

**LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT**  
**4th Quarter Meeting**  
**August 18, 2018**

**Call to order:** President Carol Dixon called the meeting to order at 11:09a.m. Secretary Debby Bartolerio and Kathy Weiss, Village of Palmyra President were also present along with 18 Lake District members. First-time attendees, Dinsha and Shobha Gagrath were welcomed.

**Reading/Review of Minutes:** Debby read the minutes from the June 9, 2018 Lake District Meeting and the Special Board Meeting on June 27, 2018. The minutes were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Vicki Bradford was unable to attend, so Carol gave the Treasurer's Report. We were over budget by \$3,756.26 due to repairs to the harvester. This was partially offset by a reduction in herbicide costs. The final payment from the taxes is not reflected on the report, it was received yesterday (August 17). The treasurer's report was filed.

**2018-2019 Budget Review and Vote:** Carol presented the proposed budget on behalf of Vicki. There were several changes made from the 2018 budget: the Herbicide Application allowance was reduced and the amount for Harvester Operations and Repair was increased. The 2018 budget was \$16,059 and the proposed budget for 2019 is \$15,525. Jim Dixon made a motion to approve the budget and Bob Wielepski seconded. There was no discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

**Aquatic Plant Survey Results:** Patricia Cicero was not able to attend and has not yet completed the survey.

**Weed Harvesting Report:** Jim Dixon reported that we have removed 400,000 lbs of weeds so far this year. He also reported that there was an incident of vandalism, and the DNR was going to install a camera at the launch.

A rubber flap was installed between the front cutter blades and the conveyor bed on the harvester which should help reduce the "floaters" that are escaping from the cutting blades/conveyor.

Jim also said there is a new type of harvester that pulls the weeds rather than cutting them and that it could help address the algae that we are experiencing.

Pat Zimmerman mentioned that the harvester avoids cutting lily pads, so if they are present other weeds won't be cut there either. Homeowners can pull out any aquatic plants including lily pads along 30 feet of their shoreline as far out as possible. This will allow the harvester to cut any remaining weeds in water levels 3' or higher.

**Dam Repair:** Kathy Weiss reported that the due date for bids has been extended to August 24. The demolition and concrete work will be done in fall, and completion of the dam is anticipated in the spring of 2019 as planned. Cost-sharing information won't be available until next spring.

Kathy also reported that she has had a preliminary discussion with the Town of Palmyra governing members.

**Vote for Secretary:** Debby Bartolerio was the only person on the ballot. Carol Dixon announced that everyone also had the option to "write in" someone's name. The results were 19 votes for Debby, 0 for others.

**Appointment of Auditors:** Linda Plennes and Debby Bartolerio were appointed to conduct the annual audit of the financial records.

**Open Forum:** Brad Casper asked if the weed harvester was able to cut in the finger bay. Jim stated that they could, but needed to stay in the middle. Lynn Halbur asked why the weeds weren't cut by her second pier. Jim showed her the map with the locations in which the DNR allows us to harvest weeds. The area by her pier is not included.

Al Fehrmann thanked the board for their work and reminded everyone that we are volunteers.

**Next Meeting Date:** The next meeting will be **January 19th** at the Village Hall at 10:00.

**Adjournment:** At 11:49, a motion to adjourn was made by Jim Dixon and seconded by Bob Wielepski.