

SCHOOL SECTION LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, May 31, 2016

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Arndorfer, John Manthe, Pam Meyer, and Donald Solberg

LAKE MEMBERS PRESENT: Nina Solberg, Art Wisniewski, and Nancy Brickner

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – John motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Pam seconded. Motion approved.
- 3. TREASURERS REPORT** –The treasurer’s report was read and approved. Don moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Pam seconded it and the motion carried. A copy of the treasurer’s report will be posted on the district web site.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Frank and Don provided a summary of the meeting with Duane Grimm at Waukesha County. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce Frank, and to get the conditional land use permit signed. We explained our interest in purchasing the Smukowski property that adjoins the County’s land and asked if the County might be interested in purchasing this land. Duane advised that this was not in the County’s plan and that they would have no funding for the County to acquire this land. They would however be very supportive of the Lake District acquiring it and he gave us information on potential grants.
 - b. Discussion on potential acquisition of disposal site land. Review of potential grant options. Duane Grimm and provided us with the contact at the DNR for the Stewardship fund grants, Jim Ritchie. I spoke with Ritchie and he told me that other lake districts in the past have attempted to use Stewardship grants for disposal site use and they have been turned down. He then told me that there is a lake improvement grant that would be suitable for this. He referred me to Heidi Bunk at the DNR.
 - c. Discussion and potential approval of land appraiser’s proposal. Jim Ritchie had explained the appraisal process that has to be followed if a grant is going to be used. We have to use a DNR certified appraisal. Chapter 33 only requires a formal bid process if the cost exceeds \$2,500. Don contacted the appraiser that Duane Grimm recommended and his estimate was around \$1,800. Don then send out an email request for proposal to other DNR certified appraisers in our area and got back two additional proposals for \$700, providing the same service. Don presented the two \$700 proposals and recommended the one from Phil Vander Male as he was more responsive. Frank made a motion that we accept the proposal from Phil Vander Male. Don seconded the motion, which was approved. Pam wanted us to hold off on approving the appraiser’s proposal until after we confirmed the timing of the appraisal with the lake improvement grant timeline. Don recommended that we keep the approved motion but will clarify the timing with the DNR.
 - d. Status of title search and possible approval of a company. This was tabled until after we hear back from the County.
 - e. Update on signs at the lake access. Chris Fandre accidentally had Don’s emails going into his junk mail folder. Don was able to contact him and got an email explaining the detail. It will be installed by 6/10/16.
 - f. Update on the Lake District Web site. Don provided us with an update on the website. It is up and running with a lot of good information. Nancy Brickner had trouble with the website displaying the wrong date for this board meeting. Don explained that she should clear her Web browser’s cache.
 - g. Picnic discussion. A discussion was held on the District hosting a picnic again. Don recommended that we use the Elsa Ave. access. It is a good location for boating access. Nina volunteered to chair

a picnic committee. The picnic will be held on Saturday, August 13th, with a rain date of Sunday, August 14. John is going to check with his church to see if he can get some tables. The only expense that the Lake District would have would be the porta potty rental. Nina wanted to do a mailing, and Don said he would include that information in our up-coming newsletter. John recommends a one page format so that we wouldn't need an envelope. Don will get a quote for a porta potty before the next Board meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Weed Harvesting.** Frank advised that he had notified Heidi Bunk that we would be starting our weed harvesting on May 17. The harvesting has started. There appears to be more weeds this year than last year. Don mentioned that the lake clarity is the best that he has seen in several years and that would be impacting the weed growth. Don advised that the repairs have been made to the harvester but it is still not running as well as it should. Don talked with Dan and he feels that he is at the end of what he can do with his knowledge. Dan would like a vendor to look at it and make recommendations. Art confirmed that it is running better than it has in a long time but that if everything is running it struggles a little. We lose speed when the cutter is running. Dan had told Don that there was State grant funding available for rehabbing a weed harvester. We need to find out from Inland what it would take to rehab the harvester. Art volunteered to contact Inland. Art said that we need a new sun canopy for the harvester. Don made a motion that we approve money, not to exceed \$500 for a canopy for the harvester. John seconded the motion and it was approved.
- b. **Presentation from Eco Waterway Services.** EcoWaterway Services provided a presentation on their diver assisted suction weed harvesting, DASH, which is something new to Wisconsin. They have been in business since 2013. They work very closely with Heidi Bunk at the DNR. Their process gets the roots of the weeds. They are currently doing a project on Golden Lake. They advised that the increased weed growth that we are experiencing this year is in part due to the lack of snow cover last year. They can cover 5000 to 6000 sq. ft per day and their cost is \$1,800 per day. The permit from the DNR costs \$150. They are going to contact Don to schedule a tour of the lake. They can contract with a single property owner or a group of owners, as well as with a lake district.
- c. **Reschedule June Board Meeting.** The next board meeting was rescheduled to June 21, 2016.

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- a. **COUNTY REPORT.** There is a meeting on Thursday, June 23 from 6-8 PM at the Delafield Town Hall on the new Waukesha County Shoreland zoning update. Don is planning on attending, as is Pam.
- b. **TOWN REPORT.** Nothing to report.

7. Public Comments

8. **ADJOURNMENT** - Don motioned to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY DON SOLBERG, SECRETARY, (262-965-3545)