

**MT. MORRIS LAKES DISTRICT**  
**QUARTERLY COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR DISTRICT BUSINESS MEETING**  
**March 7, 2020 at the Mountain View Community Center**

**1. Call to Order: 9:00 am**

**2. Audience Members Present & Issues to be Brought Up:**

- Tom Grover: Lutheran Retreat Voting Rights & Procedures
- Other members present: Bob Behling; Steve Van Airsdale; Lois & Rick: Drawdown questions
- No changes to the agenda. Agenda Approved

**4. Joe Slezak: Minutes read for the December 7, 2019 meeting**

- Minutes reviewed... changes: December 7 meeting date change
- No other changes or comments. Minutes approved.

**5. Treasurer's Report: Peggy Thiel**

- No were receipts in the quarter and minimal /little quarter expenses as normal.
- The insurance expenses... premium was the only significant expenditure in the quarter.
- Ending cash balance is: \$42,103.00
- Will work with Rob to work on the drawdown cost grant.
- Treasurer's Report was moved and accepted.

**6. Endowment fund: Tim presented the report for Bob Jozwowski**

- December 31, 2018 Balance: \$49,909.00
- During 2019, we received cash gifts of \$3,025.00 and a matching gift of \$500.00 = 3,525.00
- December 31, 2019 Fund Balance = \$63,757.00 representing a market gain of \$10,323.00
- The committee has created a tri-fold brochure to publicize and explain the endowment fund which will cost \$295 to print 500 copies by Graphic Associates of Wild Rose.
- Current endowment committee members are: Bob Jozwowski, Chairman, June Schroeder, Geoff Farrell, Paul Brinkman

**7. Harvesting Report: Joe Slezak**

- Joe reported on a plan to pay the harvester operator by seasonal stipend rather than by hourly pay.
- Standard stipend for Cory will be t 35 hours per week. We will always track hours worked/not-worked.
- Tim Lewis (District audience) asked to be considered for laborer and harvester operator in March, 2021

**8. May 9, 2020 Special Meeting: Rob Adams**

- Current web posting relates to AIS control during October and May, beginning the first week in October, at a rate of one foot per week to allow wildlife to adapt to the change. Total drawdown is 6 feet.
- We have applied for a pre-drawdown grant to pay for the data collection during the drawdown.
- Full year drawdown involved for two winters to get the silt level down to gain lake depth
- Rob detailed the timeline between the May 9 Special Meeting to the July Annual Meeting.
- Motion to drawdown was already approved by the electorate last year. The motions from the floor were for the committee to pursue methods to reduce the silt.
- Can we gather questions before the May 9 meeting and deal with them at the meeting was brought up. We will ask for these questions before the meeting. We will stream the meeting live.
- Karen Tschurwald suggested that questions will be gathered before the meeting to get comments from everyone for May 9 and July 18. We will put a note in the postcard to inform people on how to do this.

## **9. Voting Rights and Procedures: Tim Dahlstrand**

- The procedures are based on the By-Laws supported by State law NR 33 that we have to comply with. Tim handed out the voting rules and read through them.
- Owner sign-in to obtain ballots is based on the District assessment list of property owners, the October 7, 2019 version.
- The Retreat Association is entitled to two votes, based on ownership of multiple parcels on properties on the lake. Each unique property owner can cast a vote. A spouse is an additional vote. A single owner of a property having no spouse or partner gets one vote.
- A unique owner with multiple owned parcels (such as the Retreat Association) only gets votes based on unique ownership, not the number of parcels. If there are changes in ownership since the October list, just bring a document to detail the change in ownership.

## **10. Continued Discussion of the Drawdown Options**

- Shoreline owners can do work to their chore lines during the drawdown.
- We can re-stock the lake after the drawdown... cost would be in the hundreds of dollars range
- Other options are manual dredging which would be financially impractical and expensive for the District
- Shore owners can remove 3 cubic feet of material... more than that encounters legal rules
- District could dredge out 13,000 cubic yards and be stored on a farm property.
- If we do nothing, the estimated cost for yearly chemical treatment to the lake is over \$30,000.
- Pro-actions now might avert a later period of extensive lake shut down due to rapid AIS proliferation

## **11. Town of Mt. Morris & Waushara County News**

- Extensive renovations to the Community Center are in progress at this time: New windows, new furnaces and improved air conditioning, better ceiling tiles,, roof repairs with a pitch to drain water, foam pad insulation in the roof for better heat retention. Renovations will be completed by mid-summer.
- Randy Loehrke is the new Waushara County Rep.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Lake Convention attendees: Rob Adams and Peggy Thiel will attend.
- Waushara County Conservation Field Days: Tim moved to send in \$100 donation to support the event.
- Motion passed. \$100 donation will be made.

**Adjournment:** 10:00 am

A record short meeting since 1988.