

LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
1ST QUARTER LAKE DISTRICT MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2022
10:00AM – Village Hall

Board Members Present: L. Plennes, Pres., D. Bartolerio, Treasurer, J. Deichl, Secretary, K. Weiss, W. Christensen

Lake District Members Present: R. Muehlbauer, J. Doll, S. Deichl, A. Fehrmann, B. Wielepski, D. Henrichon, B. Alveshire, B. Alveshire, J. Dixon, C. Dixon, S. Reynertson

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 by L. Plennes. She noted she received an email from A. Watkinson, our DNR representative, that they are unable to attend in-person meetings unless absolutely necessary due to COVID protocols. He will be available by email and phone.

MINUTES

Minutes from the November 6, 2021 meeting were reviewed and approved as written. Motion to accept made by D. Bartolerio and second' by W. Christensen.

TREASURERS REPORT

D. Bartolerio stated we were well over-budget due to harvester operations in 2021. Many factors such as lake weed growth, heat throughout summer, continuous truck repairs, lack of rain and depth of lake contributed to this, as well as receiving harvester operator billable hours well after they occurred. We will ask if truck repair hours can be separated out from harvester operational hours to get a better handle on actual hours spent harvesting. To alleviate gross overages for this upcoming year, it was decided if additional money is needed a ceiling cap would be applied and would not exceed that amount. This will be monitored by the Treasurer with help from the board.

Taxes have been received for last year. The balance of the savings account is \$22,402.56 and the balance of the checking account is \$378.93. A motion was made by J. Deichl and second' by D. Henrichon to accept the report.

CHEMICAL UPDATE

C. Dixon stated she had spoken to A. Watkinson to discuss the proposed treatment areas, chemicals used and treatment costs. The proposed areas to be treated are: The shoreline along Shore Drive, the entire finger bay, shoreline along Willow St., a portion of shoreline along the Reynertson property and treatment around and from the pier at the Omdoll property. The overall cost would be approximately \$3,500.00 plus the cost of the permit. Will need to know shortly if the village (beach area) would like to be included in the chemical treatment plan. K. Weiss will inquire and let us know prior to applying for the permit. More information will be shared at the next meeting.

HARVESTER REPORT

L. Plennes reported that all weed harvester reports for 2021 have been accepted by the DNR. She noted the machine is still at Inland receiving the planned updates. They will inform us when updates are completed so arrangements can be made for it's return. The harvester is fully insured while at Inland. The Lake District was asked by the Village to look in to insuring the harvester under their own policy. L. Plennes sought out quotes and explained the many hoops to jump through as well as the cost incurred to do so. Lake District members and board feel it's becoming unrealistic to bear the entire expense of maintaining the lake. It was noted in the past, the village contributed to the budget, picked up weeds, and paid for harvester fuel – all of which are no longer provided. K. Wiess stated she was unaware of previous village support. D. Bartolerio volunteered to present

facts and figures of previous support to the village board and ask that they consider reinstatement of monetary support. Fact gathering will take place and E. Bartolerio will ask to be on the Village agenda.

TRUCK/REPAIRS/OPTIONS

The truck for hauling weeds has been repaired and is in need of further repair. P. Walker has volunteered to look the truck over and decide what would make the most sense economically. The village also has a truck for sale but would require a CDL license to operate it. Also mentioned was the option of renting a truck for weed distribution. We will await P. Walkers recommendation and discuss further options at the next meeting.

OPEN FORUM

A. Fehrmann stated he had noticed a beaver structure on his property after they had downed a few trees. He notified the DNR who in turn asked him to contact a trapper. He said they trapped a mom, dad and pups in early December. He does feel they removed them all but only after they chewed down over 50 trees. He also mentioned the sighting of a bobcat on his property!

OLD BUSINESS

J. Dixon has agreed to be the harvester coordinator for the upcoming year or until someone steps forward. A job description for the harvester operator and harvester coordinator position will be created. Anyone wishing to apply for a harvester operator position can complete an application on line or at the village office.

NEXT MEETING

Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10.