

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
APPROVED Minutes
July 26, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
Vandervort Park Pavilion

1. Call to Order: Commissioner Ulett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call: Quorum was established:

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

Excused: Guckenberg

Others Present: 5 lake property owners

3. Approval of January 24, 2020, Meeting Minutes:

On Motion by Anderson, second Truppe, minutes of the January 24, 2020, LLPRD meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Truppe gave report showing a 07-26-20 balance of \$64,143.04. Checks deposited were from Tax Levy #1 (\$21,300.90) and for DNR Grant reimbursements (\$14,414.75). Checks written went to Maines and Associates (\$675) for dam survey, Onterra (\$1,075) for AIS lake work, UW-Oshkosh (\$2,994.40) for CBCW interns, and Jim Guckenberg (\$196.41) for lake buoy repairs. Truppe also reported we have a balance of \$4,409.81 in our Town of St. Germain escrow account with a check for \$1,000 being sent this week to the account as our 2020 matching contribution.

5. Public Comments: Ulett gave a short overview of grant activities that go through 2021, also saying the LLPRD will need to investigate new grants to help pay for AIS activities going beyond 2021. He also addressed the issue of unwanted lily pads in front of lake homes saying the DNR approves hand-removing these plants up to an opening 30-feet wide if they are a nuisance. No other public comments were given.

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

A. 2019-21 AIS Grant for CLP Treatment: Ulett started the discussion saying Onterra has advised that CLP has been reduced considerably in our west bay, but whether another herbicide treatment will be needed next year remains to be seen. Onterra will keep us apprised of the CLP growth and the possible need for another treatment. Commissioners questioned if any additional herbicide treatment would be covered by grant money, but the answer was unclear at this time. Heeler stated that not all the grant money earmarked for active herbicide treatment has been used, so there is a chance that some grant money might be available. Another factor into possible herbicide use is whether or not the DNR will even grant a permit.

B. Early Detection and Response Grant--CLP: This grant ended in 2019 and all grant reimbursement money from the DNR has been received by the LLPRD.

C. Lake Planning Study Grant: This grant was scheduled to end in 2019 but we received an extension from the DNR until June 30, 2020. The last reimbursement request has been submitted to the DNR and we are awaiting payment.

D. 2020 CBCW Grant: Heeler reported that UW-Oshkosh interns have been monitoring the boat landing under the Clean Boats Clean Waters grant program. He also reported that the interns will be done mid-August and that lake CBCW's volunteers will need to put in 84 hours of boat inspections at the landing in order to recoup the \$3,000 paid to the UW-O interns. Contact Heeler if you have time to volunteer. The DNR has donated "CBCW" logo facemasks to all those who volunteer.

7. Discussion/Action: Marker Buoy placement at Stella Creek Outlet: Discussion centered on the continuing number of boaters hitting rocks at outlet at Stella Creek due to rocks extending into lake 100's of yards even with a marker buoy in place. Ideas to correct the problem included leaving things as they now are, placing another buoy between current buoy and the creek, or placing a floating sign in the area warning of rocks. It was noted that adding another marker or sign would require DNR approval/permit now that all markers are cataloged by DNR on GPS. It was also noted that on other rocky areas putting more markers out does not stop boaters from driving between markers and hitting props. It was also mentioned that adding more buoys to our lake makes more work for our volunteers who install (Jim Guckenberger) and remove markers. After discussion Anderson motioned, Ulett 2nd, to table discussion and put this item on Annual Meeting agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion/Action: Lily pad growth in southeast bay: After concerns of excessive lily pad growth were brought up by property owners on the southern-most "Forest Primeval Bay" area. Ulett checked with Onterra and DNR about possible remedies. Their easiest solution included hand-cutting a 30-foot path directly in front of their property. Anderson also spoke to DNR and related that a permit could be obtained to cut the plants. Ritter stated that it's not the district's responsibility to cut native plant growth in front of individual properties and doing so would set a bad precedent. Ulett stated that he has since communicated with the property owners and they seemed okay with the remedies he suggested of cutting the problem lily pads.

9. Discussion/Action: Boaters partying/trespassing on private land: Commissioners related stories of how boaters have trespassed and otherwise caused disturbances while parking their boats and partying in front of private property. Solutions suggested for trespassers were to take pictures of offending boats/registration numbers and tell boaters that they will be reported to authorities. Also brought up was that many of the offending parties are cabin/pontoon rental people, so all rental agencies should be made aware of these problems and make their customers aware of rules of the lake. This item will be on the Annual Meeting agenda so more property owners/rental agencies can help prevent future problems.

10. Discussion/Action: Planning Annual Meeting for September 6, 2020:

A. Meeting notice letter, agenda, and mailing list: Heeler had sent out tentative Agenda and Meeting Notice Letters to commissioners and asked for comments or corrections on them: none were voiced except for adding agenda items on Buoy Placement and Pontoon Partying Problems. Ulett will contact Lois at Business Connections to develop an updated mailing list to send out Annual Meeting info. Heeler will send out revised agenda and meeting notice letter to all commissioners for inspection before submitted to Lois for sending out. Ulett inquired as to who new town clerk is to contact with tax levy information: Ritter said the new person is June Vogel.

B. 2020 tax levy and 2021 budget: Treasurer Truppe reported on details of his tentative 2021 budget that he handed out to commissioners. His main question on finalizing a budget is whether or not we will be doing herbicide or other large scale AIS abatement procedures; if not, then the budget/tax levy could be reduced. Ulett will contact Onterra as to their opinion on cost and the possibility of doing large scale EWM/CLP treatment in 2021. Heeler mentioned he will be turning in another DNR grant

reimbursement request once we get billed by Clean Lakes for this spring's herbicide treatment, and he will let Truppe know the amount of reimbursement for budgeting purposes. Eckerman suggested raising budgeted amount for buoy expenses to \$1,000 to cover increased costs if volunteers are not able to remove/install buoys each year. Commissioners also added a \$500 expense item in budget for expenses incurred for commissioner's attendance at the state Lake's Convention in Stevens Point every year.

C. Commissioner Elections: Commissioner Eckerman's term expires this September, so he is up for re-election at the annual meeting against any other interested elector who would like to vie for the position.

D. Commissioner Meeting after Annual Meeting: A commissioners' meeting will be held immediately after the Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing LLPRD officers for the year ahead as well as other items before the commission.

11. Other Commissioner Concerns: Anderson asked if phone numbers of all commissioners should be listed on the letter going to all electors announcing the Annual Meeting. After discussion it was decided to put the phone number/email of the commission chair on the letter and all other commissioners' have just their email address.

12. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Heeler--LLPRD Secretary