

**MOUNT MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**42<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING - July 21, 2018**  
**Mountainview Community Center**

- PRESENT:** Tim Dahlstrand, Joe Slezak, Rob Adams and new County Representative Enrique Soria; Peggy Thiel and Paul Brinkman were not able to attend.
- AGENDA:** Accepted and approved by the meeting attendees
- INTRODUCTIONS:** Members of the Board and all present District lake resident electors were introduced
- ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** Those present who served as Past District Board members: Adaline Robbins, Bob Behling and Glenn Christiansen, and Denis Sutton

**SECRETARY'S REPORT JOE SLEZAK**

- Review of last year's Annual 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of July 22, 2017
- Minutes presented by power point presentation and are posted on the website
- Minutes were reviewed accepted, and approved.

**CHARIMAN'S REPORT: TIM DAHLSTRAND**

- Thanked the Board members for their work
- Emphasized quarterly meetings as a way to attend to and carry on the work of the District
- Overviewed some key elements of today's agenda
- Reviewed where new people are needed to serve on committees, website, and other activities

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- The year-end status report delivered by Tim Dahlstrand, audited by past Treasurer, Greg Foster
- Tim reviewed each of the report slides, outlining receipts and expenditures
- Total disbursements and actual spend this year were: \$46,460. We budgeted \$74,408.00.
- After discussion, the report was reviewed and accepted

**OLD BUSINESS**

**FRIENDS OF MOUNT MORRIS LAKES ENDOWMENT FUND: JUNE SCHROEDER, and TIM DAHLSTRAND**

- Tim explained the origin and purpose for the establishment of the FOMML endowment fund 3 years ago.
- Our balance in the fund this year is \$51,177... we made it over the \$50,000 level in just 3 years
- Our Goal: \$600,000... is to use this balance to pay for continuing lake management and expenses without the need and reliance on grants and funding resources that may not exist in the future as they have in the past.
- June pointed "fun stories" that we all have about our history on the lake that makes it worth the effort to the preserve the lake for future generations... perhaps a donation of 1% to the fund.

**AIS AND LAKE MANAGEMENT REPORT: ROB ADAMS**

- Rob reviewed where we started in the Lake Management and AIS Plan with our consultant, Onterra LLC.
- We have a continuing serious commitment to address AIS... we can't let up on our efforts. Rob reviewed the history and results of our chemical treatment efforts to control AIS.
- Curly Leaf Pondweed is somewhat under control with the chemical... but the hybrid EWM in Lake C is prolific
- Northern Water Milfoil is a desired native plant in our lake and has cross-bred by rooting with EWM to create a hybrid water milfoil that can't be treated with chemicals. We reproduce these weeds by cutting them up with our boats and spreading the fragments throughout the lake system.
- The results that we have achieved: We stunted the growth of CLP... but it is always there.
- Rob showed actual samples of hybrid and CLP EWM vegetation and their differences.
- The rest of Rob's report conveyed the science as to what causes algae blobs, turnover, and other conditions.

**BOATING SAFETY ON THE LAKE: ROB ADAMS AND GARY FRANK**

- Rob and Gary overviewed how easy it is to take for granted boating safety practices
- Both detailed how boating accidents can happen, and what personal discipline is needed to prevent them
- They key is to respect everyone on the lake in what we do and how we help others with their boating.
- Ben Mott, DNR Warden for Waushara County, emphasized that approaching people with respect to call attention to boating safety is the best approach to use.

### **LAKE HARVESTER AND SAFE BOATING: JOE SLEZAK**

- Joe explained the dynamics of how a weed harvester operates with a full load while it is in the water. The point was that a no-wake practice around the harvester is absolutely important to prevent it from tipping over. There was an incident of this in a northern Wisconsin lake where a harvester had capsized and the operator drowned.
- As far as jet personal watercraft is concerned, some of the rules have changed, but the clearances from rafts, piers, and other objects in the lake and the shoreline must be maintained.
- Joe showed lake charts showing how our lakes are very small and are not designed for robust full wake operation in most cases.

### **LAKE DRAW DOWN VS. DREDGING REPORT: TIM DAHLSTRAND**

- At the last annual meeting, Jerry Murphy, a property owner on the channel between Lake C and Lake D, requested that we explore the issue of controlling silt build up.
- Tim Dahlstrand presented a power point slide report that he conducted presenting research data that he accumulated describing the options for lake draw down and lake dredging.
- The areas in question are on Lake C... Rattlesnake Creek inlet on the north and Porter's Creek inlet on the south.
- The content of the report detailed the advantages and disadvantages of each approach based on examples and results that were achieved by using these methods in specific lakes across the State of Wisconsin.
- The conclusion of the report stated that at this time, no action would be taken by the Board to engage in any of these methods.
- Discussion occurred concerning the deteriorating conditions to some shore land properties, and that if nothing is done, it will only get worse. There was some support for some type of action to take place, with a suggestion for a partial drawdown project placed on the table as a possible option to start some action.
- A motion was made by Dave Murphy: "The drawdown and dredging issue will remain as a forefront issue of the Board's agenda." This motion was approved. As a result, Tim suggested that a committee be formed to expand on the research we have, gather additional expertise, and to present this information to the Board membership with options and solutions considering both draw-down and/or dredging.
- Names for membership for this committee were to be taken at the end of the meeting. Rob Adams volunteered to be the Board representative and advisor on the committee.

### **NEW BUSINESS: 2018-2019 BUDGET PRESENTATION: TIM DAHLSTRAND**

- A slide presentation made by Tim showed the starting cash positions and the disbursements and expenditures
- The 2019 levy proposed would be \$50,000. Last year's levy was \$42,500.
- We would start this new fiscal year in a good cash position due to savings in chemical treatment that was canceled for 2018.
- A motion was made/seconded to approve the budget of \$74,408 for 2018-2019. The motion was approved.

### **ELECTION OF A BOARD COMMISSIONER**

Rob Adams was nominated and elected unanimously for to a three year term as commissioner.

### **OTHER OPEN BUSINESS FORUM ACTION ITEMS AND DISCUSSIONS**

- Denis Sutton: Waushara Lakes Council can supply information and resources for AIS control.
- Gary Frank: The pontoon boat parade is on the last Saturday of July, and that it is not just a pontoon boat parade, it is a boat parade. The traditional end of parade pot-luck supper will be at the Mt. Morris Town Park, where we can all meet our lake neighbors.

### **MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

- With no further issues on the table or pending discussions, a motion was made to adjourn the 42nd Annual District Meeting
- The motion was passed and the meeting adjournment came at 11:15 am