

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Annual Electors' Meeting Approved Minutes-- Vandervort Park

September 5, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Excused: None

Also Present: There were 75 other District members present.

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

4. **Concern or comments by attendees:** Commissioner Heeler relayed a concern he was asked to present by lake property owner Bob Ryan (who could not be in attendance) in reference to the possible damage to the lake caused by larger wake-boarding boats disrupting the shorelines and lake bottoms in our bays and other shallow areas via of large wakes and deep prop wash area.

5. **2020 Minutes Approval:** On a motion by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Georgie Southwick, the minutes of the 2020 Electors' Meeting were approved.

6. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Truppe passed out copies of his 09-05-2021 Treasurer's Report showing deposits made and checks he had written from 09-06-20 to 09-05-21. The account showed the District had \$45,630.11 in its checking account as of 09-06-20 but that amount has increased to \$105,816.37 as of 09-05-20. Much of the increase in year-end balance was due to not doing a herbicide treatment of CLP this last spring and a DNR grant reimbursement to the district in the amount of \$37,460.64.

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, and all motions were approved and passed. **(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 Audit Committee recommends that the Treasurer's Report be completed on a quarterly basis instead of as of the date of the meetings. **(5)** The committee again requests all copies of meeting minutes, Treasurer reports, and bank statements on a quarterly basis. **(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 (AIS) Report:** Chairperson Eckerman reported on AIS activities mentioning that curly leaf pondweed (CLP) had been reduced to a low of 30% in treated areas in 2020 but this spring (2021) the amount found was up to 58%. Due to this resurgence of CLP the district will apply for a herbicide treatment permit from the DNR for the spring of 2022, but hopes of getting a permit are low due to a change in DNR personnel and other factors. As for Eurasian water milfoil (EWM) in our east bay, that plant has rapidly grown to the point of affecting boat traffic throughout the area. No treatment is possible in 2022 due to the DNR requiring an EWM treatment addendum be added to our 2019 Lake Management Plan. Money has been added to our 2022 budget to work with our lake consultant, Onterra, to add a EWM control strategy. District voters asked questions ranging from what company applied the CLP herbicide in past years (Clark Aquatic Services) to what type of herbicide was used (endothall) and how safe are the herbicides (very safe unless you're CLP).

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 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. Heeler also 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 \$38K from the DNR last spring.

10. Vote by Electors on Local Boat Patrol Funding: Eckerman started the discussion explaining a proposed Town of St. Germain 5-year project (supported by a DNR grant) that would cost the district about \$1,200/year for a certified law enforcement officer to patrol all St. Germain lakes. Town supervisor and LLPRD commissioner Ted Ritter also gave more details on the project. District voters in attendance asked questions about the proposed project. After much discussion Georgie Southwick made a motion, second Jerry Morris, to proceed with the boat patrol. Voting by electors present defeated the motion 39 (no) to 12 (yes). After the vote an elector asked how to report unruly neighbors for trespassing or zoning law violations, and he was referred to local authorities.

11. Vote by Electors on Contracting Out Marker Buoy Placement/Removal: Eckerman explained that with many older volunteers now installing/removing marker buoys, he suggested it is time to contract out that service to a private company. The district has received a bid from J&J Service of St. Germain to install/remove buoys at a rate of \$10/buoy, plus they would do repair and maintenance of buoys during the summer. On motion by Jack Peil, second Eric Eade, to hire J&J Services for buoy installation/removal, the motion passed unanimously by electors.

12. Vote by Electors on Providing a Porta-Potty at Boat Landing: Eckerman and Ritter led the discussion of the history and cost (\$1,200/yr) of why this issue was on the agenda. After discussion Mel Schultz made a motion, second Julie Chusid, to NOT pursue putting a porta-potty at our boat landing. This motion was amended by Schultz, second Keith Scholle, saying that we will also place a sign at the boat landing telling boaters there is a public pier and port-potty at the Vandervort Park ball field. The motion and amendment passed unanimously.

13. Geese Population Issues and Possible Remedies: Eckerman explained the current geese over-population situation on Lost Lake and possible remedies. He has been in contact with the WDNR and the USDA. The DNR will have to issue a permit and the USDA will do the actual removal of geese at a cost of between \$1500-\$1800. The meat from the removed geese will be donated to area raptor centers. Marv Anderson made a motion, second Lynn Peterson, to allocate \$2,000 in 2022 budget for geese removal. Motion passed with all but one person voting for the motion.

14. Possible Walleye Stocking in 2021: Eckerman gave background information on why the state discontinued stocking small (fry) walleye in Lost Lake several years ago and why our lake organizations have taken over stocking extended-growth (larger size) walleye. The DNR states the natural reproduction is way down in all lakes and the cost to improve spawning habitat is prohibitive in most instances. The Town's Lakes Committee is studying improving the walleye (and other) fishery in town lakes, but results and action won't happen this year yet. Keith Scholle made motion to approve walleye stocking this fall, second Jack Peil; motion passed unanimously. As follow-up, Rick Rubow made motion to stock 2,000 walleye at cost of \$2.50 each for a total expense of \$5,000, second Anderson; motion passed unanimously.

15. Presentation/Review of Proposed 2022 Budget: Treasurer Truppe presented and explained the proposed 2022 LLPRD budget and 2021 tax levy; in addition saying that the copy he handed out would need to be corrected to show the money listed for proposed porta-potty (\$2000) and lake boat patrol (\$1500) would be removed but added would be the \$5000 cost of walleye stocking and \$2000 cost of geese removal. These changes were prompted by action earlier at this meeting. In review, the 2022 budget shows non-AIS expenses of \$13,100; and AIS expenses (CLP treatment and EWM control plan) \$47,000 for total

2022 expenses of \$60,100. Revenues include: 2021 Carryover/Revenue of \$111,000; and Revenue of \$20,000 (tax levy) for total revenue/carryover of \$131,000.

16. Vote by Electors to Approve/Disapprove 2022 Budget: On a motion by Jim Hardgrove, second by Lynn Peterson, the motion to approve the 2022 budget as presented at \$60,100 in expenses passed unanimously by the electors.

17. Vote by Electors to Approve/Disapprove 2021 Tax Levy: On a motion by Jim Hardgrove, second Webb Southwick, the motion to set the 2021 tax levy at \$20,000 passed unanimously by electors.

18. Election to Fill Expiring Term of Commissioners Heeler and Ulett: Nominations were taken from the floor. Gary Heeler was nominated by John Eckerman. Jim Ulett was nominated by Bob Truppe. No other nominations were received. A secret ballot was taken and Gary Heeler and Jim Ulett were elected to a three-year term.

19. Set Date, Time, and Location of 2022 Annual Elector Meeting: After minimal discussion, a motion was made by Ritter, second Truppe, to hold the 2022 Electors' Meeting at the same place, day and time as this year's meeting; motion passed. Therefore next year's meeting will be held on Sunday, September 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Vandervort Park.

20. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn by Heeler, second Guckenberg. Motion passed; meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m

Minutes prepared by Gary Heeler---LLPRD Secretary