

4TH QUARTER BUDGET MEETING
8/27/2022 – 11:00
BEACH PAVILLION

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

Attendees: E. Ksobiech, K. Ksobiech, J. Dixon, C. Dixon, K. McPhearson, B. McPhearson, D. Wilber, S. Reynertson, D. Gagratt, S. Gagratt, J. Tucker, L. Tucker, P. Zimmerman

The meeting was called to order by L. Plennes at 11:08am.

A warm welcome was extended to three newer lake families. Ed & Kristi Ksobiech, Bart & Kim McPhearson, and John & Lisa Tucker. We're excited you are here and happy to have you as neighbors - WELCOME!

MINUTES

Amended minutes from the July 13, 2020 meeting were distributed. With no noted changes a motion to approve the minutes was made by D. Bartolerio and seconded by L. Plennes.

TREASURERS REPORT

D. Bartolerio noted that the final tax payment was exactly what was expected. She made mention that 24 lake properties have outstanding dam balances, and she will look into where the check for special assessments is. The current budget looks good as we were over a bit on herbicide application/fees and gas for the harvester but under on harvester repairs, truck repairs, administrative expenses, insurance and miscellaneous expenses. There will be additional harvester labor fees but as of yet have not been sent to the treasurer. Current balance in the savings is \$16,247.78 and checking account balance is \$10,956.73.

The 2023 proposed budget is a \$900.00 increase over the current budget. Additional fees were added to the herbicide application/fees expense, harvester operation-gas expense. Fees were decreased on the harvester operation-labor expense. The 2023 proposed budget was unanimously approved.

D. Bartolerio again mentioned that a plea was made to both the Village and Town Boards that the lake is a commodity shared and used by all, not just the families that live on the lake. Therefore, it is our hope that a "partnership" be formed, with ongoing monetary contribution to the ever-rising cost of lake management. In the past, a \$5,000.00 yearly contribution from the village had been made. Due to village budget cuts this amount was decreased and then eliminated altogether. We are hopeful this can be reinstated. D. Bartolerio will follow up with a letter to each board thanking them for their consideration as well as a copy of our 2023 budget.

AQUATIC PLANT SURVEY RESULTS

L. Plennes stated she received the aquatic plant survey results and will provide the report at the next meeting. The report noted an overall reduction of milfoil on the lake. When time allows, M. Ulman will analyze data for just chemically treated areas and compare results to 2021 results.

CHEMICAL TREATMENT REPORT

C. Dixon provided an overview of the chemicals used and in what areas. Overall, many property owners felt that chemical treatment was effective but are now seeing more weed growth with the extreme heat. Due to the harvester not being able to cut in less than 3' of water it may require raking the shoreline and around piers. It's been suggested we continue the same treatment for next year. Currently we're looking for someone to take over

coordination of chemical treatment. It involves only a few hours in the Spring, and the current coordinators will assist in getting started. Please consider helping out.

WATER TESTING

L. Plennes stated that sampling has been done and submitted and we have been and continue to be within acceptable ranges. Clarity started out at 3'6" and is now at 5'. Overall seasonal avg. has been 6-8'. G. Smith has agreed to continue with the water testing for 2023.

WEED HARVESTING REPORT

J. Dixon noted this summer we are projected to harvest approximately 640 hours for a cost of roughly \$13,000 plus a carryover of \$1,650 from last year. A considerable savings from last year! This year we employed two operators, each cutting 5 hours per day. They harvested almost every possible opportunity with only two mechanical harvester breakdowns plus a few weather disturbances and with very little personal time off. A rusted bracket and a hydraulic hose replacement each cost one day of cutting. Additional hydraulic hoses will need to be replaced over the winter. Weed growth was influenced by the heat and more so by the low water level of the lake. Harvesting will terminate on September 9th. With the need to replace the harvester and the 1986 truck in the near future, it's imperative we try to build up our reserve funds. He recommends that next year we employ one harvester operator for six hours a day. Due to the daily transition from one operator to another taking over an hour each day, that six hours will be the equivalent of over seven hours of harvesting time. J. Molosky will be taking over the harvester coordinating position in 2023. A shout out to the harvester operators for a great season and to J. Dixon for his wealth of knowledge and dedication to the harvester coordinator position! The lake looked great and was/is enjoyed by many.

LAKE DRAWDOWN UPDATE

C. Dixon provided the following update on a 2024 drawdown. Since our request for a drawdown this coming winter was not approved, we will plan on pursuing a drawdown in 2024. Meanwhile A. Watkinson will research results of drawdowns in southern WI. We will ask fish biologist K. Pechacek to find documentation on impacts on fisheries. The benefits of a drawdown should be presented to our lake district members. Then, we need to persuade M. Fischer and Village board members that a drawdown is an effective strategy. C. Dixon will touch base with J. Siegler about dredging costs and check in with members to see who is interested in dredging.

NEW CHAIRPERSON NOMINATIONS

C. Dixon was nominated by D. Bartolerio as the next chairperson for the Lake District. Ballots were distributed, checked, counted and verified. C. Dixon was unanimously voted in as the new chairperson with 14 votes in favor and 0 opposed. Congratulations Carol!

A huge "thank you" to Linda for her leadership and dedication to the Lake District over the last three years! We so appreciate your time and efforts!

With the election of a new chairperson, we are required to perform an audit. P. Zimmerman and K. McPhearson have volunteered to complete the task. D. Bartolerio will get them the necessary paperwork.

DNR NR107 AND NR109 UPDATES

C. Dixon provided an update on the proposed DNR chemical treatment fee and the proposed harvesting permit fee. The proposed rules were to be discussed at NRB hearings on August 9 & 10 but were pulled from the agenda just before the meeting. A. Watkinson reported that 94 people submitted written testimony and 11 were scheduled to speak. The Lake District board submitted 4 letters to different representatives in opposition of the

rule. It's uncertain if the fee change will appear on any of the upcoming NRB hearings on Sept. 27-28 or Oct. 25-26. A. Watkinson will keep us informed.

OLD BUSINESS

-Painting of harvester will need to be done late fall or early spring. J. Dixon will provide details and steps that must be followed. D. Bartolerio and S. Reynertson have volunteered to paint.

-Truck is in need of replacing and village may have a truck for sale. Is this something we may want to pursue? Will a CDL be required to operate the truck? It was decided that we will continue to look at all options.

-B. McPhearson stated that the "clean up" day had been cancelled due to inclement weather. After review of the large logs and the size of the beaver dam he noted this would be a very large job. L. Plennes said she had left messages regarding trapping and relocation of the animals but has not heard back. She will contact them again for their input and advice.

NEXT MEETING

The 1st Quarter Meeting was set for February 4, 2023, at 10:00 at the Village Hall.

ADJOURN

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:09pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jody Deichl
Lake District Secretary