

LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT MINUTES

JANUARY 25TH 2020

Board Members: L. Plennes-Chairperson, J. Deichl-Secretary, D. Bartolerio-Treasurer were present. K. Weiss-Village President, P. Cicero-Water Resources Mgmt Specialist, S. Graham-DNR were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:03.

READING OF PAST MINUTES

Notice of amendment to the June 22nd meeting minutes regarding cost sharing voting topic which was advised by attorney – change was made and filed.

Incorrect meeting minutes were inadvertently read. Correct minutes will be read along with the January 25th meeting minutes at the next meeting. Please excuse the error.

TREASURERS REPORT

D. Bartolerio prepared and read the treasurers report. Notable differences in budgeted expenses vs. actual expenses were a decrease in herbicide application fees, an increase in labor cost for harvester operation and an increase in harvester repairs. Budgeted income was \$15,525.00 vs. actual income of \$15,747.39. Checking account balance is \$3,795.95, balance in savings account is \$42,052.43 of which \$25,000.00 was used to supplement the loan balance. A loan in the amount of \$120,385.98 was secured at an interest rate of 3.37% for the Lake District portion of the dam.

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AQUATIC PLANT SURVEY UPDATE

P. Cicero distributed an aerial photo of Lower Spring Lake taken by drone access. Permission was granted to fly off the peninsula in hopes of viewing exposed areas now that the draw down is in effect. Members asked if a larger photo would be possible in hopes of determining depth in certain areas. She proposed a plan for plant surveying in spring and will decide later on canoe access to see areas not available by boat. A lengthy discussion took place regarding the aggressive milfoil, how it got here, what can be done to contain it and what other lakes are doing to control it. S. Graham, DNR asked if we had done any watershed management or worked with farmers in regards to runoff. She will get us a point of contact in Waukesha County that can possibly assist us in that area. She also mentioned a Lake Management Planning grant that we could apply for that may assist with nutrient management. It consists of several years of monitoring and multiple samplings at different times and is expensive but states they grant would help. Question raised asking if a chemical treatment would be possible and beneficial for weed control, before the lake level is raised. Both Patricia and Susan thought it may help. A motion was made to apply for a chemical treatment in the spring. Cost for application is approx.. \$55.00-65.00.

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Discussed May 1st, 2020 as the date the lake is to be raised. Lengthy discussion on water level and dam functionality. K. Weiss explained the discrepancy between lake level historically and present day. She

acknowledged that lake levels are being worked on and that dam is functioning as intended. Linda will request a projected date of refill from the Village.

A reminder to all - now is the time to clean up lake shores/fronts of debris while water level is lower.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR COST SHARING

D. Bartolero stated loan documents were signed. End of October 2020 statements will go out. Fifteen people paid upfront. The interest rate for the loan amount is 3.375%.

DREDGING UPDATE

C. Dixon stated the dredging permit is expected within the next few days. Thirteen property owners have committed to participate. Zero degree weather for a week or two would ensure solid ground and ice. Seigler Excavating was confident the dredging could still be done even if mild weather continues. Seigler will issue individual contracts for each property owner.

CLEAN BOATS/CLEAN WATER

P. Zimmerman reported there have been no participants in the clean boat program. She even tried to engage the school system and several other organizations that may need volunteer hours. S. Graham mentioned applying for a grant and possibly partnering with a neighboring lake to keep the costs down. Since the deadline for the grant has passed, we have time to do some research and look for a possible partner for the 2021 boating season.

OPEN FORUM

Several questions were raised: *Is there a plan for fish die off when lake level is raised?* Lake year there was a large number of dead fish in the Spring. Patricia will look into this and get back to us.

Could the exposed stumps and logs be removed now that the water level is lower? Susan stated no we could not remove any logs or stumps but we could ask that a hazard buoy be placed.

Weed harvesting report, water testing results and chemical treatment results were deferred to April meeting.

Next meeting date: Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 10:00AM

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 12:00