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47th ANNUAL MEETING DATE HAS CHANGED TO SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2023 AT 12:00 PM

Mountainview Community Center Lunch Served: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm

Mt Morris Lakes Management District	Preceding Year Actual 6/1/21 - 5/31/22	Preliminary Curr Actual 2022 - 2023	Approved Budget 2022 - 2023	Proposed Budget 2023 - 2024	Mt. Morris Lakes Management District – Budget Proposal Part 1 Budget Notes																																			
Revenues					<p>The annual assessment budgeted for the coming year will be nearly \$30k less than last year. Dam maintenance spending was under budget by \$19k due to the toe drain repair being pushed into the coming year. The latest cost estimate for that repair is \$10k versus the \$20k budgeted last year. Savings generated by the Harvester Labor Management Sub Committee led by Kathy Croft takes cost out of the budget year. The net cost of labor and fringe is \$42k in this year's budget compared to \$52k in last year's budget as the board assumes administrative costs as part of their volunteer roles.</p> <p>Onterra: includes AIS mapping, analysis, presentation, travel</p> <p>Spring Prep 2 weeks + Fall Prep 2 wks + Summer Ops 15 weeks = 19 weeks total. This includes 1 wk vacation for lead and secondary operators, hours will be replaced only for safety requirements Dam Oper (lead oper): 3.5 hrs/week, 52 weeks per year, 19 are seasonal + 33 are off season Trainee Oper: 16 hrs/week, 15 weeks (not needed full season)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 15%;">Hrs/week</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Rate/Hr</th> <th style="width: 15%;"># weeks</th> <th style="width: 15%;"></th> <th style="width: 40%;">Annual Wages</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>40.0</td> <td>\$19.18</td> <td>19</td> <td>\$</td> <td>14,577</td> </tr> <tr> <td>25.0</td> <td>\$17.90</td> <td>19</td> <td>\$</td> <td>8,503</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16.0</td> <td>\$16.90</td> <td>15</td> <td>\$</td> <td>4,056</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>\$</td> <td>3,322</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3.5</td> <td>\$19.18</td> <td>33</td> <td>\$</td> <td>2,215</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: right;">Total Labor</td> <td>\$ 32,672</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Hrs/week	Rate/Hr	# weeks		Annual Wages	40.0	\$19.18	19	\$	14,577	25.0	\$17.90	19	\$	8,503	16.0	\$16.90	15	\$	4,056				\$	3,322	3.5	\$19.18	33	\$	2,215	Total Labor				\$ 32,672
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Annual Assessment	\$ 89,644	\$ 104,695	\$ 107,194	\$ 77,964																																				
DNR Grant	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,496	\$ -	\$ -																																				
Misc Receipts	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -																																				
Interest Earned	\$ 10	\$ 193	\$ -	\$ 200																																				
BUDGET ONLY: Cash carryover	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000																																				
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Expenditures/Appropriations																																								
Capital Costs	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -																																				
Cost of Operation																																								
AIS Monitoring & Control	\$ 1,719	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,610																																				
Pre-Drawdown Expense	\$ 6,819	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -																																				
Post-Drawdown Expense	\$ -	\$ 11,497	\$ 7,644	\$ -																																				
Seasonal Hrly Labor	\$ 38,977	\$ 37,852	\$ 51,020	\$ 32,672																																				
Performance Bonus	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,720																																				
Payroll Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,511																																				
Payroll Processing Fee	\$ -	\$ 190	\$ -	\$ 1,500																																				
Workers Comp	\$ -	\$ 3,250	\$ 900	\$ 3,030																																				
Total Wages & Fringe	\$ 38,977	\$ 41,292	\$ 51,920	\$ 42,433																																				

SPECIAL BOATING PRACTICES ALERT: Boat Wakes Present a Real Danger to Harvester operators & Equipment

- Stay back 200 feet from the Harvester to avoid upsetting the balance of a fully loaded Harvester
- Cameras have been installed on the harvester to record violators who will be reported to the DNR
- Do not pull tubes with people in them through the channels. There is no steering control... people in boats and tubes are at risk
- **You can report a violation to the DNR** without leaving your name by calling or texting: **1-800-847-9367**
- **You can report a violation by calling the Waushara County Sheriff: 920-787-3321**
- Helpful information to report: 1. What is the violation; 2. Who is the violator - descriptions of physical appearance & clothing if you don't know their name; 3. Boat/craft number; 4. Where did the violation take place?

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					Yr End May 31, 2023 / 2022 / 2021 / 2020	Proposed Budget Assumption		
Outside Maintenance	\$ 16,144	\$ 4,837	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$4,837 / \$16,144 / \$0 / \$0	hydraulic hose relocation + \$2,000 unknown \$5k normal spend + \$5k for 1 section dock replacement Incr oper hours, heavy weed growth, diesel price		
Parts / Supplies	\$ 4,941	\$ 4,690	\$ 5,850	\$ 10,000	\$4,690 / \$4,941 / \$1,763 / \$5,202			
Fuel / Oil	\$ 579	\$ 854	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,000	\$854 / \$579 / \$622 / \$516			
Storage / Lease	\$ 3,352	\$ 3,633	\$ 3,620	\$ 3,924	5th year of lease			
Insurance/Licenses	\$ 2,513	\$ 1,948	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,400	Commercial General Liability & Inland Marine DNR 3 yr boat registration (next is 5/2025) Harvesting permit	\$ 2,000 \$ 100 \$ 300 \$ 2,400		
Commissioners Stipend	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,250	\$75 x 5 commissioners X 5 meetings			
Archives / Website	\$ 583	\$ 1,057	\$ 2,580	\$ 1,600	WIX- premium design platform \$132; webhosting \$50/mo \$800 Archiving: Data capacity (100gb @ \$50/month + data conv/page and \$50/batch upload			
Dam Electric	\$ 709	\$ 642	\$ 780	\$ 750				
Dam Maint & Reprs	\$ 5,723	\$ 1,084	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,600	\$10k toe drain repair estimate per Nick Peschel + 2,600 spend in historical activity			
Non-Lapsable Fund: Harvester Major Repairs and Tractor Replacement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,000	Expected replacement of harvester #1 conveyer in 2024-25; tractor replacement in 2027-28, and a harvester major overhaul in 2031-32 Assumes 35% grant for harvester repair projects			
General Operating	\$ 3,793	\$ 3,951	\$ 2,750	\$ 2,598	LAKES A & B "SLOW-NO-WAKE" REFERENDUMS PASSED Final Votes Talled As Of March 15, 2023			
Total Expenditures	\$ 87,102	\$ 76,585	\$ 107,194	\$ 108,164				
Balance (change in cash)	\$ 10,552	\$ 35,798	\$ -	\$ -				
Non-lapsable fund: Harvester Major Repairs and Tractor Replacement					LAKE A - ALFSON LAKE YES Votes: 168 NO Votes: 64		LAKE B RUSSELL LAKE YES Votes: 135 NO Votes: 104	
Beginning Balance	\$ 20,963		\$ 20,963					
Current Year Contribution	\$ -		\$ 13,000					
Ending Balance	\$ 20,963		\$ 33,963					
					A vote will be taken at the Annual Meeting to ratify these results			

BOATING SAFETY NOTE: DNR Lake Officers have noticed that people are forgetting to carry life vests when using watercraft such as paddle boards, peddle boats, kayaks, and canoes. While not required to be worn, life vests must be carried on these crafts.

47th Annual Mt. Morris Lakes District Meeting Saturday, June 24, 2023
Mountainview Center – Mt. Morris, HWY S & HWY 152
District Lunch served: 11:30 am – 12:00 pm ANNUAL MEETING Call to Order: 12:00 pm

MEETING AGENDA

- Call to Order: Board Officers, New members in attendance; Others from the floor
- Minutes of last year's 2022 Annual Meeting: Joe Slezak
- 2022-2023 Treasurer's Report: Peggy Thiel
- 2022-2023 Chairman's Report: Rob Adams
- Sub-Committee Reports:**
 - AIS Control and Drawdown Results Report: Ed Heath, Onterra LLC
 - Harvesting Payroll and Labor Management: Kathy Croft, Peggy Thiel
 - Harvesting Operations and Basin Point Person Volunteers: Mark Stratton
 - FOMML Report: Kathy Croft-new chairwoman succeeding Bob Jozowski

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Communications & Overview of the revised District Website: Karen Tschurwald
- Dam Maintenance Projects: Gil Steffanides

NEW BUSINESS:

- Referendum Results & Authentication Vote - Lake A and Lake B No-Wake Referendums: Rob Adams, Paul Jarvis
 - There will be an in-person vote taken to confirm the results of the referendum.
 - Vote on ratification of referendum results to make Lake A slow-no-wake at all times. This vote at this meeting is binding.
 - Vote on ratification of referendum results to make Lake B slow-no-wake at all times. This vote at this meeting is binding.
- 2023-2024 Budget Presentation & Approval: Presentation by Peggy Thiel – Explanation of all proposed line items
- Commissioner Election: Written Secret Ballot by Electors: Candidates on the ballot: Joe Slezak, Karen Tschurwald, Jolene Lewke. The two people with the highest vote counts win the election to become a District Commissioner.

Pre-Meeting RSVP Requested
 Leave a note of your meeting attendance at jeslezak@earthlink.net or call 920-787-7111 to allow an accurate lunch food count

OTHER BREAKING NEWS

FOMML RUMMAGE SALE

Along with T-shirt sales, the rummage raised \$1,862.0. FOMML members: Kathy Croft, Chairperson; June Schroeder; Mary Rohr; Rick Walters.

VOLUNTEER LAKE MONITORS

Mark Stratton, Harvesting Manager, is seeking volunteers for each lake basin who will be responsible for monitoring each lake and its associated channel for cutting needs. They will determine where the lake weed problems are. Monitors will be trained in our permitting harvest agreement with the DNR and be able to explain this to homeowners. Contact Mark at: ansleystratton@gmail.com