

SCHOOL SECTION LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday, January 25, 2017

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Frank Arndorfer, John Manthe, Donald Solberg, and Chuck Wood

BOARD MEMEBERS ABSENT: Thom Casper

LAKE MEMBERS PRESENT: Tony Hem, Jaclyn Smukowski, Jerry Smukowski, David Ulma, Carolyn Wiednesse, Fred Fleischman, Nina Solberg, Suzanne Manthe, Jen Habersat, Norm Habersat, Bill Schaak, Kurt Ahrens, Nancy Brickner, Mark Brickner, Bruce Bautch, Annie Valeneck, and Mike Dean

1. **Call to Order** – Frank called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. This is a special meeting that was called to present a resolution for the purchase of property for lake weed disposal, and to conduct a ballot vote of the district electors.
2. **Smukowski land purchase**
 - a. Overview of the proposed land acquisition. Frank conducted a presentation summarizing our weed harvesting/disposal operation and the land that we use for lake weed disposal. Frank advised that we have been using the Smukowski property for approximately 35 years and that we were advised by Jerry Smukowski that he planned on selling the property. Since it would be very unlikely that a new property owner who purchased the land for a residence would allow us to continue with our weed disposal. The Board had researched alternatives and felt that the purchase of the property would be our best option. Frank said that the Board had originally investigated the possibility of a 75% matching grant from the DNR for this purpose, but the grant process was very difficult and if we used the grant funding the District would be restricted in how we could use the property. There was also no guarantee that the District would obtain the grant. At the Annual meeting a voice vote was held to determine if the District wanted the Board to continue with the purchase and whether or not we should purchase the land with a Special Assessment or attempt to obtain the grant. The District voted unanimously to purchase the land through Special Assessment. John presented a review of the loan that we would be using to purchase the property and what the approximate special assessment would be for each property.
 - b. Don read the statement and resolution from the Record of Proceedings of the Special Meeting that had been mailed out to each electors within the district and owners of property within the District. Official Referendum Ballots had been distributed to each voter when they signed in for the meeting. The ballot was for whether or not the District Board of Commissioners of the School Section Protection and Rehabilitation District would be authorized to borrow the sum of \$150K for the purpose of purchasing land for weed harvesting depository, and to levy an irrevocable annual tax for ten years to pay off the loan. The ballots were collected and the votes were tallied by Carolyn Wiednesse and John Manthe. The vote was 17 in favor, and 4 opposed. The resolution was passed.
3. **Approval of the transfer of \$15K from the truck fund to the land acquisition.** \$15K had previously been collected to purchase a new truck, in the event that we lost the Smukowski property and had to have a road worthy truck to transport harvested lake weeds to another disposal site. The Board asked for permission to move this money into the land acquisition. Fred Fleischman made this motion, Bruce Bautch seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.
4. **ADJOURNMENT** - Frank motioned to adjourn the meeting. John seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY DON SOLBERG, SECRETARY, (262-965-3545)