



The Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 1, 2021

Minutes of the Meeting

Members in attendance: Mike Reiter, Beth Hartman, Keith Karpinski, Warren Wasescha, Jerry Tack and Ann Layton.

Committee Members and Interested Members of the Public: Cheryl Beardslee, Tim Rudolph, Chuck Vacha, Brett McDonald, Bob Meyer, and Chris Majeski.

Meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 6:00p.m. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Ann Layton and seconded by Warren Wasescha, motion passed.

Public Input and Questions:

No questions or comments were raised at this point in the meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Meeting Minutes from the April 13, 2021 Commissioner's meeting had previously been circulated via email and were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes made by Keith Karpinski and seconded by Warren Wasesch. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Warren Wasescha summarized recent activity noting a healthy balance for the district. Updated financial information will be provided with the minutes. Jerry Tack made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Beth Hartman. Motion carried.

Chairperson's Report: Mike Reiter reporting:

- a. The meeting schedule for 2021 was discussed. The next meeting is August 3 and the Annual Meeting August 28, followed by a Board Meeting. The August 3rd meeting will focus on the agenda for the annual meeting. The Budget for 2022 will need to be completed at that time so it can be mailed to the Lake District members prior to the annual meeting. Mike will contact West Immanuel to secure the Church Hall for the meeting as was done prior to 2020. Tim Rudolf forwarded the idea of making annual meeting available via You Tube or other platform. The board will look into this.

Committee Reports and Old Business

Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Treatment: We are currently waiting for report from Steve Scheiffer to see if continued treatment as in the past is recommended. Treatment has been very successful in the past and we are reaching the point where area to be treated is so small treatment is often not recommended. Monitoring continues to be important because turions in the sediment can cause growth in the future.

Grant Status:

1. **APM Plan Update-** Cheryl Clemons is leading this effort. There have been three meetings. A draft report has been posted to the website for review and comment. An email push to those Lake District members who have provided email information notifying them of draft has been sent.
2. **Lake Management Plan-** This is the starting point for grants and builds on the Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Cheryl Clemons will be the lead on this as well and will be looking to schedule

community meetings for input.

- 3. Big Lake Internal Load** – UW Stout continues work on this grant eligible project. The results have been delayed due to a slow start because of COVID and also turnover in county personnel. At this point we expect a report mid to late summer. The information provided will be utilized in formulating the Lake Management Plan.
- 4. CB/CW- Clean Boats/ Clean Waters** grant advance was received and inspections have started at the landings. It was noted that the hourly rate was increased to \$14 for inspectors. This was necessary as securing inspectors has been more difficult than in the past.
- 5. Healthy Lakes-** Two shoreline plantings and one rain garden, all on Big Lake have been approved. The DNR must approve all plans. If others are interested grants would be requested for 2022. Cheryl Clemons would need information in October to submit by December deadline. A suggestion was made that the locations for these be included on the website. Beth plans to provide updated information on this grant program for the website.

Landing Camera Status: The camera is covered under our insurance package. Warren will check that the FMV of the new camera is covered. It is necessary to weed whip around the camera. Mike has recently done this and the plan is to have the inspectors do it throughout the summer.

Fish Stocking: Plan to continue as in the past. We have not yet received contribution from Earl. According to treasurer's records we could expect it in June or July.

Website Updates: Tim Rudolf reported that the website has been updated and should be current. He recently posted the APM draft and did an email push to notify Lake District members. It is easy to do an email push such as this and the suggestion of doing something regarding healthy lakes was discussed.

Boat Landing Updates: Keith provided an update noting that the land has been donated to the town. The donated land includes about 1 acre of useable land south of the road. The total donation amount includes from the road to the lake which already contained Town easement. Of note there is currently no money in the town budget for this year or next to make improvements at the landing. The only way there would be activity sooner would be if the DNR were to totally fund. Keith also addressed additional patrol at the landings. We could hire an off duty officer to patrol the landings. The Town board has looked into doing this at the Apple River Access point. The cost would likely be around \$70 per hour. The board felt this would be a good use of funds to be used on busy weekends.

We also discussed the Kiosks at the landings. They really need updating. Cheryl Beardslee has volunteered to work on them along with Warren. Emphasis on keeping the water clean and avoiding aquatic invasive species (AIS).

Water sampling will again be done this year with Polk County doing the leg work and the Lake District paying for lab costs.

Committee Memberships and Involvement: Working to update committee lists and get more people involved. Thanks, Cheryl for taking on the Kiosks.

No Wake and Buoy Storage and Beyond: Buoys are currently stored at one of the board members properties as they were not properly permitted. Cedar Lake may have some interest in them. Without Buoys we are planning to put signs on land and bridge to remind people to slow down. This is a safety, water quality and economic (dredging cost) issue.

Loon Platforms: The platform was purchased and Warren delivered to the lake. Beth and Jerry are planting grasses and other native plants on the structure in preparation for its installation on the lake, 15 to 20 feet from shore. Suggestion was made that a trail cam could be used to capture future activity.

Social Committee: At this point the Fourth of July Parade and the Paddle Parade held the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 5, 2020 are planned. The decision was made to go forward with the Social Dinner if UW Wanderoos has any dates available that would work. Saturday night is preferable but would consider a Friday night. Again look to get a post card with update.

Other: At the APM meetings the idea of having two Newsletters per year was discussed. Many Lake Districts

do this and it is an opportunity to reach more people than at the meetings. We would do this following the annual meeting, so likely end of September or October. Cheryl Clemons has indicated she would assist with this effort.

New Business:

Next meeting is August 3, 2021. It will be at Alden Town Hall. Prior to that meeting the board will stay connected through email and budget for 2022 will be readied for proposal.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 was made by Ann Layton and seconded by Beth Hartman. Motion carried.

Signed _____

Date:

Title: Secretary_____