

Lower Spring Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Annual Budget Meeting –August 17th 2013

Meeting Called To Order: Al Fehrmann call the meeting to order at 11:05 A.M. on Saturday August 17th 2013. Present: Al Fehrmann, President, Vicki Bradford, Treasurer, Sarah Bregant, County Supervisor, Dave Turner, Village President, Larry Kau, Town President, Linda Plennes, Secretary. Guest-Lance Stock

Read and Approve Minutes: Linda Plennes read the minutes of the June 1, 2013 meeting. No corrections were noted, a motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Frank L. and Bob W. 2nd the motion, minutes accepted.

Review New Budget Report for 2013-2014 And Vote: Vicki Bradford handed out the treasury report along with the proposed new budget for 2013-2014. Vicki shared that the Grant Application we applied for, for this current year 2013 was \$12,434.20. The credits for our efforts including all the volunteer times totaled \$24,868.69. Al stated that we can submit our request for credit 4 times a year, the only restriction is we can only submit one (1) in a ninety (90) day time frame. With our lake situation we probably would only submit one time a year. We submitted this in July. We are short in our budget \$1,288.63 this is a direct result of tax credits to us, simply stated, some property taxes have not yet been paid. Motion was made by Bob W and Frank L 2nd to accept treasurers report. The board met to discuss the 2014 budget, our goal was to reduce our working budget and yet stay within that budget. The harvester operation labor budget for 2013 was \$800; we reduced that to \$500. Reason for this was we now have restricted areas where we can harvest, this results in less operation hours. Vicki noted that in years past we had a Budget Surplus Fund that was \$2,000; we have not needed these funds so we are removing it for the 2014 Budget year. We do have reserves held by Palmyra State Bank. The Management Plan Review fund previously budgeted \$500 annually, we removed it for 2014, we paid for a 5 year plan and still have 2 years left. So in total we have reduced the 2014 budget by \$2,800. The bigger picture is that instead of needing a total of \$11,640 in tax revenue we will only need \$8,840. A group discussion took place, motion to accept the 2014 budget as stated by Bill and 2nd by Bob. Budget passed.

Harvester Operations Report: Jim Dixon has stepped down and Al Fehrmann will assume these duties for the next 3 years. Scott Symkowski will be our new cutter. His son DJ is a volunteer for our Clean Boats/Clean Waters Project. Scott joined in our meeting today. Al noted that Jim Dixon did a great job as project manager. Jerry Keepen was the cutter now retired, he did train our new cutters, as appreciation for his time and efforts the Lake District gave Jerry a gift certificate. Jerry's reply, he said thank you very much.

Water Clarity Report: Greg Smith stated that this year he had gotten 4 readings of 4 foot depth compared to only once last year did he get a 4 foot reading. The water clarity is improving over last year and the year before. Greg continues to take water samples.

Chemical Permit Grant Status: Steve Schneiger stated that he had nothing to report at this time. This is yearend for his required actions.

Vote for President/Secretary: Linda Plennes handed out the ballots, Carol Dixon for president and Pat Zimmerman for secretary were listed on the ballots, along with a write in of your choice. Twenty one ballots were handed out, twenty one were returned, one ballot was blank. The results were 20 votes for Carol Dixon and 20 votes for Pat Zimmerman, no other names appeared as a write it. Sharon Fehrmann and Steve Schneiger counted and verified ballots.

Grant Project: Vicki stated that for the grant reporting we logged \$2,799, this was a great result. Thanks to all the volunteers. Patricia Cicero logged \$2,854.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters: Ann was not available, Al shared the report, 7 volunteers logged a total of 107.5 hours. Forty-eight (48) boaters have been contacted by the volunteers. Per the Grant we are required to log 30-40 hours on Clean Boats/Clean Waters. This is a very positive result.

Boat Landing Upgrade Updates: Al introduced Lance Stock from the State of Wisconsin, DNR-; Lance handed out a drawing of what the new and improved boat launch would look like. He went into detail with the future plans for the boat launch. Paved drive way with concrete at the launch site, marked parking spaces, and a 40 foot pier. This project completion date is July 2014. The DNR will be responsible for the placement and removal of the pier for summer and fall.

Ambassador Project: Linda is just finishing this project. It will be available for the next meeting.

Open Forum: Al stated he had received a letter from Josh regarding the lake levels. Josh went into great detail regarding the ever changing water levels. The Village is responsible for the dams, and their repair and maintenance of said dams. An action plan has been submitted for approval, long term this will assist the Village in a Dam Grant if the need arises to repair or replace these dams. This project is a work in progress project, very slow moving. Al updated us on the beach shelter sign, we did budget \$300 for the sign improvements, Josh said it will be upgraded over winter and installed in the spring. Al also stated that the survey regarding the pickup of weeds is still pending, many issues have been brought to the table regarding the removal of harvested weeds, watch for more to come on this matter. Bill stated that when out on goose patrol getting close to the shoreline, it is cluttered with garbage, and it looks terrible. Looking for some help to clean up around the shorelines. Bill thought maybe Josh could lower the lake approx. 7-8 inches so we could get in there and clean up the debris. Bill also stated the need for the fence near the beach to be repaired or replaced. Again looking for some help with this as well. The 4th of July parade on the lake was a huge success! Al thanked Jim and Carol Dixon for Clean Boats Clean Waters. Ann for Clean Boats/Clean Waters, Ed & Deb Shields for their monitoring the plant species, Greg Smith and his crew for the water testing and sampling, water depth etc. Greg and Karen, Bill and Beth, Geese Project, The Welcome Wagon, Beach Signage Upgrades, The E-mail project, Dorothy Chappel, Welcome Wagon, Pat Zimmerman, Clean Boats/Clean Waters, Steve Schneiger, The Chemical Permits, Vicki Bradford our Treasurer, for her efforts on the Lake Grant, Carol Dixon for the picnic cooking and set-up, Patricia Cicero and Susan Graham for their continued support. Linda Plennes for all her years of service, and a huge thank you to Sharon Fehrmann. In closing Al stated that you should not give up on your dream of what you want our lake to look like! You need to get and stay involved in your Lake District. Al thanked everyone for their help and support. Al asked you to continue to support your new board as you did for Al and his board. Vicki added a huge thank you to Al for his great contributions in getting all departments to work together, from the State, Village, Town and everyone else.

Set Next Meeting Date: NEXT MEETING DATE IS SATURDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2014

10:00 am AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Adjourn Meeting: Motion made by Frank and 2nd by Roger. Meeting adjourned.

Submitted: November 14, 2013

Linda Plennes, Secretary

