

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
Approved Minutes
October 15, 2020, 4th Quarter Meeting via Zoom

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Eckerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Verify Posting of Meeting:** Commissioner Ritter stated the meeting was posted on October 8, 2020.
- 3. Roll Call:** Quorum was established:
Present via Zoom: Heeler, Truppe, Ritter, Guckenberg, Anderson, Ulett, Eckerman
Excused: None
Others Present: Eric Eade
- 4. Approval of September 6, 2020, Special Meeting Minutes:**
On Motion by Ulett, second Truppe, minutes of the September 6, 2020, LLPRD meeting were unanimously approved by roll call vote.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Truppe presented Treasurer's Report showing the District had \$45,630.11 in its account as of last reporting on 09-06-20. Two checks to Business Connections were written out (\$343.80 and \$195.00) for Annual Meeting mailings and envelopes, leaving a 10-15-20 balance of \$45,091.31.
- 6. Public Comments:** No public comments were offered.
- 7. Audit Committee Recommendations:** Based on Audit Committee question as to whether they and others are covered by the district's "Errors and Omissions" liability coverage, Heeler contacted our Meyer Insurance rep Phyllis O'Brien who replied in the affirmative and also sent a copy of our policy showing the Errors and Omissions coverage language, which Heeler forwarded to all committee members. A copy of the district's insurance policy as well as other important district documents including the dam deed and DNR contract will now be stored in a safe deposit box at mBank in St. Germain.
- 8. AIS Report:** Eckerman presented the AIS report by reviewing information he learned in a phone call with Onterra's lake consultant Eddie Heath. Major points discussed were the following: Onterra's 2020 Lost Lake AIS report is being put together and will have a draft report ready by our January meeting. The Curly Leaf Pondweed is hopefully under control because of our past herbicide treatments but it will never be completely eradicated. Onterra will check CLP again next spring. As for Eurasian water milfoil (EWM), our eastern bay has a lot of EWM, with smaller colonies scattered throughout the lake. Eddie mentioned there are new herbicide treatments for highly concentrated areas of EWM but the cost is higher than the same area of CLP treatment. Eckerman gave dates of our future LLPRD meetings to Eddie so that hopefully Eddie or other Onterra reps can attend even if via Zoom format.
- 9. AIS 2019-2020 Grant Report:** Heeler reported on grant reimbursements being processed for the 2019-2021 AIS grant. He will be submitting bills to the DNR for \$50K of CLP control efforts to get our 75% reimbursement (\$38K) back through the grant.
- 10. CBCW Grant Report:** **A. 2020 Review:** Heeler reported that due to the volunteer efforts of many Lost Lake property owners, we have met the required hours of volunteer boat inspections we needed to have the UW Oshkosh interns paid completely by our CBCW grant. **B. 2021 Grant Application Yes/No?** Eckerman stated that Eddie at Onterra recommended that we keep pursuing CBCW grants to help gain future points with the DNR if we apply for more AIS grants. After further discussion Heeler made motion to apply for a 2021 CBCW, second Truppe. On roll call vote, all commissioners voted "yes" to apply for

2021 CBCW grant using UWO interns and Lost Lake volunteers. Heeler will start the grant application process.

11. St. Germain Lakes Committee Report: As a member of this St. Germain Town committee, Heeler presented the action that the Lake's Committee is working on: **A:** Onterra is in the process of doing lake planning studies on all St. Germain lakes except for those already under a plan (Lost and Little Saint). **B.** The committee has been trying to get Vilas County or other law enforcement on town lakes to better enforce boating rules. The Vilas County sheriff has declined to offer assistance citing costs and other problems. Ritter followed up by saying the Town is looking at its options as far as increasing enforcement presence on town lakes and that at a future Lake's Committee meeting the area DNR warden supervisor will be in attendance so that we can discuss the need for more DNR presence on area lakes.

12. Other Commissioner Comments/Concerns: **A.** Ulett inquired of Eckerman as to how the tax role data submission to the state has progressed. Eckerman responded that all is on track; he submitted the tax levy info to the Town on October 1 and is waiting for the state's online site to open for completion. **B.** Anderson then gave a short history of the LLPRD noting that commissioner Ulett has served as commission chairman since its start in 2012 and also was instrumental as a member of the initial Lost Lake Community Club committee that started the process of developing a lake district. With this in mind, Anderson then presented Ulett with an plaque of appreciation for his years of service to the commission. Ulett responded saying his work on the commission has been a joy due to his love of Lost Lake and for the many people who he can call friends and neighbors on the lake. Commissioners responded by giving a round of virtual applause for the work of commissioner Ulett. **C.** Eckerman reminded everyone that the next LLPRD meeting is scheduled for January 21 at 7 :00 p.m. As of now, this meeting will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Zoom info and agenda will be sent out to all before the meeting.

13. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Heeler
LLPRD Secretary