary Heeler \$38.17 (dam supplies), Rolyan Buoys \$426 (buoy warning labels), two Onterra checks for lake management expenses of \$1014.05 and \$7062.50, and a check to Meyer Insurance \$588 (dam insurance). New balance is \$30,413.20. After the report was printed two checks were received from the DNR for CBCW grant payments totaling \$2750.05, bringing the new balance to \$33,163.25.

5. Public Comments: None

6. Discussion/Action on DNR Grants and AIS Activities:

A. 2019-21 AIS Grant for CLP Treatment: Heeler started the discussion saying Onterra has advised that CLP has been reduced in our west bay, but another herbicide treatment will probably be needed this spring. Onterra will do CLP mapping as soon as the ice is out to be sure herbicide is needed, but we should prepare now for a potential herbicide treatment. Amy at Clean Lakes Inc (the herbicide applicator) has already started the permit process. On a motion by Anderson, second by Truppe, the motion to work with Onterra to treat up to 30 acres of CLP passed unanimously. On a motion by Eckerman, second Guckenberg, the motion to apply for a DNR permit to treat AIS (CLP) passed unanimously. In other action, Heeler will contact Onterra to get a timeline for all herbicide treatment-related dates and Ulett will contact *Lakeland Times* to place an ad telling of herbicide treatment. Funds for this treatment will partially be paid for by the \$70K DNR grant.

B. Early Detection and Response Grant--CLP: This grant ended in 2019 and all paperwork for grant reimbursement money has been submitted to the DNR.

C. Lake Planning Study Grant: This grant was scheduled to end in 2019 but Onterra asked and received an extension from the DNR, so it now will end June 30, 2020. As a result we will be able to get more DNR funds reimbursed for fall 2019 work that Onterra had done on our Lake Planning Study.

D. 2020 CBCW Grant: The DNR in conjunction with UW-Oshkosh is again offering a Clean Boats Clean Waters grant for checking watercraft at area boat landings. On a motion by Heeler, second Truppe, the motion to contract with UW-O interns using the DNR CBCW grant money to pay for 152 hours of intern work at our boat landing passed unanimously. On a motion by Heeler, second Ritter, the motion for payment to UW-O in the amount of up to \$3,000.00 (\$19.70/hr) for student interns to inspect boats passed unanimously.

7. Authorize payment to Sayner/St. Germain Wildlife Club: On a motion by Heeler, second Ritter, the motion to authorize payment to the Sayner/St. Germain Wildlife Club in the amount of \$1,000.00 to be deposited into our lake district's escrow account passed unanimously. The Town of St. Germain matches these funds which can only be used for lake improvement activities.

8. Town of St. Germain Lakes/Boating Ordinances: Town of St. Germain rep Ritter explained the town is looking at updating all of its lake/boating ordinances on named and unnamed town lakes, including slow-no-wake zones, electric-motor-only lakes and other safety concerns. Ritter inquired if Lost Lake needed any new lake/boat ordinances to which commissioners responded in the negative.

9. Vilas County Zoning Proposal to Enlarge Boathouses: After citizen concern over a proposal to enlarge boathouses on Vilas County lakes over 500 acres, the LLPRD was asked to render its opinion on the issue. Prior to tonight's meeting an informal email poll was conducted with the 170 Lost Lake property owners on file, with the results showing 51 people in opposition and 3 supporting the change. Based on that info a motion was made by Heeler, second Ritter to hold a vote on the issue. Motion passed unanimously. Motion by Eckerman, second by Heeler, that all in favor of supporting the larger boathouses signify by saying Aye, opposed say Nay: Vote was 6 Nay 0 Aye. Based on the vote Heeler will write a letter to Vilas County zoning office stating the LLPRD's opposition to the enlarged boathouse proposal.

10. Commissioner (or others) attendance at Lake Partnership Convention: After discussion in reference to commissioner or others attending this convention it was suggested to add a line item in future budgets to reimburse costs to persons attending this convention.

11. Acceptance of DNR Provisions on Dam Transfer: Motion by Heeler, second Truppe, to accept the provisions set forth in the DNR Dam Transfer Document as final step in the transfer process. Motion passed unanimously. Heeler will send written documentation to DNR Dam Rep. Mark Stephenson apprising him of the affirmative vote. Ritter will draft a resolution to the St. Germain Town Board to start the transfer process of the land the dam is located on to the LLPRD. As noted in Treasurer's Report, the Community Club purchased the warning signs the DNR required to be posted at the dam.

12. Other Commissioner Concerns: Heeler: 2,500 walleye were stocked in the lake on October 31, 2019, with funds provided by the Community Club and the LLPRD's Lake

Escrow account. **Guckenberg:** Gave update on marker buoy refurbishing he is doing of adding new labels (or “skins”) with improved warning messages over the existing buoys. Heeler noted that the cost of the new labels could be reimbursed out of funds in our Lake Improvement escrow account.

13. Next Meeting: After discussion the next meeting has been tentatively set for 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 1, 2020. This is the Friday before the opening of fishing season so hopefully more lake property owners will be able to attend.

14. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Heeler--LLPRD Secretary