

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
APPROVED Minutes
October 7, 2021, 4th Qtr Commissioners' Meeting

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Eckerman called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- 2. Verify Posting of Meeting:** Commissioner Heeler stated the meeting was posted on 10-04-2021.
- 3. Roll Call:** Quorum was established:
 - Present: Heeler, Ritter, Guckenberg, Anderson, Eckerman, Truppe
 - Excused: Ulett
 - Others Present: Eric Eade
- 4. Approval of Sept 5, 2021, Commissioner Meeting Minutes:**

On Motion by Truppe, second Ritter, minutes of the Sept 5, LLPRD commissioner meeting were unanimously approved.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Truppe reported no activity since last meeting held on Sept 5. He also reported that, as per the Audit Report recommendation, he will do future Treasurer's Reports on a quarterly basis aligned with our fiscal year's quarters.
- 6. Public Comments:** None given.
- 7. AIS Report--Onterra:** Chairman Eckerman led the discussion on controlling 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. Eckerman reviewed the report supplied to him by Onterra's Eddie Heath which gave timelines and other information on our next steps to a possible spring herbicide treatment of CLP and also the steps to setting a up a DNR-required addendum to our Lake Management Plan to include steps to controlling EWM in our eastern bay. As soon as Heath puts together a more detailed plan for these AIS strategies the LLPRD will meet with him to start the planning process. Our next scheduled meeting is set for Feb 3, 2022, but we will most likely need a meeting set before that date to enable us to meet DNR deadlines for AIS treatments. Heath and other Onterra associates were on Lost Lake in mid-September to map EWM in preparation of the addendum work. The EWM lake survey is attached.
- 8. Signage/Issues at Boat Landing for Porta-Potty at Vandervort Park:** Guckenberg passed around a sample sign he put together to be placed at our boat landing telling of the public porta-potty and dock at Vandervort park. After a few editing suggestions, including possibly adding a picture to the sign, Guckenberg will work on completing and attaching the sign to our current sign at the boat landing.
- 9. Change in M-Bank Status (now Nicolet Bank) and Safety Deposit Box:** Eckerman stated that our district's St. Germain bank, M-Bank, has been bought out by Nicolet Bank and will be closing. As a result we will have to transfer our safety deposit box and do all our transactions at the Nicolet Bank Eagle River location. Questions were raised if we really need a safety deposit box and are we required to retain hard copies of the Lost Creek dam deed and other important documents or can we just keep e-copies of these documents. Anderson will check with the WI Lakes Partnership people to get answers to these questions. Anderson also suggested that the district buy a safety deposit box to be kept at the home of one of the commissioners. Due to the length of travel to the new Nicolet location it was suggested that the district could switch to the US Bank in St. Germain, but that bank has informed customers that they will no longer provide safety deposit boxes, so

for the time we will stay with Nicolet. Truppe will pick up items from our safety deposit box in a week.

10. Clean Boats Clean Waters 2021 Updates and Renewal for 2022: Heeler reviewed the 2021 CBCW program stating we are still a few hours short of the 84 hours needed of volunteer boat inspection time. Due to covid some of our volunteers were unable to spend as much time at the landing as was planned. As for continuing with the program next year, Ritter made a motion, second Eckerman, to apply for a DNR grant to fund the 2022 CBCW program. If the grant is approved the district would be liable for approximately \$3,000 up front money to UW-Oshkosh (or other schools) to fund the 152 hours of student intern boat inspectors. The money would be returned to the district upon completion of 84 hours of volunteer time at the boat landing.

11. Town of St. Germain Fishery Committee Update: Guckenberger reported on the Town's Fishery Committee progress by reviewing an email the committee received from the DNR that answered questions the committee posed to the DNR. Among other questions answered, the DNR said they are only performing fishery research on Big and Little St. Germain at this time.

12. 2021 Walleye Stocking Update: Heeler updated the commissioners on the planned stocking of 2,000 extended-growth walleye this fall by Central WI Fish Farms of Stevens Point with expected delivery by mid- to late October. This is the only fish farm in WI this year with the type of walleye strain approved by the area DNR fish manager. Truppe will get a check to Heeler for the payment (\$5,000) due at the time the fish arrive. Any person interested in transporting the fish to different parts of the lake should give Heeler their phone number to be contacted on the day of delivery.

13. Marker Buoy Installation/Removal Status: Truppe has contacted J & J Services who is the contractor we have hired to remove the marker buoys. They will be removing the buoys in late October depending on the weather.

14. St. Germain Lakes Committee Report: Eckerman reported that he has appointed Jim Guckenberger and Eric Eade as primary representatives to the St. Germain Lakes committee with Jim Ulett as the alternate. Eade reported on the last Lakes Committee meeting stating the boat patrol proposal was voted down at three of the five lake organizations, meaning that issue is dead for now. Lakes Committee members will continue to look at different ideas in getting some sort of boat patrol organized for St. Germain Lakes.

15. 2021 Tax Levy Preparation: Eckerman reported he has received the evaluation of Lost Lake properties from the state which totaled \$59M. He will be completing the tax levy paperwork shortly.

16. Other Commissioner Comments/Concerns: It was decided to add "future agenda items" to this agenda item for future meetings. Next regularly scheduled meeting set for February 3, 2022. Commissioner Ritter may be out of town for our Feb meeting; if so, he would contact another town board person to attend our meeting and set up the Zoom system. Eckerman will get back to commissioners on a Herbicide Treatment special meeting to take place in Dec or early Jan as soon as Eddie Heath at Onterra has the necessary info in place.

17. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.