

# **LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

## **Annual Meeting Minutes: Draft**

**August 16, 2014: 10:00am @ Augusta Lions Hall**

**200 East Lincoln Street, Augusta Wi 54722**

### **1. Call to Order and Welcome: Marlo Orth-President**

- Marlo Orth called to order the Annual Meeting and welcomed all for attending and thanked everyone for their support and participation.
- Thank Lions Club and John Selz for their assistance with this meeting
- Reviewed the obligation of the Board and the membership of their need to work in collaboration for the success of the Lake District.
- Marlo reminded all that State of Wi Statutes supersede all By Laws and will be adhered to at all times.
- Tim Pabich and Carol Carlson were recognized and thanked for their service to the Lake District as prior Board members.
- Also recognized current Board members and Bob Buley as recording secretary.
- Marlo recognized and thanked DNR-Buzz Sorge and Neil Trombly, Eau Claire County-Greg Moore, Josh Pederson, Kelly Jacobs, Rod Eslinger and all other staff.
- Highlighted great support and cooperation with the Lake Association and all of the years of dedicated service from the association.
- He thanked Robin Walsh for his efforts to assist with many of the technical support projects.
- Marlo gave a very special thanks to Rod Zika for his professional expertise, knowledge and relentless effort to identify, present, and collaborate with ideas and processes that will improve the quality of Lake Eau Claire for years to come. His work has been donated and valued in excess of \$250,000 to \$300,000.
- John Selz and Larry Comstock were recognized for their fishery work.
- Bob Laden was acknowledged as parliamentarian for the meeting.
- Fred Poss-President of the Lake Eau Claire Association was recognized to speak. Fred highlighted the list of events and activities that the Association is sponsoring to raise money for lake improvement including the grant of \$66,000 that was received from Eau Claire County for the aeration system.

## **2. Minutes of August 17, 2013:**

- Copies of the minutes were made available to all participants, and Board will read minutes if requested.
- Motion to approve minutes was made from the floor, second was made and minutes were approved by acclamation.

## **3. Amend By Laws – Action:**

- Marlo Orth reviewed Section 3 By Law changes clarifying eligible voters.
- Article 2 which clarified the vote process, secret, show of hands, or vocal.
- Article 3 outlined eligibility to serve as commissioner
- Section 6 eliminated the word “to”
- Article 6 clarified contracts and public bidding and corrected numbering with changes made.
- Motion to approve amended By Laws: Jack Bennett
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion by voice vote: Herb Comstock
- Approved: voice vote

## **4. Treasurers report: Dean Boehne**

- Dean Boehne presented a review of the current audited 2013 Year Ending District Financial Report.
- Motion to approve Treasurers Report: Vicki Reed
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Phil Kalscheur
- Approved: voice vote

## **5. Audit Report: Dean Boehne**

- Dean reviewed 2013 Audit Report that was completed by Tammy Moss, Bridge Creek Treasurer.
- Report by Tammy Moss stated that the Lake District Financials were found to be complete and accurately stated.
- Tammy Moss donated her time for the audit and did not charge the Lake District.
- Audit Report will be filed.

## **6. Report on Lake Management Plan: Rod Zika**

- The Lake Management Plan will be transitioned from the Lake Association to the Lake District.
- Rod Zika presented the current update and state of the approved 2012 Lake Management Plan and how “Mother Nature” has affected the current course.
- Rod then presented the proposed plans for the 2014 Lake Management Plan that is now being developed but not yet approved.
- Rod also reminded the District membership that they have access to reading the Lake Management Plans on the Lake Association/District web site.

- a. **Fishery:** Continued plans to add fish habitat by adding structure along the shore line that includes adding more cribs and shore line tree structure.
- b. **Aeration:** Permitting is now under way and final road and building plans under review. Multiple aeration manifolds explained and locations identified.
- c. **Sedimentation:** state of current high water events reviewed and shows that although our sedimentation management plan works well it is difficult to accurately predict high water from year to year so plans are based on historical averages. Hay Creek and Muskrat Creek sedimentation problems were identified for future work but not enough revenue is available to address them at this time.

**7. Amend 2014 Budget – Action: Dean Boehne**

- Dean Boehne presented the proposed Amended 2014 Budget that was amended to allocate more money to clean out some of the sediment traps that are filling faster than projected because of the record high water year we are experiencing in the Eau Claire River watershed.
- Marlo Orth stated that he would personally cover the engineering costs that needed to be done prior to this meeting in the event membership decided not to cover said costs.
- Cleaning out Hay and Muskrat Creek traps was discussed and identified as a need to address in future budget plans, but not enough revenue is available at this time.
- Motion to approve the Amended 2014 Budget: Dennis Knot
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Chris Nelson
- Approved: voice vote

**8. 2015 Proposed Budget: Dean Boehne**

- Dean Boehne presented the proposed 2015 Lake District Budget that includes a 1.5 mil rate levy without any additional proposed borrowing. This budget includes \$3000 from the Lake Association. This budget proposal was reviewed, accepted, and recommended by the current Board of Commissioners in public meetings held prior to this annual meeting.
- Although the revenue does not address all of the issues identified in the Lake Management Plan, it does address what the board identified as critical immediate needs.
- Motion to approve Budget: Tom Hartel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: Herb Comstock
- Approved: voice vote

**9. Revenue Sources Committee report: Bob Laden**

- This committee was appointed by Marlo Orth to make recommendations to this year's Annual Meeting what may be the best option to generate revenue using

mil rate levy, special charges, or a combination. Special Assessment was not considered based on everyone's understanding of the complexity and difficulties with establishing a fair assessment.

- Lake Districts throughout Wisconsin (approx. 200 Districts) routinely use mil rate levy and special charges. 113 Districts surveyed: 56%-mil rate levy, 34%-special charge, 11%-combination.
- In a vote of 4 to 3 the committee voted to recommend continuing with the budgeted mil rate system.
- This committee will continue to meet to review best options to come up with revenue for the Lake District and make these recommendations to the Board with presentations at the annual Meeting.

**10. Proposed corresponding tax levy to meet the budget by Lake District Board: Marlo Orth**

- The 1.5 mil rate is recommended by the Board to be approved in the 2015 Proposed Annual Budget.
- Motion to maintain 1.5 mil rate levy: Mr. McHugh
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: woman
- Approved: voice vote

**11. Elect one commission for three year term:**

- Mike O'Connor nominated by Mike Kuntz for open Board of Commissioners position.
- No other nominations.
- As a result of a written secret ballot, Mike O'Connor was voted in for a 3 year term.

**12. Other Business:**

- No additional business outside the Agenda was discussed at this meeting.

**13. Date and time for next year's annual meeting (Suggest August 15, 2015 10:00am at Augusta Lions Hall, 200 East Lincoln Street, Augusta, WI 54722).**

- Motion to accept recommended Annual Meeting date, time, and place: Marlo Orth
- Approved: voice vote

**14. Adjourn:**

- Motion to adjourn: Mike O'Connor
- 2<sup>nd</sup> motion: voice vote
- Approved: voice vote