

**Approved 8/12/2023**

**Chain O'Lakes District**  
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**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
9:00 AM, Saturday, August 13, 2022  
Farmington Town Hall, E913 Prairie View Lane, Waupaca

Call to Order: The Lake District annual meeting was called to order at 9:06 am by Chairman Bob Ellis.

Present were District Board members Ken Denow, Bob Ellis, Paul Mazzoleni, Caroline Murphy, Jerry Murphy and Fred Silloway and Acting Secretary Kay Ellis. Excused was Cathy Raynor, Secretary. District members present were: Nicole Barg, Jan Behnke, Kay Blair, Kathryn Castle, Claire Cronce, Erin Dypvik, Joan Van Lieshout Ewig, Diane Forsythe, Julie Giegler, Art Hallstrom; John Hebring, Peggy Jesion, Lorraine Koeper, Bonnie Krenke; Tom Kurz, Margaret Marcom, Julie Mazzolini, John Miller, William Morgan, Dennis Nowicki, JoAnne Peterson, Linda Peterson, Phil Peterson, John Petit, Ann Silloway, Peter Van Remortel, Pam Tarr, Tom Wroblewski and Brian Zalay.

The Open Meeting Statement was read by Ellis – This meeting and all meetings of the Chain O'Lakes District Board are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the press in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes so that citizens may be aware of the date, time, place and agenda of this meeting.

Review and Approve Agenda – It was moved by Art Hallstrom to approve the agenda, seconded by Ken Denow and approved unanimously.

Review and Approve 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes – It was moved by William Morgan to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2021 Annual Meeting, seconded by John Miller and approved unanimously.

Election of Commissioners for a Three-Year Term –Nominated by the Board for three-year terms were William Morgan and Fred Silloway. Each gave a personal brief introduction. Morgan received 29 votes and Silloway received 27 votes from the membership present. Ellis thanked Cathy Raynor for her excellent job as Secretary for the past nine years.

Treasurer's Report/Budget Adoption/Audit Report – Ken Denow gave a detailed report on District finances and reviewed the line items in the 2022-2023 proposed budget summary, attached. He gave thorough explanations about the synthetic herbicide ProcellaCor used to treat Chain invasives, the follow-up sampling surveys and yearly expenses. He reported that as of August 1, 2022 the District had a total revenue balance of \$130,653.85, which includes DNR grants and Dayton and Farmington tax levies. Denow explained that the majority of District funds are used for lake projects. The District's audit report prepared by Jed DeYoung was read.

by Kay Ellis. It was moved by Caroline Murphy to approve the proposed 2022-2023 budget, seconded by Jerry Murphy and approved unanimously.

AIS Update – Ellis stated that the District’s consultant may determine areas of potential Chain treatment in the fall, but final treatment is determined each spring and must be approved by the DNR. The treatment applicator hired by the District performs the actual treatment. Treatment costs vary each year depending on the treatment type and size of areas. Per DNR approval the 2022 AIS treatment was performed in the following lakes: Otter, Rainbow, Sunset, Columbia and Miner, not in Nessling, Long, or Bass. Initial required follow-up surveys were done and additional follow-up surveys were scheduled to be completed in early September.

Management Plan Update – Ellis announced that the District’s Comprehensive Management Plan was approved by the DNR in December of 2021.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters Update – Ellis reported that the Taylor Lake boat landing inspector this year is Gavin Hoyord from New London. He is responsible for 200 hours of inspections. Ellis stated that he subbed for Gavin three weekends during the summer.

Recreational Impact Update – Silloway explained about taking a census of watercraft on the Chain on a few selected weekends during the summer to observe the lake loading capacity. Approximately 17% of the lakes or about 70 acres in the Lower Chain are available for water ski type activities. Noah Leincke was hired as the drone operator to survey the lakes. Drone surveys from June to August totaled about 30 hours. It was expected 20 additional hours would be needed to complete the study, which should be finalized in October. Silloway will prepare a detailed report of the findings.

Public Input – There was a discussion about the Chain O’Lakes, including water safety, boat traffic, wake boats, shorelines, native and invasive plant species, lake ordinances and the Waupaca County Park on Lime Kiln.

Next Annual Meeting – The 2023 District annual meeting will be held Saturday, August 12, 2023.

Adjournment – At 11:09 a motion was made by Lorraine Koeper to adjourn the meeting, second by William Morgan and approved by the membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Ellis  
Acting Secretary

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