

BLUE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Commissioners Meeting
December 07, 2019
Palmyra Town Hall
100 Taft St, Palmyra, WI 53156

Meeting Minutes



8:04 A.M. Call to Order / Roll Call

Board Members present at the meeting were Jim Hochman, Diane Knauer, Weenonah Brattset, Greg Bauer, Dick Natrop and Roger Igielski. Staff members Mary Jo McMahan and Jim Olson were also in attendance.

8:05 A.M. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

8:06 A.M. Secretary's Report -- Diane Knauer

Agenda – Approval of agenda for December 07, 2019 Board Meeting

A motion to approve the 12/7/2019 Board Meeting Agenda was made by Dick Natrop and 2nd by Greg Bauer. The motion carried without negative vote.

Report on Master Calendar of Actions

Diane Knauer presented the Master Calendar and described its contents and use. She asked that all Board Members review it one more time and let her know if there are any further additions or corrections. Diane also presented a list of proposed meeting dates for 2020. The Board discussed and adjusted the proposed dates and agreed to further adjust the dates at each Board Meeting if necessary.

8:19 A.M. Dam Report – Jim Olson

Jim Olson reported that Rob Davis of the Wisconsin DNR inspected the dam on Wednesday, November 6th as scheduled. Jim reported that the inspection lasted about 40 minutes and stated that he gave Rob two copies of the District's EAP and IOM documents. Jim reported that he asked Rob about the types of repairs the District can do on our own without involving the DNR engineers. Rob replied that anything that is not a substantial repair (e.g. rebar, or something under the water) can be fixed without approval from his department. Jim also asked Rob how we would go about requesting the DNR to allow us to raise the lake level. Rob replied that there is a website link that would allow us to petition the DNR to see if they will allow us to run it at a higher level. Rob said he would send Jim the link to file the petition, and Jim agreed to follow up and file the petition. Jim reported that he also asked Rob about the Municipal Dam Grant. Rob was not sure the kinds of repairs Jim is looking to have the grant cover would be eligible for grant money, but he said there would be no harm in trying. The grant application is due in February, and Jim said he would proceed with the application. Finally, Jim asked Rob whether or not we could spray gunite (a mixture of cement, sand, and water applied through a pressure hose, producing a dense hard layer of concrete) as a structural repair for the concrete spillway, and Rob was fine with that. Jim said that J. F. Brennan Company in La Crosse could do this work. They are on the State's list of approved contractors for this kind of work. Jim said he would wait for a price from Brennan before completing the grant application.

Jim also reported that the tree that was obstructing the spillway has been removed. Jim will plant a new, smaller tree that will not grow into the spillway in the spring.

8:40 A.M. Closed Session

A motion to enter closed session to discuss employee wages and year-end bonuses was made by Diane Knauer and 2nd by Weenonah Brattset. The motion carried without negative vote.

A motion to end the closed session and return to open session was made by Diane Knauer and 2nd by Dick Natrop. The motion carried without negative vote.

10:10 A.M. Treasurer's Report – Greg Bauer

Greg Bauer updated the Board on funds being transferred from the District's checking account to the LGIP savings accounts (\$48,925 to the Lake Equipment and Operations fund and \$3,147 to the Boat Launch Maintenance fund). Greg also mentioned that we are budgeted to transfer \$35,000 to the LGIP Sewer Equipment and Operations fund in early 2020. He also outlined estimated expenses for upcoming sewer projects.

10:15 A.M. Town Report – Weenonah Brattset

Weenonah Brattset reported that the Town of Palmyra Board voted "no" on allowing ATVs on all town roads.

10:17 A.M. Adjourn

A motion was made by Greg Bauer and 2nd by Weenonah Brattset to adjourn the Board Meeting. The motion carried without negative vote.