

## Lake Virginia Management District Annual Meeting

9/12/15

The annual meeting was called to order by Mike Pariza at 10:00AM.

1. Mike Pariza asked if we were in compliance with the open meeting law with Sandra Meyer Swanson indicating we were. Question was raised by Byron Tetzlaff with regards to notification for people who own property within Lake Virginia but their primary residence is elsewhere. Mike Pariza, Joe Fish and John Dietz indicated there was legal notice with Mike Pariza indicating we would proceed. Also, Mike Pariza said we would go ahead with meeting and to obtain a legal opinion Joe Fish said we could ask Legal Counsel at Sauk County or the Town's Attorney Natalie Bussan.
2. Roll Call – John Dietz, Joe Fish, Sandy Meyer Swanson, Mike Pariza, Ed Rogers all present.
3. Ed Rogers made the motion to accept the agenda and Sandy Meyer Swanson making the 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF 0 NAY.
4. Bug Tussel Presentation – Paul and Mary Quigley led a presentation for another option of internet in the Lake Virginia area.
5. Ed Rogers made the motion to accept the Secretary's Report with Eric Larson making the 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF 0 NAY.
6. Ed Rogers made the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report - JoJean Hegedus made the 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF 0 NAY.
7. Lake Report – guests for this report included Wisconsin Pond & Lake, Sue Graham, Wisconsin DNR and Serge Koenig from Sauk County. Ed Rogers stated the lake is down approximately 5 feet. Stop logs were repaired and the big total for the job was approximately \$7000.00. \$3000.00 of this comprised of the 2<sup>nd</sup> cylinder of the riser being pulled out – 5 bars holding 2 logs keeping from leaking seal broke loose was fixed. We need a lot of rain to fill the lake back up. Aerators on the North side are shut down no water. There has also been no fish kill to date. Ed Rogers has been working closely with Gale Halloway a Dam Engineer (retired DNR) with all repairs to the project. Also, as a requirement from the DNR the Lake District received a couple years ago the turn key needed to be proven it could turn and close. This was also done with a report being sent to the DNR. Steve Hegedus asked if freezing would be an issue this year? Ed Rogers indicated there is a slow leak of air that is the cause and styrofoam on top of the silo with tarps would be done as a precautionary measure.

Mike Pariza made the comment if you are trying to get rid of geese you can buy fake coyote . Preferably two as one doesn't work.

Mike Pariza introduced our guests with Serge Koenig from the County taking the lead in the conversation. 6 points around the lake were monitored. The lake was treated for curly leaf with the intent to lower phosphorous levels. The levels have gone down. 2010 they were .23, 2014 .17. Finger to the North highest in 2010 .5, 2014 .29. Susan Graham indicated there needs to be a long term monitoring system put in place by volunteers to take samples every other week with capturing the samples from the same locations. Steve and JoJean Hegedus volunteered to help. Susan Graham

will send an email to Ed Rogers with regards to the program. Byron Tetzlaff volunteered his boat if anyone wanted to use it to take samples.

Susan Graham says there is a Volunteer Monitor Program 1<sup>st</sup> year study for water clarity. Mike Pariza asked if we needed to pay for the phosphorous test. Big picture fund Lake Management Study look at watershed and what is the best way to go. What kind of water clarity can we expect? Study data analysis worth our while and see if there is any grant eligible. This is very competitive and very hard to get. 67% Lake Planning Grants which are cost share. Without the grant they are \$100,000.00.

Wisconsin Pond & Lake – Cory Zeikert 1<sup>st</sup> year curlyleaf 3 treatment years. Minor plant survey – sediment study. Viable turions quit doing the treatments as there wasn't any this year. 1<sup>st</sup> year no curly leaf treatment No longer are permits available for the whole lake. Native plants and what is permitted – caution wait and see elodia explosion which is a native plant and cannot treat.

Ed Rogers explained maintenance on aerators. They need to be rebuilt as they are brittle. This approval was handled at the last quarterly meeting. Diffusers pressure balances membrane with valve. GPS locate each one turn down set back in place. All are out in the water. Replaced a dozen so far. Suggestion to replace diffusers every five years.

Zach from WP & L suggested once a month an inspection in spring for curly leaf, long channel primary source. Elodia and other native plants compete to reduce major nuisance. June of this past year there was treatment around the piers. Ed Rogers asked Zach would the low lake level help. Susan Graham indicated there would be no difference. There was a discussion as to when the best time to apply for our treatment permit. Susan Graham indicated the best time is anytime after the first of the year. Treatment should generally be done in March of every year. Cory Ziekert said the lake was treated with Aquathol which is not the same treatment for Elodia. This is a multi level permit. Susan Graham indicated curlyleaf a plan is required. Two permits are required specific chemicals for each plan.

Cory Ziekert – almost lost window of opportunity last year. Small lake warms up fast. Above 60-65 degrees Fahrenheit chemical stops working. Spot treatment could turn into whole lake treatment.

Ed Rogers asked WP&L could leave the north aerators off? Cory indicated with continued low water level we potentially could have a winter fish kill.

Discussed ensued with Ed Rogers, Serge Koenig and Susan Graham with regards to Metcalf Prairie – the stumps need to be removed and this would cost between \$2000.00 and \$3000.00. Susan Graham indicated removing these could start the process of re-establishing a prairie and possible grant money available. Lake Protection Wetland Restoration 25% cost share. Serge Koenig indicated its tough to find grant money for brush removal. Susan Graham indicated she would get back with Ed Rogers with regard to land restoration grant money availability.

8. Commissioner Election – Ed Rogers nominated by Sandy Meyer Swanson 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve Whitney AIF 0 NAY. No other nominations.
9. No other old business

10. Metcalf Prairie – Ed Rogers to Dave Buroker doing a lot of work for the Lake District. Ed Rogers made a motion to give Dave Buroker \$250.00 as a thank you gift Evelyn Tetzlaff making the 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF – NAY.
11. Budget Hearing - Byron Tetzlaff making the motion taking excess funds at the end of the year and putting into a contingency fund. No direction given as to where to put the funds. Eric Larson making the 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF 0 NAY. Eric Larson making the motion to approve the 2016 Budget in the amount of \$49,350.00 and Steve Hededus making the 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF 0 NAY. Budget passes.
12. LGIP – Eric Larson making the motion to put \$10.00 in each category of the LGIP. Steve Hededus making the 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF 0 NAY.
13. September 10, 2016 is set for the meeting date of the Annual Meeting. Steve Hegedus making the motion notices be sent out and Eric Larson making the 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF 0 NAY.
14. Meeting adjourned at 11:47AM by Sandy Meyer Swanson and Ed Rogers making the 2<sup>nd</sup>. AIF 0 NAY.

Sandy Meyer Swanson

Secretary/Treasurer