

## **Lake Virginia Management District Quarterly Meeting 06/08/19**

**Location:** Excelsior Town Hall, 100 E. Broadway, Rock Springs, WI

**Call to order:** 9:02 am

**Open Meeting Compliance:** Sandy Meyer Swanson stated that the meeting was in compliance.

**Roll Call:** Mike Pariza, Ed Rogers, Sandy Meyer Swanson, Erik Larson were present. Glen Johnson was absent due to his participation in the Dairy Board event in Sauk City.

**In attendance:** Mark and Joyce Sadler, property owners

**Opening Remarks:** Pariza asked who was responsible for emptying the trash bins on the dam. Rogers emptied the two bins donated by the Sadlers into the receptacle maintained by Excelsior. He notified the LSI driver that this is a regular stop on the route. Prorok suggested that a recycling bin also be made available.

**Adopt Agenda:** Larson moved to accept the agenda and Rogers seconded.

**AIF O NAY**

**Approve Minutes from 03/16/19 quarterly meeting:** Rogers stated that the minutes need to reflect the discussion and the decisions made at each meeting in order to inform property owners unable to attend the meeting. Larson moved to approve the minutes and Swanson seconded. **AIF O NAY**

**Treasurer's Report:** Swanson recommended that \$15,000 be transferred to the LGIP account because Lake Management's checking account does not pay interest. If the funds are needed in an emergency, they can be transferred back to checking immediately. This will be an agenda item for the annual meeting in September. Rogers moved to accept the quarterly treasurer's report and Larson seconded. **AIF O NAY**

**Lake Report:** Pariza reported that he instructed Gale Holloway, PE, RLS, to seal the leak in the dam as soon as conditions are favorable.

Rogers stated that he found 17 dead Blue Gills and Crappies on the shore at the dam. Pariza recommended that barbless hooks be used by those who fish here.

The grass in Lake Management parks are mowed by Caitlin Green and the brush pile at Toeder Park was burned recently. Property owners who burn brush should do so at dusk on a calm day. It is recommended that they notify the Reedsburg Fire Department about the burn that will take place that day.

**Melcalf Prairie:** Prorok reported that she recently conducted a plant inventory with Phyllis Both, Sauk County Master Gardener Educator (SCMGA). The prairie is already populated by many native grasses and plants. Invasive plants such as Wild Parsnip, Canada Thistle, and Honeysuckle will be removed as soon as possible. Prairie plants will be transplanted and wildflower seeds will be sown in the western part of the prairie by SCMGA Volunteers.

Earlier this Spring, Dave Buroker mowed the eastern four acres of the prairie. The western acre is predominantly wet. From this point on, the prairie will not be mowed in order to allow the grasses that were sown three years ago to thrive. Lake Management acknowledges the years of service that Mr. Buroker has provided.

A sign will be created that states that Prairie Reclamation is underway and no motorized vehicles are allowed on the prairie.

**Sauk County:** Glen Johnson could not attend the meeting because he was participating in the Dairy Board event in Sauk City. He submitted this report:

“At the May 21<sup>st</sup> Board of Supervisors meeting the Board passed an ordinance replacing an existing Shoreland Zoning Ordinance with a new one. A staff memo summarizing the new ordinance was forwarded to all townships and lake protection districts some months ago. The new ordinance was made necessary to come into compliance with state and DNR statutes.”

**Town of Excelsior:** Prorok requested a sign be posted on the dam stating that only vehicles with electric motors are allowed on the lake even when it ices over. Larson suggested that Lake Management ask Excelsior to adopt Dane County regulations that state that vehicles under 850 pounds need to be equipped with flotation devices.

**New Business:** Swanson reported that she attended a Records Retention workshop. Currently, Lake Management records are maintained for the current year as well as for the previous six years. The WI Historical Society suggests that records be kept longer. Prorok suggested that an archive be created for Lake Virginia photographs and other memorabilia.

**Adjourn:** 10:03 am Swanson moved to adjourn and Larson seconded  
**AIF O NAY.**

**Respectfully submitted:** Marti Prorok, Recording Secretary