

LOWER SRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

3rd QTR MEETING MINUTES (Amended)

7/13/2022 – 7PM

Village Hall, Palmyra WI

Board Members Present: L. Plennes, D. Bartolerio, J. Deichl, K. Weiss

Lake District Members In Attendance: J. Dixon, C. Dixon, D. Wilbur, D. Schultz, J. Molesky

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM by L. Plennes.

MINUTES

Minutes from the April 23rd, 2022, meeting was distributed for review. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by D. Bartolerio and seconded by K. Weiss.

TREASURERS REPORT

D. Bartolerio presented the treasurer's report. She stated the budget looks awesome but noted harvester labor charges and gas and diesel costs have not yet been submitted. The lake looks great so hopefully spending a little extra on harvester costs this year is paying off. The only overage noted in the budget was on the herbicide application. It was over by \$434.25. A decision to drop the cyber insurance portion on our insurance policy provided a savings of \$346.00. The savings account balance is \$16,247.16 and checking account balance is \$19,953.39. Checking account contains dam payments and will be moved once assessments are available. A motion to approve the treasurer's reports was made by K. Weiss and seconded by J. Deichl.

CHEMICAL TREATMENT

C. Dixon stated that on May 11th Weedar 64 (2, 4-D) and Aquathal K were applied continuously along the shorelines. She stated we are hoping for seasonal control rather than 6 weeks of relief in the shallow areas. Diquat was sprayed by the beach and the Reynertson/Wilbur property as they were near the path of greater water movement. The Omdoll property was disallowed due to no dock and the water being too shallow. Projected cost including application fee is \$5,278.70. The Village contributed \$250.00 for treating the beach area. Many property owners are starting to see new weed growth with the warmer temperatures and lower water level. C. Dixon noted the proposed DNR fee changes (effective 2024) for harvesting and chemical treatment that would be a financial burden for small lakes such as ours. For example, our current harvesting permit fee of \$300 for 5 years would increase to \$7500 for 5 years, our chemical treatment cost this year was \$5,400 for less than 10 acres of shoreline area. With the proposed changes, the permit fee would more than double! A letter was composed and sent from the Lake District board to several DNR members as well as congressmen asking for relief options for small lakes that have very limited resources. Several board members plan to attend a meeting regarding the proposed DNR changes that will be held in Madison in early August.

WEED HARVESTING REPORT/HARVESTER REPORT

J. Dixon wanted to give a "shout out" to Scott Halbrucker for all his time and effort in getting the harvester ready and in the water this season. We couldn't have done it without you! Thank you, Scott! M. & P. Temple along with D. Thayer, have been doing a great job with the harvesting so far this season. Mitch from Inland was here to evaluate the weed floaters. With the new cutter bars added prior to the cutting season it was felt there should be fewer floaters. A revised plan to spend the last hour of each day dedicated to picking up floaters and not cutting has been implemented. This should eliminate many of the pesky floaters that escape! J. Dixon noted it's been a juggling act to predict which areas need the most work!

WE HAVE A NEW HARVESTER COORDINATOR! J. Molesky has stepped forward and agreed to work with J. Dixon on weed harvesting duties. Thank you in advance and we're looking forward to working with you!

Geese Depridation

The Alveshires have sold their property on Lower Spring and will be moving shortly. We can't thank them enough for the many, many hours they have dedicated in making our lake a beautiful place. You will be dearly missed and hope you visit often! The geese depridation duties have officially been turned over to B. & M. Casper. Please let them or the board know if you are able to assist them with this task in the spring.

Truck

L. Plennes reports the wiring has been repaired and as of right now there have been no problems with the truck.

Digital Presence

In an effort to increase our digital presence, without increasing costs or volunteer manpower, the Lake District has been granted additional space on the village website. Watch for additional Lower Spring Lake District information to be displayed in the near future.

Lake Operations Support

A presentation was recently made to the village and the town boards asking that they consider monetary support or a "partnership" with the Lower Spring Lake District to assist with the ever-rising cost of lake maintenance. At the moment, the lake is maintained solely by the 50 property owners. It was noted that the lake is a wonderful asset enjoyed by everyone – not only lake property owners. Any support would greatly be appreciated!

Old Business

The harvester will need to be painted once it is pulled from the water this fall. The temperature needs to be within a certain range for painting so it will need to take place shortly after its cleaned and dried. If you are interested in helping, please contact one of the board members.

A river clean-up was planned earlier this summer, but weather did not cooperate. It should be set up for this fall as there is a large beaver dam that needs to be removed along with other debris in the water. L. Plennes will contact a trapper to relocate the animals. Once that is done a date can be set for clean-up.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting has been set for Saturday, August 27th at 11:00 at the beach pavilion with a picnic to follow the meeting. Please see the attached flier. We will also be voting on a new Chairperson for the Lake District as L. Plennes' term will expire. If you are interested in this position, please contact one of the board members.

Motion to adjourn was made by D. Bartolerio and seconded by K. Weiss
Meeting adjourned at 8:08PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Deichl – Secretary