

Lake Virginia Management District Annual Meeting Minutes 9/10/16

- 1). Mike Pariza brought the meeting to order at 10AM indicating we were in compliance with the open meeting law.
- 2). Roll Call – Mike Pariza, John Dietz, Sandy Meyer Swanson, Kerry Zimmerman, Ken Nolden, Ed Rogers, Mike Flint Sauk County Representative. Sheriff Chip Meister, Susan, Graham, Jim from Wisconsin Lake & Pond were also in attendance as guests.
- 3). Mike Pariza asked for a motion to move Agent Item #6 to #4. Ed Rogers made the motion with Mr. Borleski making the 2nd. AIF 0 NAY.
- 4). Lake Report – Sheriff Meister was asked who enforces issues on the lake. Sheriff suggested DNR Warden Sean Nerman for game violations. Land Use issues/violations are handled by the Township Chair. The Sheriff reiterated for the traffic problems please contact the Sheriff's Department. Sheriff's Department can patrol the roads for enforcement and help with any problems with parking on the dam. Mike Pariza asked Sheriff Meister if there could be an agreement around the lake patrolling for speed. Sheriff Meister will check. Ed Rogers brought a copy of the Town Ordinance for the lake indicating that right now there is no County enforcement for gas motors. Sheriff Meister will contact their Legal Counsel Todd Lieberman to see if they can adopt this ordinance. John Dietz asked the audience if they are satisfied with patrol around the Lake District. Sheriff Meister talked about Nixel the County's emergency notification which is available both thru text and online. Sheriff Meister also said that if homeowners are going on vacation let the Sheriff's Office know and they will do "vacation checks" which includes walking around your house. Eric Larson said that on the west side of Lake Virginia speeding is an issue. Sheriff Meister will put a reader board on that side of the lake to help with the issue. Residents can also visit Co.Sauk.WI.US and click on the Sheriff's Department to report any issues.

Susan Graham, Corey and Jim from WI Lake & Pond Management, and Mike Pariza discussed curly leaf Pondweed in the lake. Susan indicated that new data indicate that vegetative Curly Leaf can live for 2 to 3 years, and turions (seed pods) are viable for 5-10 years. She cited data for years 2011/12/13 indicating a steady drop in weed populations. By 2014 no Curly Leaf plants were found; 2015 – nuisance relief permit issued for problem areas, again no Curly Leaf found; 2016

– no evidence of Curly Leaf at 25 points that were surveyed. Based on this DNR decided not to permit Curly Leaf treatment for 2016; this decision was made during a conference call with Susan, Jim, Mike Pariza, and DNR officials in February 2016. However, later in the spring WI Lake & Pond found Curly Leaf in the lake in 58% of the points surveyed. However, it was by then too late to treat the lake. Discussion then turned about what to do in 2017. Because the lake is so small decisions must be made quickly after the ice melts. Susan will ensure that in 2017 decisions can be made quickly and will provide equipment to the Lake District to monitor water temperature after the ice melts.

Evelyn Tetzloff asked if weed harvesting could be done instead of using chemicals. Susan and Core said that harvesting stimulates growth and could possibly make the situation worse. Mike Pariza added that it would be difficult to harvest weeds near the aerators without cutting the hoses.

Jim asked Susan Graham if conditional permits could be issues before the surveys are done with treatment conditional on the survey results. Susan Graham said no DNR does not issue conditional permits. She said she typically issues the permits within 10-15 days and can move faster if needed. Conrad Furhman said if we need the treatment we should just get it done every year versus not treating for two years and then needing a full lake treatment. Susan Graham indicated some years the problem is not there and we shouldn't spend the extra money for nothing. Conrad said the cost would probably be the same.

Mike Flint, the County Representative asked about the effects of treatment on fish. Susan Graham said there is no effect.

Byron Tetzloff asked about the begin/end dates for permits. Sumie Zirkel asked if the permit identifies needs or preconditions. Susan Graham said permits will apply to half of the 2017 calendar year. They are issued only when there is a need. Mike Pariza said decisions must be made quickly because the water warms up fast. Mike Flint asked if spraying could be done after the temperature goes down in fall. According to the Army Engineers data fall treatment is not recommended. Jim emphasized the need to control Curly Leaf turion lifecycle. They have had good results with Clearcast rather than Aquathol, the standard chemical that is usually used. Mike Pariza asked about the cost. Jim said costs are not available yet but Clearcost use is 10 times less than Aquathol. Mike Flint

asked if there is a temperature restriction on Clearcast? Susan Graham, Mike Pariza, and Jim will discuss further.

Conrad Fuhrman complimented the Lake District Board on a job well done, best the lake has looked in years. He thanked the board members, Wisconsin Lake and Pond Management, and Susan Graham for their efforts.

Jim and Susan agreed that the current weed control plan for the lake needs updating. 2011 – time range plans good for 5 years, update should not contain many changes. Mike Pariza thanked Susan Graham and Jim for their input on today's meeting.

5). Treasurer's Report – Ed Rogers making the motion to accept as presented. Zumie Zirkel making the 2nd. AIF – 0 NAY. Ed Rogers indicated we replaced aerators, new motor, manufacturer from Germany the cost would be \$7000.00 vs USA for \$2000.00 obtained motor from Service Electric. Evelyn Tetzloff indicated there was a hose up on their end.

Conrad Fuhrman asked about the commissioner award explained raise by Ed Rogers indicating it was a state statute to get your costs back.

6). Secretary's Report – Ed Rogers making the motion to accept as presented. Conrad Fuhrman making the 2nd. AIF – 0 NAY.

7). Commissioner Election opened up to the floor by Mike Pariza only one nomination for Sandra Meyer Swanson. Ed Rogers made the nomination with Eric Larson making the 2nd. Nominations closed. Unanimous vote.

8). Old Business – none.

9). New Business – none.

10 and 11). Conrad Fuhrman made the motion to accept the budget as presented with Biskuspis making the 2nd. AIF – 0 NAY.

John Dietz asking about spraying cost. Ed Rogers spoke with WI Lake & Pond most Lake District would spend would be \$17,000.00. Mike Pariza indicated that if we are able to use the newer chemical the cost would be less.

Mike Pariza asked John Dietz if the county would consider taking over the operations of the dam. John indicated the Lake District could appear at a county

board meeting under public comment. The Lake District would need to petition County Planning and Zoning for a formal request.

12). Ed Rogers made the motion for the next annual meeting to be held September 9, 2017 at 9AM. Bikuspis made the 2nd. AIF – 0 NAY.

13). Sandy Meyer Swanson made the motion to adjourn Bikuspis making the 2nd. AIF – 0 NAY. Meeting Adjourned.

Sandy Meyer Swanson

Secretary/Treasurer

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