

## Lower Spring Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Quarterly (2<sup>nd</sup>) Meeting-April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Called Meeting To Order:** Al Fehrmann called the meeting to order at 10:05 A.M. on Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Present: Al Fehrmann-President, Vicki Bradford –Treasurer, Dave Turner- Village President, Patricia Cicero-DNR, Josh Gajewski-Village Superintendent, Linda Plennes-Secretary. Not present, Sarah Bregant-County Supervisor.

**Read & Approve Minutes:** Linda Plennes read the minutes of the last meeting held on January 12, 2013. One correction was noted by Vicki, tax refund checks were reported as \$2,522.26 should read \$2,522.56. Correction was made, motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Jim C. and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert W.

**Treasurers Report:** Vicki Bradford shared the budget report current to date 2013. Vicki noted that the District did pay for the Chemical Permit \$2,600, and we also paid a fee of \$16.15 for the publication of Lake Treatment notice. We also paid a check reorder fee of \$25.20. Vicki stated that all but one check has been cashed from the overpayment event. Jim motioned we accept the treasurer's report and it was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robert W. Dorothy Chappell has volunteered to audit our finances.

**Harvester Operations Report:** Jim Dixon reported that we now have a volunteer to run our harvester. Steve Bauman will be trained by Jerry and Josh. Steve is a local resident and currently drives school buses for Palmyra/Eagle School District. Steve will have to complete a job application as he actually will be considered a Village employee for insurance purposes. Patricia Cicero has offered her services also, to meet with Steve and tour the lake on the harvester and point out areas of interest or just meet with him prior to Steve starting. The wage for the harvester volunteer is \$15.00 per hour.

**Grant Project Report:** Al & Vicki, Al shared the volunteer time sheets, be sure you complete one when spending your time on this.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters is to be reported, what is not is the actual time spent cutting the aquatic plants. All bookkeeping is reportable; all the water sampling is reportable. Al has extra copies of the time sheets if you need additional ones. Al stated that after June, we will get together and submit our documentation to the state for credit. Vicki reminded us that our credit is equal to \$12.00 per hour. A question about credit for the Geese Depredation hours was asked, Patricia was not sure if those hours were creditable but she will follow up and get back to us at our next meeting. If you have doubts about the time you are investing, please log that time, Patricia will review them and decide if they are or are not creditable.

**Chemical Treatment Report:** Steve Schneiger reported that he has been in contact via e-mails with Patricia Cicero, Marine Bio-Chem with regards to the permit and application. Patricia Cicero, Susan Graham, The Army Corp. of Engineers, have several conversations regarding whole lake treatments. Marine Bio Chem will be out to inspect the lake prior to treatment; also Patricia will take another look prior to treatment. Patricia said since we treated with both 2,4 D and Endothall last year we would give the lake a break this year and use only Endothall. Endothall will kill both CLP and EW Milfoil. If needed both chemical could/would be

used to treat. A pretreatment plant survey will be completed by Patricia before we treat the lake. The actual Water Management Agreement from Marine Bio Chem is and can be modified as needed as well. Susan Graham should be available to be present the date selected for treatment. The Far East end of the lake is still a concern for treatment, Patricia will check with Brian to see if another type of boat could/would be available to get closer to the aquatic plants for treatment.

**Geese Depredation Report:** Bill was not available for comment. We do know that Bill is on taking on this project.

**Clean Boats/Clean Waters Report:** Ann stated she is looking for volunteers again. Jim and Carol Dixon were the first to offer their time. Al and Sharon Fehrmann will also offer their time. Ann stated that she had called the schools in town looking for volunteers. Patricia will be doing the training again for this sometime in May. Patricia stated that she had great success in having students get involved in this project.

**Boat Landing Upgrade Report:** Al stated that not much has happened. Since we don't know if any money has been tagged for this project.

**Dredging Information:** Bill was not available for comment. Noted to put this back on the agenda for the next meeting.

**Aquatic Plant Disposal:** Josh had some thoughts on how and where we could dispose of the harvested plants. One suggestion was to transport the plants harvested to the site where the harvester was parked at the boat launch. Several concerns were voiced by Josh due to the feasibility of transportation to and from. Both the truck and conveyor areas have concerns as to proper loading of the plants, where the truck is parked daily, and time line between drop offs. Josh stated that a dock pick up could be done BUT some operational questions would have to be discussed first. If the harvester made dock pickups:

- There would be a need for a second set of hands (paid or volunteer) to load the weeds onto the harvester from land.
- There would need to be an understanding of permission from land owners, for staff to access the pier/land from the street.
- Development of schedule or timing so that residents know when pickups will be.
- Development of a job task/description for "staff"

Note: a second alternative of dock pickups would have the Harvester Operator simply drive the shoreline and have residents load their weeds to the conveyor of the harvester.

**Board Vacancies:** A reminder that the president's term and the secretary's term will be up in August. Please give these positions some thoughts. If you are interested just let one of us know. You will not be alone, we will support you and assist you in any way we can.

**We now will have an AMBASSADOR PROGRAM, former lake residents who have held any of the titles as president, treasurer and secretary will be your “GoTo Contacts”**

**Ambassador Program: Prior-District members agreed to be ambassadors to the future board members, to offer assistance, help and guidance from their experience in these positions.**

**Open Forum: Josh suggested that Steve meet with Josh to have Josh explain the harvester and its capabilities. Steve Schneiger paid Josh a complement regarding the fast and quick actions of his department when we had the breach of the upper dam. Suggestion made to invite the town officials to our meetings. Larry Kau would be the contact person.**

**Next Meeting Date: Al set the next meeting date for June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. at the Village Hall**

**Adjourn Meeting: Jim made the motion and Steve 2<sup>nd</sup> motion to adjourn meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 A.M.**

**Submitted respectfully,**

**Linda Plennes, LSL Secretary**

**May 7, 2013**