

SCHOOL SECTION LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES – Monday August 21, 2017

Board member present: Frank Arndorfer, John Manthe, Chuck Wood, and Donald Solberg

Lake Members present: none

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes for the July 13 board meeting. The motion was seconded by Don and the motion was approved.
3. **TREASURERS REPORT** - John read the treasurer’s report. We have \$592.23 in checking and \$36,172.27 in savings, of which \$2,000 is earmarked for chemical weed treatment, for a total of \$36,765.50. Frank questioned if we have gotten any time sheets from Dan. John said that we haven’t but he also hasn’t emailed any out to him. Jim is expecting a bill from Accurate Graphics, the fuel oil bill is still pending, and John is expecting a bill from Bull Frog Station. Frank also said the he has a couple of bills related to the harvester that have to be paid. Don said that since we were able to cancel the rental of the porta potty for the picnic, Nina will be getting John a check for the refund. Accurate Graphics will be billing us for the picnic signs. John filled out the audit for Workman’s Comp and he expects that we will be getting money back. Don made a motion to accept the treasurer’s report, Chuck seconded, and the motion was approved.
4. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Frank gave a report on the DNR weed harvester training that was held at his residence. Two lake residents showed up, Kurt one of the new residents on School Section Lake Dr. Three of the others who had expressed an interest could not attend the training because they work during the day. Fred Fleischman showed up. Fred doesn’t have an interest in harvesting but he was interested in the training. Frank can now train new employees on the operation of the weed harvester, so he can train on weekends.
 - B. Frank reported on the status of the weed harvester. It is running good and little by little we are eliminating minor little problems. EngineMon replaced the fuel pump, so we no longer need the booster pump. We have a problem with one of the conveyors. We had a pin shear on one of the paddle drives. Frank and Dan were able to replace it. Don questioned where we were with replacing the wiring harness. Frank said that this was going to be done later and that he would cover this in maintenance plan. Don questioned how long we would be running the harvester. Frank said we would be running it as long as we can. There is no date in the permit that requires us to stop harvesting. The start date in the permit varying depending on when the fish spawning is completed, sometime in late May or early June. We have typically ended the weed harvesting when the waterfowl hunting season starts. There was a discussion on what EngineMon would cover under warranty, and if we would benefit from returning the old engine core. Frank said that EngineMon is covering the shipping for the return of the old engine.
 - C. Frank provided his thoughts on planning for the weed harvesting in 2018. Frank feels we need a preventative maintenance plan for the harvester. In the past some of the repairs have been “expedient”, and not always the best repair for the long term. We should have a

plan to later go back and do a more permanent repair. Frank went out to Pewaukee Lake and observed their operation. There are things that we can learn from other districts. Don expressed frustration over the weed harvesting operation, with no work schedules or a way to track the progress. Frank will meet with Dan to see if he wants to continue doing the supervision of the operation. Frank feels we need someone to manage the operation and Dan is probably not interested in doing that. Franks is going to continue contacting other lake districts to see how they operate their weed harvesting. Don said that he had observed the weed harvesting on Pewaukee Lake while he was having lunch at the Edgewater. All their operators were college age young men. We can hire similar employees, and then we need someone to establish work schedules and monitor their work. There was a follow on discussion as to whether this would require a hired employee or could the Board do that function. We have an opportunity to improve next year because we have a well running harvester and we will have a shortened session next year with the fall draw-down. Frank would like to get on the water as soon as we can in May. We wouldn't know when we can get back on the lake after the draw-down. Frank said that we could contact InLand and get recommendations from them on on-going maintenance. We also have some other people who might be interested in doing the maintenance. Don asked Frank if InLand had a cover that we could purchase for our engine. There was a discussion on the feasibility of trailering the harvester to InLand for winter storage and maintenance. Another option to explore is the individual, Nick, that John knows who maintains other lake district's harvesters. Don said that he would like to invite Nick to attend one of our board meetings. Frank will meet with Dan and let him know that we are going to be moving forward with a comprehensive preventative maintenance program for the harvester, and would be looking for someone to coordinate and direct the efforts of the entire weed harvesting operation. Frank will ask Dan if he wants either of those roles. If he wants those roles than the board will be telling him what we expect. John said that over winter we need to draw up, this is the responsibly of this person. We agreed to schedule a "workshop" so that Frank, Don, and John could continue this discussion. It will be posted as a meeting but no official board business will be conducted outside of the weed harvesting operation discussion. Don requested that we put together a graph showing the year to year harvesting operation so that we could see how we are doing in comparison to other years. This led to a discussion on the fact that we don't have an engine hour meter on the new engine. Frank said that the engine hour monitor needs to be installed. John also was surprised to learn that we didn't have an engine hour monitor. John said that since it is difficult to monitor gauges while operating the harvester, that there are automatic shutdowns that will prevent damage to the engine if it over heats, or there is another problem. This should be installed on the harvester. A follow on work shop was scheduled for Wednesday, August 30, at 10 AM. Don will post the meeting notices. The next board meeting was scheduled for September 21. Don asked John to see if Nick could attend the next meeting. InLand is good at the harvester repair but we need a good diesel and hydraulic mechanic, which Nick is.

- D. Lake-draw down in 2018. Frank and Don need to meet again with the DNR and the County. The DNR wanted to bring in the fish biologist for the next meeting. If we need to aerate during the draw down the cost for this would have to be in our budget. Frank said there is DNR grant money that may be available. Frank will contact them to schedule this meeting.

E. Picnic Planning – Don will bring a table, and Frank will also bring a table. Don and Frank will bring grilles. John will bring a couple of tables.

8. NEW BUSINESS - None

7. TOWN AND COUNTY REPORTS – There was no Town report. Chuck reported that a County ordinance will be in place, with fines, in October to put some teeth in the septic tank inspection. Chuck reported that he attended the annual meetings for both Eagle Spring and Pretty Lake. Both lakes also had record weed growth. Pretty Lake is using DASH, and Eagle Spring is using a combination of harvesting and chemical treatment. Pretty Lake saved a ton of money this year because of the rain this year they didn't have to run their deep water pump. They didn't even turn on the pump this year. Some Lake Districts are considering getting bank lines of credit, especially if they manage a dam.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

8. ADJOURNMENT – Don moved to adjourn the meeting. John seconded and the motion was carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY DONALD SOLBERG, SECRETARY