

**MOUNT NORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
QUARTERLY COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 1, 2018
Mt. Morris Community Center**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 9:00 am
2. **MEETING ATTENDEES:**
 - Tim Dahlstrand, Joe Slezak, Peggy Thiel, Paul Brinkman, Rob Adams
 - Paul Jarvis, and Enrique Soria could not attend
 - Roger and Debra Springboard, new residents on Morris Lake, attended.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS:**
 - There were none
4. **MEETING AGENDA:**
 - **The Agenda was reviewed. No changes were made. Agenda was approved**
5. **MINUTES FROM THE MAY 5 AND JULY 21, 2018 MEETINGS: JOE SLEZAK**
 - Minutes were submitted to the Board via e-mail review prior to the meeting
 - Minor changes were made to the annual meeting minutes
 - After modifications, both meeting minutes were voted to be accepted.
6. **TREASURER’S REPORT – PEGGY THIEL**
 - The report had been submitted by e-mail to all Board members for pre-meeting review.
 - No discussion or changes were made to the report at this time by the Board
 - The Tax Levy is in process of being completed by Peggy for submission in September
 - No further revisions to the report... report was voted accepted as submitted
7. **FRIENDS OF MOUNT MORRIS LAKES ENDOWMENT FUND REPORT – PAUL BRINKMAN**
 - Opening balance: \$51,176.96
 - Closing balance: \$51,198.71
 - Endowment committee will meet in September
 - No contributions were made to the fund for the past several months
 - Expenditures were normally from routine fund fees and transfers
 - Paul said that the agenda for the committee meeting will explore other methods to spur donations such as: considering setting a monthly fee contribution by electronic transfer from the membership; planned and deferred gifts; gifts of stock, life insurance policies that name FOMML as a partial primary beneficiary; gifts of property; charitable gifts of annuities, and IRA donations.
 - Other donation options: Planned and deferred giving club
 - We are not listed as one of the supported funds in the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation Annual Report portfolio. The committee will meet with OACF to change this.
 - T-Shirts and polo shirts are available in limited sizes We need a new shirt supplier
 - The Board should make it a priority to encourage people to include FOMML in estate planning
 - A candidate is being reviewed as a possible additional committee member
8. **HARVEST OPERATIONS REPORT – JOE SLEZAK**
 - There was discussion about ending the harvesting season earlier in September
 - The harvester is on track for seasonal maintenance with no majors repairs expected
 - Buoys will removed from the lake for storage stored buoys will be taken in later October.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **AIS UPDATE – ROB ADAMS**
 - Onterra will do its fall assessment;
 - The manual removal on Lake A was a success and where most plants were clumped.
 - Lake B was not successful, much EWM on the north shore and on the south;
 - Lake C was a “jump-ball” call... colonization is spreading and we have only kept it at bay
 - We may have wasted money on that treatment plan.

2. **DRAWDOWN COMMITTEE UPDATE – ROB ADAMS**

- Dave Murphy is the Chairman of the committee;
- Ted Johnson of the DNR is in favor of a drawdown of a 12 month drawdown
- We concluded that 12 months would be impractical and we are now considering a 6 month during the winter of 2019-2020.
- A partial drawdown will only accomplish a partial silt compression, which has to be repeated every 3-4 years.
- The preference would be to go down to 8 feet in in drop... we are limited to is to 6 feet.
- We now consider drawdown as an alternative to the increasing expense of chemical treatment for AIS control The risk is that we may harm the prolific beneficial plant growth **that prevents the EWM from taking hold of the lakes.**
- **Onterra will be engaged in the draw down process to make sure we measure both the positive and negative consequences.**

3. **MT. MORRIS TOWNSHIP/WAUSHARA COUNTY NEWS – PAUL JARVIS AND ENRIQUE SORIA**

Nothing to report at this time

NEW BUSINESS

1. **ROBBINS LAND LEASE**

- There is a reason at this time to review the long standing informal lease of the Adaline Robbins farm as a base of operations and disposals for our District weed harvesting operations.
- In a prior meeting with Rob Adams and Greg Foster, Adaline requested that the lease amount should be increased, and her lake property assessment fee should be canceled. She requested that the District's lease payment to use her land for harvesting operations and weed/vegetation disposal be increased to \$3,000 per year.
- Adaline also requested that any agreement made with the District should state that she would own any improvements that are made to the land where the harvester is docked
- In discussion, it was pointed out that her nephews are the potential future heirs to her estate. We will need to offer Adaline some options and conditions ranging from tax deductions for her donation of services to the District or some other value.
- Joe Slezak will research additional contracting options should the farm lease with Adaline not be a viable future option. Additional discussion ensued regarding other changes to the Robbins lease that might make the conditions more compelling for a future agreement with Adaline.
- Rob Adams will draw up some additional options changes that might include land donations to the District for tax purposes and other ideas involving endowment donations.
- The Board has appointed Rob and Peggy, along with assistance from Greg Foster, to work with Adaline on a suitable negotiation and lease agreement. The next report will review documents outlining additional lease options and present a draft proposal lease document, constructed with the assistance of a professional attorney, for consideration by the Board.

2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2018-2019**

- The Board agreed that the current slate of officers will remain the same at this time.
- The vote was unanimous.

3. **MEETING ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.