

SCHOOL SECTION LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday, April 19, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Arndorfer, John Manthe, Chuck Wood, and Donald Solberg

LAKE MEMBERS PRESENT: Nina Solberg

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – The minutes for the February 20th board meeting were taken by John in Don's absence. John provided copies of the minutes for us to read. After reading the minutes, Don made a motion to accept the minutes. Chuck seconded, and the motion was approved.
- 3. TREASURERS REPORT** – John read the treasurers report. The money we borrowed from the State to purchase the Smukowski property is now in our checking account. The checking account balance is \$180,991.14. We have \$44, 817.77 in savings, for a total of \$227,808.91. Don advised that no one was able to attend the Lakes convention this year, so the money budgeted for that is available for our purposes. Don made a motion to accept the report, Chuck seconded and the motion was approved.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Purchases of the Smukowski property. The closing will be on April 28th. Frank and Don will attend the closing. Don will contact Bill Chapman to determine what the process will be. The closing company will be preparing the closing documents. We don't have the specifics of the closing yet, so Don will follow up to get the information.
 - b. Land use policy. Don brought up that we need a formal policy. We need to inform the owner of the sweat lodge that he can no longer use it, until we get a land use policy. If the residents did want to allow this use, we still would need to get proof of insurance. Frank will contact the sweat lodge owner, who rents the apartment in Jerry Smukowski's old home. Frank would like to know what the objections are to the sweat lodge. Don recommended that we put this on the agenda for the annual meeting, so the residents can be educated on what a sweat lodge is. Don is not recommending the use of the land for this but we do have to have proof of insurance to limit our liability. We discussed if the land use discussion should be held at a special meeting or at the annual meeting. Don recommended due to the cost of a special meeting, that we postpone this until the annual meeting. There are some uses of the land that the Board can allow before we have the annual meeting. We have given Jerry Smukowski approval to continue to garden on the land. We need a temporary policy until the annual meeting. Don made a motion that we notify the owner of the sweat lodge that it has to be removed; that Jerry Smukowski be allowed to continue gardening, in exchange for mowing the lawn, and residents can walk the property. Discussion followed. Frank questioned our insurance coverage, which John assured was covered under our current policy. John seconded Don's temporary land use policy and the motion was approved. Frank is going to schedule a meeting with the County so we can coordinate the land use with them. Discussion was held on a land use committee. Frank will chair the committee, we want someone from the Dolmar Rd. and another from Lake Dr. Frank will talk with Tony and Don will talk with Todd and Bruce. As part of the land use policy, we need to reconfirm with Dan where the lake weeds can and cannot be deposited.
 - c. Sign at the Elsa Ave. access. John needs help erecting the sign. John said that we could also put up a third notification sign at our land. Discussion followed. The consensus is that this makes more sense than posting the signs at the Town Hall and the Five corners.
 - d. Weed harvester engine replacement. Frank said that we need to do something quickly. Don had concerns that it might be too late to get this done and would like to see the harvester on the lake. There was a discussion regarding the need for getting bids. Frank said that he had contacted three firms, one of which was not interested. We then got proposals from Inland, which was a turn-key proposal for around \$12K, and a proposal for \$4K for just an engine, which we would have to install. Frank told us about the impact of the new EPA emissions requirements for small diesel

engines. They don't want to see any old polluting engines rebuild. The quote that we got was for a Tier 3 approved engine. Our existing engine has to have a hole drilled through the block so that it can't be rebuilt. There are other changes coming to the EPA requirements so it is in our benefit to install the new engine this year. Don asked how much money we had in the budget for the engine replacement. John advised that we had money in last year budget and this year for a total of around \$8K. Don questioned what additional costs beyond the engine would be. Frank felt it would be another \$2K to \$3K, plus Dan's salary. The Inland proposal would be turn-key. Frank said that Dan felt that the Inland quote was very expensive. Don advised that we don't have the funding for the Inland proposal. We need to make sure that Dan is comfortable with him doing the installation. Franks is going to discuss this with Dan before we make the final decision, but we can't delay this until the next board meeting. A motion was made by Don to allow Frank to spend up to \$7K for the engine and associated parts, pending Dan's willingness to do the installation. Frank is also free to contact Aquarius and see if they would be able to replace the engine for \$7K. John seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Financial Audit – John will ask Mark if he is willing to work with John to audit the finances and provide a report for the annual meeting.
- b. DNR training for weed harvester operators. The DNR has offered to provide training for our weed harvester operators. This would cover where they can and cannot harvest. They will explain why certain areas are off-limits to harvesting.
- c. Discussion of hiring of part time weed harvest operators. A discussion was held regarding getting some additional part-time operators, who should attend this training. This training could be held in conjunction with a board meeting. Don brought up a concern regarding potential budget over runs and how this could limit hours for part-time operators. With the new engine, we should have more efficient operation so we may not need additional hours. We can monitor the harvesting hours and limit them if the budget requires it. Frank and Pat have expressed an interest in operating the harvester. John will contact the other people who have also expressed an interest.
- d. Action item – cancel Workmen's Comp coverage and restart it prior to any work commencing- John wants us to be aware of this. He has reviewed the State statues and it is clear that if you don't have anyone working that you don't need to pay into Workmen's comp.
- e. Newsletter input. Kathy had been willing to produce the newsletter but due to illness in her family she can not to it. Don will again produce the newsletter. He would like to get it out in May or early June. Don asked for input from other people. Frank will write a "chairman's" column. We will get input from the Nina on the picnic.
- f. Request from Jason Wartinbee to meet with the Board – Potential petition to remove the lot he is purchasing (Lauer farm) from the District. Don provided history of how the Lauer farm became part of the district. Now that it has been subdivided, it has gone from one lot to three. Jason Wartinbee is looking at purchasing the furthest lot to the West, which has no shared boundary with the lake. He wanted to know what the process was to be removed from the Lake District. Don told him that when he owned the property, he needs to petition the Board to be removed. Don provided him with information on the Lake District, and invited him to attend a Board meeting. If he does petition the Board and we don't approve the removal, his only recourse would be to go to Circuit Court. Discussion followed. No further action will be taken unless he petitions the Board.
- g. Business cards. Frank wants the Board members to have business cards. He will take care of getting them.
- h. GoDaddy. Don recommended that we no longer pay for a District email address. All emails can be forwarded to his email address. John said that he found out that the Lakes organization can provide Lake Districts with space for a Web Site. This would be less expensive than using GoDaddy, but the updates have to be made through email. Don requested that we stay with GoDaddy since he has learned how to use their web hosting tool and is very comfortable with it. John asked if GoDaddy could send the bill to him. Don will follow up with that.

6. **Town and County Report** – Chuck Wood provided a County report. The County has implemented a three year plan for inspection or pumping of private septic systems. There is a problem with the notification system that the County has purchased. If the resident doesn't respond to the initial notice they will get a second notice, but if nothing is done after that there is no further follow-up. The next notification would be three years later. Other Lake Districts did not find this acceptable. Chuck met with the County and he is pushing on getting this changed.
7. **Public Comments - None**
8. **ADJOURNMENT** - Frank motioned to adjourn the meeting. Don seconded. Motion carried.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

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