

Waupaca Chain O'Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District
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Special Board Meeting Minutes
8:30 am, Saturday, December 1, 2018
Farmington Town Hall

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chairman Ellis. Present were: Ken Denow, Bob Ellis, John Hebring, Caroline/Jerry Murphy and Cathy Raynor. Absent was Bob Dixon. Guests were: Patrick J. Wood, Sharon Peterson, Phil Peterson, Sue Eiler, Bill Raynor, Kay Ellis, Rev. Kim Drost and John Miller.

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 Raynor to approve the agenda, seconded and passed unanimously.

Public Input – None

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Youngs and Bass Lakes – Denow contacted Scott Koehnke, WDNR, with information on the Youngs Bass Channel from the past to present time. This information included previous chemical treatment and cutting of vegetation along with the physical removal of obstructions such as trees/branches/roots in the channel. Since it was cost-effective, low impact and had been successful in opening up the channel for navigation, the DNR wondered why this was not continued for several years. It was recommended the Lake District consider continuing this effort in the future. The DNR would require the sediment, vegetation, fisheries be analyzed and to specify a removal plan of the sediment. The project would have to protect the environment in all aspects and make sure the remediation will not return to the poor condition it is now. Denow reviewed the required tests, the pertinent regulations and made some suggestions in regard to vendors and costs. Star Environmental Inc. is interested in the Youngs Bass Channel project and would like to bid on it. Star will meet with Koehnke to get the DNR requirements necessary for the project and will break down all their costs. This project should be economically viable and cost effective. J. Hebring would like to know the cost of analysis and the budgeting of the Lake District. Denow mentioned that

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approximately \$110,000 would be available in the Lake District budget. C. Murphy made a motion to allow Star Environmental Inc. to plan the next steps the Lake District Board would need for the Bass Youngs Channel project. It was seconded and approved unanimously. Eiler noted that Youngs Lake has a high flow rate, has 23 springs and wondered how sediment is filling in the channel. Denow explained the rain water moves horizontally and hydraulically moves sediment into the channel. Weed growth slows down the water flow and allows the sediment to precipitate. Eiler commended Denow for all of his work on this project. Kay Ellis wondered if a separate grant would be available for the channel project. B. Raynor suggested that a small amount of money be approved to proceed with the analysis rather than slowing down the process. Denow would need to obtain a contract for commitment. C. Raynor suggested that Denow contact the Lake District Board for a special meeting when the planning steps are finished.

All present signed the required DNR in-kind hours paperwork.

At 9:43 a.m., J. Murphy moved to adjourn. It was seconded and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Raynor
Secretary

Approved: March 23, 2019