

**Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**  
**Annual Electors' Meeting Unapproved Minutes-- Vandervort Park**  
**September 6, 2020, 11:00 a.m.**

1. The Annual Meeting of the Lost Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was called to order by Chairperson Ulett at 11:00 a.m.

2. **Roll Call:** Present: Commissioners Ulett, Truppe, Heeler, Guckenberger, Ritter, Eckerman, and Anderson.

Excused: None

Also Present: There were 22 other District members present.

3. **Introduction of Commissioners:** Commissioners introduced themselves as Roll Call was taken.

4. **Concern or comments by attendees:** Don Schmidt asked what can be done about the lily pads encroaching on his lakefront property in Forest Primeval Bay. Chairman Ulett responded by saying he has been in contact with our lake management consultant, Onterra, and with the WI DNR who both said that it is legal to hand-clear weeds or lily pads up to a 30-foot wide opening in front of one's property. Heeler said lily pads will grow anywhere there is no in-and-out boat or human traffic. Anderson confirmed area in question is packed with lily pads making it hard to even walk 10-feet out. Ulett requested to put this issue on future District agenda where we can discuss further the problem. Heeler stated that back in the 1980s the Lost Lake Community Club did get a permit to cut problem weeds in front of individual properties but the property owners had to pay the cost of the cutting.

5. **2019 Minutes Approval:** On a motion by Anderson, seconded by Truppe, the minutes of the 2019 Electors' Meeting were approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Truppe passed out copies of his 09-06-2020 Treasurer's Report (see attached) showing deposits made and checks he had written from 09-01-19 to 09-06-20. The account showed the District had \$22,476.25 in its checking account as of 09-01-19 but that amount has increased to \$37,462.53 as of 09-06-20. He also stated the District has \$6,090.81 in its St. Germain/Sayner Wildlife Club escrow account, down from last year's \$8,970.81 due to cost of walleye stocking last fall.

7. **Audit Report:** Jim Jandrain of Audit Committee presented the report. Full copies of the report were distributed (and attached); 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, all motions were approved and passed, and the May 1, 2020, meeting was canceled due to Covid-19. **(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. The Audit Committee also recommends when a Treasurer's Report covers a period including May 31, the cash balance at May 31 (the end of the LLPRD fiscal year) should be shown. **(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. The Commission thanked the Audit Committee members, Jim Jandrain, Andrea Thomas, and Josh Hessing.

8. **Aquatic Invasive Species Report:** Chairperson Ulett reported on AIS activities mentioning that the fourth treatment of curly leaf pondweed (CLP) this spring (2020) seemed successful as there was no rafting of plants as was experienced before treatments were started. Our lake consultant Onterra was on the lake

last week checking for Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) and more CLP. They will be back this fall and next spring for another AIS survey. Commissioner Guckenber stated that EWM has increased dramatically this past summer, especially in the far east bay. Ulett ended the report saying we have to prepare and budget for the worse even though it may not happen. If we do have to actively manage CLP or EWM the cost will be borne by the district as all grant money has been expended.

**9. Clean Boats Clean Waters Report:** Commissioner Heeler reported that the UW Oshkosh interns who were checking boats 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. Eckerman stated that the use of CBCW volunteers gives us a better chance of getting lake improvement grants from the DNR, as was the case in our lake getting the \$90K CLP treatment grant in 2019.

**10. Stella Creek Outlet Buoy Placement:** Our commission's buoy placement manager, Guckenber, related that to add more buoys (at Stella Creek outlet) entails a lot more "red tape" with the DNR, and in his opinion, it won't help as he sees many boaters driving inside current buoys and hitting the shallows or rocks. Boaters should know to stay outside all buoys near the shorelines. Ulett agreed, so no action was taken on adding more buoys.

**11. Boaters Partying/Trespassing on Private Lands:** Heeler stated that while it is legal to park a boat and "party" near shore, it is illegal to go onto the shore. If property owners see boaters on their land they should take a picture of the offending people or boat (with registration number) and report them to the Vilas County Sherriff's office at 715-479-4441. In WI property owners do not have to post "No Trespassing" signs in order to have enforcement action taken, but it may help. Heeler also mentioned that even though it is legal to park near shore and party, boaters choosing to do so should be considerate of land owners and keep noise and other activity to a minimum. Guckenber and others also mentioned problems with some jet skiers and boaters driving at full speed within feet of anchored boats or shorelines. He reminded everyone that jet skiers have to stay 200 feet from shorelines and 100 feet from other boats.

**12. Review of 2020 Budget:** Treasurer Truppe presented the proposed 2021 LLPRD budget showing estimated expenses for 2021 to be \$39,800 with \$32,700 of this amount for AIS abatement. Carryover and new revenue funds from 2020 are estimated to be \$78,800.00, and 2021 revenue is projected at \$38,800. Budget discussion also ensued upon a need for a future "reserve account" for possible dam repairs.

**13. Vote by Electors to Approve/Disapprove 2021 Budget:** On a motion by Skip Raisor, second by Bob Morin, the motion to approve the 2021 budget as presented at \$39,800 passed unanimously by the electors.

**14. Vote by Electors to Approve/Disapprove 2020 Tax Levy:** On a motion by Bob Morin, second Don Walters, the motion to set the tax levy at \$31,600.00 passed unanimously by electors.

**15. Election to Fill Expiring Term of Commissioner Eckerman:** Nominations were taken from the floor. Gary Heeler nominated John Eckerman. No other nominations were received. A secret ballot was taken and John Eckerman was elected to a three-year term.

**17. Set Date, Time, and Location of 2021 Annual Elector Meeting:** After minimal discussion, a motion was made by Bob Morin, second Skip Raisor, to hold the 2021 Electors' Meeting on same day and time as this year's meeting,; motion passed. Therefore next year's meeting will be held on Sunday, September 5, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. at Vandervort Park.

**18. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Gary Heeler---LLPRD Secretary