

BLUE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners Meeting

June 13, 2024, 6:00 pm

Palmyra Town Hall

Minutes

Roll Call: Dick Natrop, Mark Nicholson, Jim Hochman, Emmy Twelmeyer, Rob Martins, Jerry, Bob Soukup, Brent Miller, Greg Twelmeyer, John Kannard

Call to order @ 6pm by Jim Hochman

Miscellaneous: Jim Hochman

- The grant we applied for, awarded us \$105,000, for our dam.
- Michelle Hase confirmed we will get our permit when we receive our grant money.
- Drax doing the work on the dam will not impact lake level so they can start whenever they are available.

2025 Budget Discussion and Preparation:

Treasurer's Notes: Jim Hochman spoke for Jerry Gerndt

- The audit was quoted at \$6,400. They are recommending \$11,000 for 2025 insurance. This will provide us with more coverage.
- LGIP still earning us 5%.

Equipment and Operations: Dick Natrop

- Equipment is still in good shape. We are not anticipating any serious maintenance on equipment.
- Paving/fixing the pavement in dump
 - Currently inquiring about 2 quotes from Midwest Services.
 - The first quote for the road going into the dump.
 - The second quote for the road when you get to the dump and turn left.

Dam: Brent Miller

- Every 2 years we are due for an inspection. So we are due for another expectation in 2025.
- The fence to access the dam is in rough shape. If and when it goes back up after construction, it will need to be repaired. Requesting a gate be added so we can get right onto the easement from H. Brent will look into the cost of that.
- Need a new measuring datum and should be placed on the dam itself. And will need to be installed by WI Public Service Commission.
- The shore line seawalls are falling apart. Part of the earthen dam. Might be covered by a grant and that would be in 2025 and beyond.
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Sewer: Greg Twelmeyer

- We lost another pump. Looking to see if it can be rebuilt and salvaged. Last year we elected to go with 2 backup pumps. They never got the paperwork for the 2nd resulting with us only purchasing 1 and we have no spare pumps right now.
- A week and a half ago we did spring maintenance. 1 pump was pulled and was very bad.
- The price of 2 pumps right now is roughly \$16,088.
- Generator: we have 11 lift stations and 1 generator. We need at least 2 more generators in Greg's opinion.
 - Hwy H: Budget around 25,000
 - Lift station would be another 25,000
 - We don't need the cleaning again for 5 years
 - Greg is going to get a purchase order for the 2 pumps.
 - Check the cost for a rebuild
 - Copy of the CMAR report is with Stacey and needs to be sent to the DNR by the end of June.

Bob Soukup:

- Brought up the idea of possibly charging a hookup fee for sewer. We have a big investment in the sewer system and the owners of new properties hooking up should contribute to that. This would be for someone who is building a new home. They would be being charged something similar to what the village charges (\$5,300).
- Looking at the sewer fees, they are very low. The sewer rate is going to have to go up. We are operating our infrastructure at a loss. Dick Natrop explained they had money in reserve so they have been doing this for a few years now but yes we will have to think about increasing fees soon.

Rob:

- Proposed budget item: restocking the lake with fish.

Rob Martens moved to Adjourn, 2nd Dick Natrop, and motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20pm