

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
APPROVED Minutes
April 29, 2021, 2nd Quarter Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Eckerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- 2. Verify Posting of Meeting:** Commissioner Heeler stated the meeting was posted on 04-23-2021.
- 3. Roll Call:** Quorum was established:
Present: Heeler, Truppe, Ritter, Guckenberg, Anderson, Eckerman
Excused: Ulett
Others Present via Zoom: Eric Eade and Don Walters.
- 4. Approval of February 4, 2021, 1st Quarter Meeting Minutes:**
On Motion by Anderson, second Truppe, minutes of the February 4, 2021, LLPRD meeting were unanimously approved.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Truppe presented Treasurer's Report showing the District had \$61,202.26 in its account on 02-04-21. Checks were written out to UW-Oshkosh for CBCW program, \$2,994.40; Onterra for AIS management, \$3,710.00; Mbank for new checks, \$22.15; and Sayner/St. Germain Wildlife Club for lake improvement escrow acct, \$1,000.00. Three deposits were made: 2021 CBCW grant advance, \$750.00; Town of St. Germain Tax Levy, \$9,251.42; and DNR CLP grant reimbursement, \$37,460.64; giving a 04-29-21 balance of \$100,937.77.
- 6. Public Comments:** No public comments were offered.
- 7. AIS Report--Onterra:** Chairman Eckerman reported that in talking with Eddie Heath of Onterra, Onterra has not been on lake to date as they are waiting for water temperature to reach 65 degrees as it was in past years when Onterra did the survey of lake AIS growth. As soon as water temp rises Onterra will be on lake to check AIS, but Commissioner Guckenberg reported very little AIS or native aquatic plant growth, possibly due to less visibility in water this spring. Eckerman mentioned that the DNR's AIS coordinator is no longer in that position and new coordinator will be named shortly.
- 8. Website upgrades/format:** Commissioner Ritter has updated our district webpage on the town's website with new headings and other format changes to make it easier to locate district information whether it be meeting minutes, commissioner contact information, or annual AIS reports. Lake property owners are encouraged to check out the webpage by going to the town's website (townofstgermain.org) and clicking on the link to the Lost Lake District. Commissioner Anderson asked about tracking the number of hits on our webpage to which Ritter responded it's probably possible to do so, but he has not been doing that with any of the links at this time.
- 9. CBCW 2021 Status:** Heeler reported that we have received DNR funding via of grant to have UW-Oshkosh interns again check watercraft going in and out of our boat landing for AIS and other aquatic plants this summer. The interns will start on June 10 and be there 3-4 days per week through to August 19. Lake district volunteers are needed to do 84 hours of boat inspections in order to recoup the grant money. Those interested in volunteering should contact Heeler this summer to get training and other info. We have until mid-October to complete the volunteer time.
- 10. Town of St. Germain Fishery Committee Appointments:** Heeler reported that the town is establishing a fisheries management committee to improve the fishery in town lakes. This committee formation is one of the goals in the latest town-wide lake management

plan. The goal of the committee is to design fishery plans specific to each lake as well as a master town plan. Each town lake is welcome to appointment one person to this committee. After discussion, Commissioner Guckenberger agreed to serve on this committee.

11. Walleye Initiative Grant Funding Request: Eckerman led the discussion on whether or not to help fund an inter-state study dealing with how the type and number of aquatic plants affects walleye populations. Questions were raised as to why this DNR-coordinated study, to be done by a private entity, needs money to pay the “matching funds” portion of the grant and if it is even legal to use tax payer funds for this type of study. Eckerman will respond to the requesting party by asking for more information in reference to the above questions.

12. Future Marker Buoy Installation/Removal Bids: Eckerman stated that money paid to a contractor for buoy installation/removal would first have to be approved at our annual meeting. Commissioner Truppe had contacted one possible vendor, John Vojta of J&J Services to get a bid, but due to Vojta’s busy spring schedule he did not get back to Truppe with a firm bid, but an estimated cost would be around \$400 each for installation and removal. Don Walters suggested checking with P-Dog Services (Hwy 155 near Mar-Li’s) for a bid. It was noted that anyone who is chosen has to possess a valid contractor’s license in WI and be covered by insurance. Guckenberger stated it took just over an hour for our group of volunteers to install the buoys this spring. This item will be put on the annual meeting agenda for possible action once formal bids have been received.

13. St. Germain Lakes Committee Report: Heeler presented the action that the Town’s Lakes Committee is working on, including (1) Set-up of the town-wide fishery management committee (see 10 above). (2) Reviewed draft report of St. Germain Lakes Management Plan. (3) Committee Chair Ritter requested \$10K from Town be put in Lakes Committee Account for future bills. (4) Found Lake grant to install I-lids (motion detecting boat landing camera) has been approved so the system is set to be installed by June. (5) Other items discussed were non-permitted lake weed herbicides being used; possible boater safety bulletin in next town e-newsletter; and the next Lake’s Committee meeting is scheduled for May 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

14. Other Commissioner Comments/Concerns: (1) Guckenberger stated that someone reported he was feeding deer at his home so a DNR warden stopped by and warned him there is a \$350 fine for feeding deer and that the only legal way to “feed” deer is by planting and growing food plots with plants and fruits the deer like to eat. (2) Anderson reminded the committee that agenda items for next meeting should include our fund balance, tax levy, along with other annual meeting info. (3) In an effort to boost attendance at meetings, Truppe suggested each commissioner ask five people to attend the next meeting which will be held on July 1, 7:00 p.m. at the St. Germain Community Building and via Zoom. (4) Ritter updated progress on fiber-optic internet saying installation will begin the downtown business area in mid-May and then progress to the south side of town. The entire town should be up and running sooner than the three-year time line given in an earlier publication.

15. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. The next regularly scheduled LLPRD meeting is set for Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Germain Community Building.

LLPRD Secretary