

**Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**  
**APPROVED Minutes**  
**July 1, 2021, 3rd Quarter Meeting**

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Eckerman called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- 2. Verify Posting of Meeting:** Commissioner Heeler stated the meeting was posted on 06-28-2021.
- 3. Roll Call:** Quorum was established:  
Present: Heeler, Ritter, Guckenberger, Anderson, Eckerman, Ulett  
Excused: Truppe  
Others Present: Eric Eade, Joe and Julie Chusid, Jack Peil, Webb Southwick, Paul Novorolsky, and Don Walters.
- 4. Approval of April 29, 2021, 2nd Quarter Meeting Minutes:**  
On Motion by Ulett, second Guckenberger, minutes of the April 29, 2021, LLPRD meeting were unanimously approved.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Heeler presented Treasurer's Report showing the District had \$100,937.77 in its account on 04-29-21. The only bank transaction since then was a deposit of \$346.67 from a tax levy check from Town of St. Germain, giving a 07-01-21 balance of \$101,284.44.
- 6. Public Comments:** In reference to concerns of the electors present, Don Walters stated "the weeds."
- 7. AIS Report--Onterra:** Chairman Eckerman reported that in talking with Eddie Heath of Onterra, Onterra found more than the 30% threshold to trigger herbicide use on curly leaf pondweed (CLP) in the western bay but Heath advised against applying for a 2022 herbicide permit due to new DNR personnel who are against herbicides, the Native Americans being against a permit due to wild rice in Lost Creek, and finally, his idea of taking a wait-and-see approach (he called it a Bridge) to see what the weed growth shows in 2022. As for the expansion of Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) in other parts of the lake, Heath also advised against any active management at this time while we study the new herbicides being used on EWM in other lakes that cost \$1000/treated acre. Heath also said new studies show motor traffic through EWM does not spread the plants as previously thought, and that perhaps machine-cutting of EWM might be a better solution if done on an on-going basis at the cost of around \$3-4K/day of cutting each year. Ulett and Ritter both disagreed with Heath's "no-herbicide in 2022" opinion, and stated that we need to apply for a herbicide permit in 2022. Ritter reminded everyone that the DNR had approved our Lake Management Plan which stated that we would use herbicide if the AIS was above the 30% threshold. A meeting will be set up in August with Onterra to further discuss the AIS issue and how it will impact our 2022 budget. (Meeting has been set for Aug 5 at 7:00 p.m.)
- 8. Town Proposal of Porta-Potty at Boat Landing:** Ritter provided background info showing that Found and Big St. Germain Lake's boat landings have porta-potties (PP) provided free of charge by state's entity that owns the landings, but because Lost and Little St. Lakes are in a different management area (American Legion/Northern Highland State Forest), PPs are not placed there due to budget limitations of the state forest management. The DNR would allow PPs at Lost Lake, but the cost (\$1200-\$2000/year) would have to be paid for by the LLPRD or other interested parties. Eckerman and others were against the District paying for this service while Anderson said he talked to several lake people who were in favor of a PP.

Elector, Julie Chusid, suggested that in place of a new PP we put up a sign at the landing telling of the PP at Vandervort Park available to all people using the lake. After further discussion, Anderson made a motion “to NOT vote on the issue tonight, but instead put the issue on the Annual Meeting agenda and let the electors decide.” Motion seconded by Ritter, and passed 4 to 2 with Eckerman and Ulett voting against the motion.

**9. Change in Management of our Lake Improvement Escrow Account:** Ritter explained that it recently came to light that the The Sayner/St. Germain Wildlife Club could no longer handle taxpayer produced funds that were to be disbursed to area lakes for qualified lake improvements. As a result of this change the Town will now take over all aspects of disbursing funds. In addition, all funds currently held in escrow will be returned to the lake organization or the Town. The Town through room tax collections will annually contribute \$5,000 to the Lake Improvement Escrow Account of which Lost Lake is eligible to receive 18.78% of that amount each year. In addition, no LLPRD “matching funds” annual contributions will be required as was past practice and all individual lake funds must be used yearly or will go back to the Town.

**10. CBCW 2021 Update:** Heeler reported that UW-Oshkosh interns are again checking watercraft going in and out of our boat landing for AIS and other aquatic plants. The interns are scheduled for weekends and other busy times, so Lake District volunteers are needed to do 84 hours of boat inspections when the interns are not at the landing. Those interested in volunteering should contact Heeler at [gccabins@tds.net](mailto:gccabins@tds.net) for more info.

**11. Town of St. Germain Fishery Committee Update:** Guckenbergs stated the Fishery Committee has met once and that all town lakes report weed and fish issues including lack of walleye and northern being caught. The committee will be in touch with the DNR trying to get answers to the fishery questions. Ritter (also on this town committee) reiterated Guckenbergs comments saying the DNR needs to make fishery decisions based on science, not the fish manager’s “gut feeling” as has been the case previously. The DNR area fish manager did attend the last meeting via Zoom, so at least headway is being made.

**12. Secchi Disk Training and Monitoring:** Eckerman explained that a secchi disk is a black and white disc lowered into the lake to check water clarity by recording how far down the disc can be seen from above. Guckenbergs demonstrated the disc’s usage and told that the first reading showed clarity of 11.6 feet but dropped to 9.7 feet on the next check. The goal is to check water clarity once a week and ideally check it on the same day that a satellite passes over Lost Lake so our readings can be matched with pictures from the satellite so that in the future the satellite pictures can determine the lake clarity, eliminating the need for our secchi disc volunteers. A “Thank You” was given to Guckenbergs for his efforts with this project.

**13. Future Marker Buoy Installation/Removal Bids:** Eckerman stated that John Vojta of J&J Services submitted a bid for installation and removal of buoys at the rate of \$10/buoy for installation, \$10/buoy for removal, and \$40/hr (plus materials) for repair of buoys. Seeing the LLPRD already has a line item in budget of \$1000 for buoy expenses, Ritter made motion, second by Ulett, that J&J Services be contracted to remove buoys this fall. Motion passed unanimously. The contract should name Eckerman as contact person for LLPRD. Eckerman then brought up issue of people hitting rocks out from Stella Creek due to the long distance between the single buoy and the shoreline. Eckerman made motion to install a 2<sup>nd</sup> buoy at Stella Creek, second Anderson. Motion passed unanimously. Guckenbergs will install buoy and contact DNR to let them know of this additional buoy for permitting and GPS data.

**14. St. Germain Lakes Committee Report:** Ritter reported due to a lack of boating law enforcement on town lakes, the Town's Lakes Committee is working on obtaining a possible grant wherein the grant would pay for 75% of law enforcement coverage and the lake organization would cover the remaining 25%. If the grant were to be awarded the LLPRD would have to first gain approval for the expenditure at the electors' meeting and add the amount to the budget. Ritter will have more info on this subject at our August 5 special meeting.

**15. 2021 Annual Meeting Preparation:** Due to new agenda items and information on budgetary planning, a special meeting will be set for Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center to review the Annual Elector Meeting Agenda, 2022 Budget, and 2021 tax levy. A representative from our lake consultant Onterra will be asked to join the meeting so that commissioners can get a more detailed look at potential AIS costs and plans for 2022.

**16. Other Commissioner Comments/Concerns:** None

**17. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Gary Heeler  
LLPRD Secretary