

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District
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Board Meeting Minutes
March 23, 2019
Farmington Town Hall

Chairman Ellis called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Present were: Bob Dixon, Bob Ellis, Jerry and Caroline Murphy and Cathy Raynor. Absent were: Ken Denow and John Hebring. Guests were: Bob Schillerstrom, Bill Haider, Kim Drost, Mary Trainor, Jim Trainor, Dan Krenke, Bonnie Krenke, Todd Schwerm, Brian Feest, Brian Zalay, Shannon Rawson, Steve Rawson, Kathryn Castle, Kay Ellis, Kristie Harris and Bill Raynor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Meeting Statement – 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.

Approve or Amend Agenda – It was moved by J. Murphy to approve the agenda, seconded and passed unanimously.

Approve or Amend Minutes of Previous Two Board Meetings – It was moved by Dixon to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2018 meeting and the December 1, 2019 special meeting, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report – Ellis reported a cash balance of \$51,193.65. A down payment of \$1,890.00 was sent to Eco Waterway Services for the Youngs Bass Channel project.

Public Input – Todd Schwerm, Columbia Lake, asked if temporary slow/no wake signs could be posted when the lake level is up one foot to prevent shoreline damage. J. Murphy said that the Waupaca County Emergency Management and the Sheriff Department are in charge of the temporary signs.

Unfinished Business

CB/CW Grant Reimbursement Request - Application for the CB CW Grant Reimbursement has been made. Ellis attended a Golden Sands meeting and discussed the lack of training of the 2018 CB CW Coordinator for the Taylor Lake Boat Landing.

Planning Grant Reimbursement Request – There is \$5,700.00 left in the grant allowance. A lengthy Onterra Control Monitoring Report of the Chain O'Lakes was emailed to Ellis. Onterra will supervise/examine the aquatic plant treatment. Onterra suggested the Lake District apply for a Planning grant extension through June 30, 2019, which was approved, and a reimbursement request has not been made yet this year.

Youngs Bass Channel Project – Ellis thanked Ken Denow for his effort in the research and planning for the Youngs Bass Channel project. Swamp loosestrife is the major problem and will be removed using the Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting method. It is not certain the plant removal will correct the sediment depth. The DNR has many requirements to be met for channel improvement and for obtaining a dredging permit. Work should be kept minimal. Eco Waterway Services was hired to do the plant removal. The plant/debris removal in the summer of 2019 will cost approximately \$10,000.00. Mary Trainor thanked Ellis for all the future work in the channel. Jim Trainor asked if the DNR could be asked to look at the channel after the plant removal is finished for possible future dredging. Ellis noted that the DNR will be overseeing the entire project. Robert and Christine Faulks own property on the channel and Youngs Lake. They have volunteered to have the debris dumped onto their property, and Faulks Brothers will haul it away. This is an approximate savings of \$1,000.00 for the Lake District. J. Murphy extended his appreciation and thanks to Faulks Brothers for volunteering to take care of the debris removal. Brian Zalay suggested that this project may encourage many boaters into Youngs Lake. C Raynor assured him that when the channel was wide open years ago, there was no such problem. He also suggested that Youngs Lake could get a flow of invasive plants from Bass Lake.

New Business

2019 Planning and Treatment Plans - Onterra's Control Monitoring Report was emailed to Ellis in draft form. When it is finalized and approved by the Board, it will be put on the Lake District website. The DNR is tending to stay away from aquatic plant chemical treatment and prefers hand pulling or the DASH method which are the least damaging to the environment. Mary Trainor suggested plant shoreline training/education for riparian owners. C. Raynor read Onterra's suggested treatment order on the Chain: Dake and Miner, Otter and the 11 sites in Sunset, Rainbow, Otter, George, Nessling, McCrossen and Columbia. Ellis was asked by Bonnie Krenke to discuss with Onterra possible treatment of HEWM in an area near her shoreline. She mentioned it is a swimming and navigational issue.

2019 CB/CW Coordinator – Golden Sands will hire and train the CB/CW coordinator for the 2019 season and the Lake District will pay the hourly wage of \$12/hour.

Preliminary Budget Discussion – Ellis announced this will be discussed at the May 22, 2019 meeting when the Treasurer is present.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Raynor
Secretary

Approved: May 22, 2019

