

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District
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Board Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2017
Farmington Town Hall

Chairman Ellis called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Present were: Bob Dixon, Bob Ellis, Rick Hammen, John Hebring, Caroline Murphy, Jerry Murphy and Cathy Raynor. Guest was: Brian Zalay

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Meeting Statement - This meeting and all meetings of the Chain O'Lakes 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 Last Board Meetings – It was moved by C. Murphy to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2017 and April 21, 2017 meeting minutes, seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Bills – Hammen reported a cash balance of \$7,499.93. Onterra submitted a bill to the Lake District for \$17,000. This will be paid when the AIS Established Population Control Grant reimbursements are received from the DNR.

Public Input – Brian Zalay, a graduate, research assistant at the University of Illinois, discussed the Healthy Lakes program. It includes five practices for property owners to improve habitat and water quality on lakeshore property. Alternatively, the Wisconsin DNR has Healthy Lakes Grants for eligible local units of government, qualified lake associations, etc. by applying for funding on behalf of lakeshore property owners. Zalay asked if the Lake District could make a monetary donation to the Healthy Lakes program. Zalay was referred to the Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Association's Annual meeting as an opportunity to request funds.

Unfinished Business

2018 Proposed Budget – Hammen reported that the Lake District would have \$32,445.49 at the end of 2017 if the DNR grant reimbursements were received. The Lake District would get 66% of the costs back. In 2018 the Lake District will need \$116,156 for lake projects. Hammen proposed raising the tax levy in Farmington and Dayton Townships or, alternatively, taking out a loan to cover these costs. C. Murphy suggested that in the

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case of a tax increase, an explanation to property owners should be a per property amount, such as \$10-\$12/property, rather than the total amount needed. There was concern over not receiving the DNR Grant reimbursements. Hebring made a motion to approve the 2018 proposed budget with a tax increase. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters Coordinator – Caden Prah, son of Julie Prah, the Waupaca Sanitary District Administrator, was hired for the 2017 season. CBCW pamphlets, a towel from the DNR, and a cooler freezer pack will be handed out at the Taylor Boat launch. There are no volunteers at this time.

Chain AIS Treatment – The AIS treatment was completed on May 23rd and considered a success. Results this fall will decide what treatments will be needed in Spring 2018.

New Business

Annual Meeting Notice Mailing - A different printing company, JHL in Stevens Point, WI, was hired and did a great job. The mailing was a three-fold style that saved on the total cost.

Annual Meeting Speaker – The Annual Meeting speaker will be Tim Hoyman, Onterra, LLC.

J. Murphy made a motion for Ellis to discuss with Hoyman the need to shorten his presentation at the Annual Meeting. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

Survey Results Preparation – There were 439 surveys returned out of the 814 that were sent. A self-addressed, stamped envelope was included in the mailing. Hoyman created a survey monkey for individually entering results from each property owner; this process could be very time consuming. Zalay and Hammen may investigate creating an Excel spreadsheet for faster results. Hammen will discuss this with Hoyman. Lake District Board members and volunteers will enter the survey data. Ellis will investigate the deadline for the final results.

Open Records Request – Ellis will make a formal request for the 2016 Tom Thumb Dayton Public Hearing Transcript for the Lake District. This transcript has never been published.

Next Meeting Date – The next ~~Board~~ meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 12, 9:00 a.m., Marden Memorial Center followed by a Board meeting.

At 10:18 a.m., it was moved by J. Murphy to adjourn, seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully,

Cathy Raynor
Secretary

Approved: 8-12-2017