

## LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Quarterly Meeting

June 3, 2023

**Board Members Present:** Carol Dixon, Chairperson, Jody Deichl, Secretary, Debby Bartolerio, Treasurer, John Kannard, County Board Representative, Kathy Weiss, Village of Palmyra Representative

**Attendees:** In addition to board members, 18 Lake District members and 1 community member were in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by C. Dixon at 10:00. Cold beverages were provided.

**MINUTES** – Minutes from the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting were displayed and approved as written.

**TREASURERS REPORT** – D. Bartolerio reported that the budget looks good so far but noted that we have not received any invoices for harvester labor, gas, or truck repairs yet. \$170 was saved due to the inability to chemically treat all intended areas. The checking account balance is \$36,286, and the savings balance is \$16,694.

**CHEMICAL TREATMENT REPORT** – K. Ksobiech reported that on May 23<sup>rd</sup> areas 2 and 3 were chemically treated. Signage was placed and a notification went out prior to treatment. She noted due to the pretreatment report, (completed by P. Cicero and A. Watkinson) some intended areas were denied treatment. Thank you to Kristi for your time and efforts.

**HARVESTING REPORT** – J. Molosky noted that the pier went in on May 17<sup>th</sup>, the GPS was installed May 20<sup>th</sup> and the harvester's first cut day was May 24<sup>th</sup>. The truck was noted to be leaking brake fluid, which also impacted the power steering. After further review, the truck was deemed undrivable. Due to the age of the truck, parts are not readily available. After a thorough search, the needed part has been found and in the process of being shipped. We're hopeful the truck will be back in operation sometime next week. In the meantime, the village graciously loaned us a truck to haul the weeds. Joe mentioned we may want to look at a long-term solution for when the truck is no longer serviceable. Total repair cost is thought to be about \$600 plus shipping of the part. A huge "thank you" to S. Halbrucker for help in getting the harvester ready for the water.

**GOOSE DEPREDATION** – K. Ksobiech stated Ed had gone out three different times in April and gathered 65 eggs and destroyed 13 nests. Thanks to Ed and Kristi for their efforts as the weather wasn't the nicest in April.

**WINTER DRAWDOWN** – C. Dixon previously sent out a survey asking lake district members if they were in favor of, not sure, or not in favor of a winter drawdown which would begin in the winter of 2023. Thank you to all who took the time to respond. The results are as follows: 37 ½ in favor of a drawdown, 4 ½ unsure, and 4 not in favor. With the large majority of the households in favor, the lake district will move forward in asking for a drawdown for the winter of 2023-2024. She noted that P. Cicero and A. Watkinson will be in attendance and encouraged all Lake District members to attend the meeting as well. The meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Monday June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. She noted that if a drawdown were to occur, and conditions were favorable, chemical treatment would not be done the

following spring. This would be a potential savings of \$5,500.00 to next year's budget. There could also be additional savings in weed harvester costs with a successful drawdown.

**WATER LEVEL UPDATE** – C. Dixon noted this line item has been tabled due to not having 100% of the Lake District members in favor of a water level change order at this time.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE** – P. Zimmerman and D. Schultz agreed to be on the nominating committee for a new treasurer. D. Bartolerio is interested in being re-elected to that position. This election will be held at the August meeting.

**OPEN FORUM**

- A map was available with potential properties interested in dredging. Carol and Jim Dixon will hold a meeting for those interested once cost estimates are received.

- D. Henrichon reported that there was a lot of debris deposited along his and his neighbors' shorelines after the new dam was installed and following the last drawdown.

- Some members felt the pre-treatment report done prior to chemical treatment (which resulted in denial of treatment for some areas) was possibly done too soon, as some of the weeds were not in full bloom or up yet. This will be discussed with Arthur and Patricia.

- It was also noted that the lily pads seem to be more invasive this year.

- Also, a reminder was given to mow and blow grass clippings **away** from the water.

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE** – Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 at the Beach Pavilion.

**ADJOURN** – Motion to adjourn by D. Bartolerio and seconded by J. Kannard.  
The meeting adjourned at 10:42.