

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
APPROVED Minutes
August 5, 2021, Special Meeting
7:00 p.m. St. Germain Community Building

- 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 08-01-2021.
- 3. Roll Call:** Quorum was established:
Present: Heeler, Ritter, Guckenberg, Anderson, Eckerman, Ulett, Truppe
Excused: None
Others Present: Eric Eade, Eddie Heath (via Zoom)
- 4. Approval of July 1, 2021, 3rd Quarter Meeting Minutes:**
On Motion by Anderson, second Truppe, minutes of the July 1, 2021, LLPRD meeting were unanimously approved.
- 5. Public Comments:** None given.
- 6. AIS Report--Onterra:** Chairman Eckerman introduced Eddie Heath (on Zoom) of Onterra who was asked to share Onterra's perspective on the direction the LLPRD should head to control the increasing amount of invasive weeds in Lost Lake, more specifically curly leaf pondweed (CLP) in the western bay and Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) in the eastern bay. Heath presented PowerPoint slides giving the background and history of these two invasives in our lake. Due to several factors, Heath thought the probability of the district getting a permit to treat either of these AIS with herbicides was very low. If we would get a permit for CLP treatment the district would be responsible for all of the costs due to the expiration of our previous CLP grant. CLP was found in 58% of sampling areas this spring compared to only 31% last year so we definitely are above the 30% trigger threshold. Heath thought the lack of rain runoff which made for very clear water caused the increased weed growth throughout the lake. As for EWM, a treatment permit could not be granted unless we put together a long-range treatment plan. There are new promising herbicides being used on EWM that we should consider if we put together a EWM treatment plan. Heath went on to share possible costs to the district if we go ahead with CLP treatment in 2022 including Onterra's costs of around \$10K and the herbicide applicator's cost of around \$30K. After much discussion, Ritter made a motion (Guckenberg, second) to put money in LLPRD 2022 budget so that we are prepared to treat CLP with herbicide if necessary and if a permit is granted. Anderson motioned (Ulett, second) to amend previous motion stating we put \$35K in the 2022 budget for this possible AIS treatment. Anderson's motion passed unanimously, as did Ritter's original motion. Anderson made another motion (second Truppe) that we place \$2,000 in 2022 budget for development of a Lake Management Plan addendum for EWM control. (\$2000 was the cost estimate by Heath). Motion passed unanimously.
- 7. Potential Boat Patrol On Lost Lake:** Ritter presented information on a possible DNR grant for the formation of a St. Germain lakes boat patrol. The DNR would cover 75% of costs while lakes in the Town of St. Germain would cover 25% of costs over the 5-year grant. The patrol would employ a fully certified officer but only enforce boating laws, not fishing or other activities. The cost to Lost Lake for its prorated share of the the 25% local cost would be approximately \$1500/yr. In order for grant reimbursement the patrol would have to issue a town-wide combination of 15 citations or 30 warnings/month. Ritter then

made a motion (second Ulett) to put the question of whether or not to go ahead with the boat patrol on the LLPRD's annual meeting agenda. Motion passed unanimously. Anderson made motion (second Truppe) to add \$1500 to the LLPRD budget for five years to support boat patrol if approved at annual meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

8. 2021 Annual Meeting Preparation: Commissioners discussed the 2022 budget and 2021 tax levy to be presented at the annual meeting on September 5 at Vandervort Park. Due to ample reserve money in the treasury, Anderson suggested reducing the 2021 tax levy to cover just normal operating expenses. Anderson made a motion, second Ritter, to set 2021 tax levy at \$20K to cover normal operating cost. The motion passed with Ulett casting the only "no" vote. Commissioners then reviewed other annual meeting information to be sent via USPS to all legal property owners or residents of the Lost Lake District. Truppe will rewrite the 2022 budget and 2021 tax levy documents with tonight's new numbers and send to Heeler so he can forward to Lois at Business Connections for printing and mailing.

9. Other Commissioner Comments/Concerns: None

10. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Gary Heeler
LLPRD Secretary