

Lost Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
APPROVED Minutes
February 3, 2022, 1st Qtr Commissioners' Meeting

Call to Order: Chairman Eckerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

1. Verify Posting of Meeting: Commissioner Ulett stated the meeting was posted on 01-18-2022, but someone removed the posting at Camp's days before the meeting.

2. Roll Call: Quorum was established:

Present: Heeler, Ritter, Guckenberg, Anderson, Eckerman, Truppe, Ulett

Excused: None

Others Present: Eric Eade, Steve Maly, and Eddie Heath of Onterra (via Zoom)

3. Approval of October 7, 2021, Commissioner Meeting Minutes:

On Motion by Ritter, second Guckenberg, minutes of the Oct 7, 2021, LLPRD commissioner meeting were unanimously approved.

4. Treasurer's Report: Truppe reported that on 10/07/21 treasury was at \$105,817.40 and that since he wrote checks to USPS \$92.00; Onterra \$6290.50; Meyer Insurance \$1749.00 and \$234.00; Vilas Cty \$67.00; Business Connection \$341.15; Nicolet Bank \$45.00; and Jim Guckenberg \$85.98. He deposited tax levy of \$9595.85 and Room tax of \$939.00 bringing 11/30/2021 (end of fiscal qtr) balance to \$107,447.62. Since then he has written checks to Onterra \$2591.50; J&J Services \$230.00; and Business Connection for \$1014.00, while depositing checks from Tax Levy \$7238.86, and from DNR-CBCW \$2244.40 bringing 02-03-22 balance to \$113,095.38.

5. Public Comments: None given.

6. Open Bids for Possible Spring CLP Herbicide Treatment: Chairman Eckerman opened two bids received for possible CLP treatment this spring in western bay. The first bid by Clean Lakes Midwest came in at \$32,700.41 which included DNR permit and signage, posting etc. The second bid from Schmidt's Aquatic was for \$27,887.50 not including the permit cost and signage etc. (about \$1300 cost). Discussion ensued on picking a vendor including proposals on staying with our past vendor, Clean Lakes, due to past performance and that they pump herbicide to the root of the plants rather than closer to the surface. Eddie Heath of Onterra related that Onterra works with both companies and they both do a great job of applying the herbicide. Commissioners were reminded that state statues require gov't entities to go with the lowest bidder unless that bidder is not a responsible party. (The vote to pick a vendor is on Agenda Item 16)

7. 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 the local branch has now closed. He closed out our safety deposit box and the secretary now houses all district documents in a fireproof safe. Eckerman explored moving our account to the St. Germain US Bank but ran into many roadblocks switching, and in the mean-time Treasurer Truppe was able to use on-line banking to easily do all banking transactions with Nicolet, so he stated he is fine with staying with our current Eagle River branch of Nicolet Bank. On motion by Anderson, second Truppe, the commission voted unanimously to stay with Nicolet Bank.

8. St. Germain Lakes Committee Report: Committee member Eric Eade reported on the St. Germain Lakes Committee, stating he sent out the minutes of its last meeting to all LLPRD commissioners. Eric reviewed those minutes showing that the Lake's Committee was reviewing the status of social media for community outreach; reviewing the

stakeholder survey dealing with boating safety; reviewing the committee's financial status, and finally, updating the fisheries management plan (see Agenda Item 12). Seeing that the lake escrow account funding format of the Sayner/St. Germain Wildlife Club is no longer in operation, the LLPRD will have to be put on an agenda of a Lake's Committee's summer meeting so that the LLPRD can request their \$3,316.88 left in our former Wildlife Club account. Also, as Treasurer Truppe reported we already received \$939.00 from this fund in December.

9. Signage/Issues at Boat Landing for Porta-Potty at Vandervort Park: Guckenberger stated that he placed a sign at the boat landing informing people of a porta-potty at Vandervort Park as well as repaired the "Invasive Species" sign that had its plexi-glass covering cracked.

10. Clean Boats Clean Waters 2021 Updates and Renewal for 2022: Heeler reviewed the 2021 CBCW program stating last minute volunteers last fall put us over the top on hours needed to recoup all the grant funds. We have been awarded another DNR grant to pay for UW-Oshkosh interns in 2022 to spend 152 hours inspecting boats for AIS. We will again need 84 hours of volunteer time at the boat landing to recoup the \$3,000 paid to UW-O. Heeler will contact Truppe for the payment to UW-O of the \$3,000 once he receives the 2022 invoice.

11. Town of St. Germain Fishery Committee Update: Guckenberger reported on the Town's Fishery Committee by stating work is continuing and that they have formulated a rough-draft of their mission.

12. Walleye Stocking Update: Heeler updated the commissioners on walleye stocking stating that last fall's stocking never occurred. Repeated calls by Heeler to the vendor were never returned even though other area lakes were stocked by this same fish farm. Heeler thought that because we could not confirm buying the fish until after our Labor Day elector meeting may have been the reason why we didn't get the fish. Heeler has now contacted a different fish farm (Silver Moon Hatchery) that hopes to have walleye available for us this fall. The owner will contact Heeler in May if he is able to get fish for us and has estimated cost of about \$2.25/walleye.

13. Marker Buoy Installation/Removal Status: Truppe reported that J&J Services successfully removed the marker buoys last fall, placing some of the buoys at the boat landing and others at the ballpark. Truppe will contact J&J to be sure we are on their schedule for installation of the buoys right after ice-out. Seeing that this spring will be the first time J&J installs the buoys, Guckenberger volunteered to help if they would like his assistance in locating the buoys.

14. EWM Treatment Grant Application/Stakeholder Survey : Eckerman reported that the stakeholder survey preceding our grant application for EWM treatment has been approved by the DNR and that Business Connection office in St. Germain will be sending out postcards to all lake property owners mid-February with instructions on how to complete the survey. To get a statistically valid survey, Eckerman urged everyone who receives the postcard to complete the survey. Eckerman also stated that Onterra's 2021 Lake Report has been completed and was sent to commissioners. He asked if commissioners had any concerns or corrections to the report--none were reported.

15. Selection of CLP Spring Treatment Applicator: Chairman Eckerman called for the vote on selection of CLP applicator based on bids received. On a motion by Anderson to award the CLP applicator bid to Schmidt Aquatic, second Ritter, Commissioners Ulett and Guckenberger voted NO while Heeler, Anderson, Ritter, Truppe, and Eckerman voted YES for low bidder Schmidt's Aquatic. Eckerman will notify Schmidt's Aquatic of their winning bid.

16. Commissioner Communications, Meeting Agenda Items, and Concerns: A preliminary May 5 LLPRD meeting agenda will be sent out to commissioners with the unapproved minutes so that commissioners have time to add new agenda items if needed. Eckerman also brought up the April 6-8 “WI Lakes and Rivers Convention” at the Holiday Inn in Stevens Point asking if Eric Eade or any commissioners would be able to attend. The LLPRD would pay for overnight accommodations and the registration fee.

17. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Gary Heeler
LLPRD Secretary