

# Lake Virginia Management District 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes

Date: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Location: Excelsior Town Hall, 100 E. Broadway St., Rock Springs, WI. 53961

Time: 9:00 A.M.

## **1. Compliance with Open Meeting Law**

Erik Larson indicated that we were in compliance with the Open Meeting Law

## **2. Roll Call**

Present: Sandra Meyer Swanson (via Teams), Mike Pariza, Erik Larson, Lynn Eberl; Absent Karl Berna

## **3. Adopt Agenda**

Motion by Erik Larson, second by Ed Rogers. All in favor, motion carried.

## **4. Approve 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Ed Rogers, second by Dan Riebs. All in favor, motion carried.

## **5. Chairperson and committee reports**

Jim Scharl From Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource spoke about the lake and current plans. They are updating the Lake Management Plan. Due to the limited stems found in the spring survey, there was no need for curly-leaf treatment this year. They conducted annual maintenance, to include pump maintenance and fixing diffusers. A whole lake point intercept survey was completed for aquatic plants. A total of 124 points were surveyed; recording depth, types of plants and sediment type found at each location. The data collected will be used in comparison to previous data to create a new and updated Lake Management Plan.

Metcalf Prairie: Work has continued to remove invasive species of plants.

Reynolds Park: ID signs has been contacted to make a sign for the park. The cost estimate is \$635.00. We are waiting on a proof for the sign. Once a proof is received and approved, the sign will be ordered. The next plan for the park is to cut down the remaining stumps and grind them down. Additional trees may be cut down after they die off.

Toeder Park: Almost three hundred trees were planted, we hoping for at least 50% survival of the newly planted trees. Additional trees may be planted in the future. New compost area signs were installed. Improper dumping could lead to closure or dumping by appointment only. An oak tree was cut down, placed just inside the wood line, it will cleaned it up as time and space allows.

Dam & Lake: Two beavers were trapped this spring that were causing damage to several properties along the shoreline. Picnic tables are stained. The brush & vegetation by the dam outlet was cut back, it will be trimmed again this fall or early spring per DNR requirements. The backside of the dam is now being mowed consistently per DNR requirements. The DNR required an updated EAP to be submitted, that was done, no response from them on it as of yet. There are still leaks between risers and stop logs. We are looking for a new engineering firm to inspect the riser and stop logs and propose a recommended solution. The lack of rain, evaporation, reduced spring flow, and absorption into surrounding land has also contributed to the lower lake level. As of 9/9/23, the water level is down 21 inches. It was down 13 inches in August of

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last year. With the fall and winter precipitation, the lake was back to target level by April of this year. We submitted a grant application to Sauk County for funds to cover the Lake Management Plan update and plant survey, we received a majority of the funds requested.

### **6. Treasurer's Report**

Motion by Erik Larson, second by Joyce Sadler. All in favor, motion carried.

### **7. Presentation and submission of the annual audit**

Dave Swanson conducted the audit; no discrepancies were found.

### **8. Review and consider approval of proposed 2024 budget**

Motion by Ed Rogers, second by Erik Larson to approve amended budget. All in favor, motion carried.

### **9. Review and consider approval of corresponding tax levy**

Motion by Erik Larson, second by Ed Rogers. All in favor, motion carried.

### **10. Election of commissioner**

Erik Larson nominated Mike Pariza, second by Ed Rogers; no other nominations were made. Mike Pariza was elected by unanimous consent.

### **11. 2024 Annual meeting date**

The 2024 Annual Meeting date was proposed for September 14th, 2023. Motion by Erik Larson, second by Ed Rogers. All in favor, motion carried.

### **12. Old Business – no action can be taken unless specified**

No old business was requested to be discussed.

### **13. Adjourn**

Motion by Ed Rogers, second by Erik Larson. All in favor, motion carried.

Erik Larson

Lake Virginia Management District Commissioner/Secretary

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