

## **SCHOOL SECTION LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES – Thursday, February 11, 2016**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mitch Vogel, John Manthe, Dick Arrowood, and Donald Solberg

**LAKE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jerry Smukowski, Jacci Smukowski

- 1. CALL TO ORDER** – Mitch called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – John motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Mitch seconded. Motion approved.
- 3. TREASURERS REPORT** – We have received our first payment from the Town. The checking account balance is \$1,199.63, savings is \$51,983.64 for a total balance of \$53, 183.27. For the year we were \$10,440.73 under budget. Joe made a recommendation to buy a refurbished laptop from Milwaukee PC. We should be able to get one for under \$400. John was able to get a copy of Quick Books for \$200. Mitch moved to accept the treasurer’s report. Dick seconded it and the motion carried.
- 4. OLD BUSINESS**
  - a. Approval of renewal of disposal site rental. John indicated that at the last Annual meeting that it was decided that we needed to have a rental agreement in place between the District and the Smukowski’s. John presented Jerry and Jacci with a written agreement for their review. The draft document did not have a signature line as it was felt that a contract was in place when they cashed the rental check. Jacci recommended that signature lines be added to the agreement. Jerry questioned the wording that the weeds would be leveled at the end of the season, feeling it would be better to have this done when needed. John confirmed that there was money in the budget for leveling the weeds. There was further discussion on the text in the rental agreement on the leveling of lake weeds as to whether or not the cost for that needed to be in the rental agreement. Mitch assured the Smukowski’s that the leveling of the lake weeds was the District’s responsibility, regardless of what the actual cost turned out to be. Don made a motion that we approve the rental agreement. John seconded it, and the motion was carried. Mitch signed the agreement on behalf of the District.
  - b. Discussion on potential acquisition of disposal site land. Jerry advised the Board that he was planning on selling his land that we use for our disposal site. Jerry has asked Siepmann Realty to give him an idea of what the property would sell for. Jerry has had a couple of people express an interest in the land. The Smukowski’s acknowledged that they know that the District would be interested in purchasing this land and they would like to give us the first opportunity. Dick felt that Siepmann has a good understanding of what the current land value would be. Jerry told the Board that he had paid \$186K for the land, but they understand that the current value would be less than that. When Jerry does make the decision to sell the land, he would not want the lake weeds being deposited on the land. This could impact our ability to use the land in 2017. Mitch asked them to get back to the Board with what they felt would be the price for their land. Jacci made a recommendation to the Board that if the District did purchase the land that we should protect the area that the County marked off as the only site on the lot that could handle a septic drain field, just in case the District wanted to sell the land in the future.
  - c. Update on signs at the lake access. Don provided an update from the County. The County’s carpenters will be working on the sign over the Winter and will install it after the frost is out of the ground in the Spring. We will look at building the other sign at the Elsa Ave. access after the frost is out of the ground. We would like to wait until the County sign is up and then model our sign after that one.

- d. Update on the Lake District Web site. There has been no progress on the Web site. Don will be working on the site in the next couple of weeks.
- e. Search for a board member to replace Mitch. Don gave an update on potential candidates for the Board to replace Mitch. The only person who so far as expressed a willingness to serve is Frank Arndorfer. Frank was unable to attend this Board meeting but he can be at the next Board meeting. Frank is only willing to serve on the Board if he feels he can make a contribution. He is willing to commit to a one year term. Don also advised that Art's daughter in-law, Tina might also be interested. Neither John nor Mitch knew of any other potential candidates. The Smukowski's mentioned that Vic Herbert's son might be interested. Don will follow up. Don gave the Board a summary of the process under State law for replacing a commissioner. Mitch has to make the recommendation and then the Board has to approve the appointment.

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Correspondence.** John has gotten mail asking if our District boundaries have changed. We had one lot split in to two, but the District boundaries have not changed. We will be getting a survey from the Census Bureau. John also got a letter from a Dousman company that does shore line restoration. Don recommended that we should invite him to provide a presentation to the Board at a future meeting.

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- a. **COUNTY REPORT.** Don provided an update from the County. The County did a repair to the metal ramp at the boat launch. They are doing budget and preliminary research on replacing the boat landing. They are looking at 2017 or 2018. They will be applying for grants to off-set the cost. The County is going to remove the old pit toilet building and replacing it with a portable toilet. There was discussion as to whether or not that was actually a change that would benefit the lake. The consensus was that unless there was a maintenance issue with the current toilet that we should object to this. John made a motion that we should express our opposition to the portable toilet. Mitch seconded the motion and it was carried.
- b. **TOWN REPORT.** Dick provided a Town Report. There has a been a savings of around \$100k in the snow plowing budget. Dick told us about road work that the Town has been doing. The Town budget came out excellent. The lower cost for fuel is helping. Financially the Town is in good shape. The primary election is coming up. This is going to Dick's last term as the Town Chairman.

## 7. Public Comments – None

- 8. **ADJOURNMENT** - John motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mitch seconded. Motion carried.  
The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM

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