

Mt. Morris Lakes Management District
Minutes of the Quarterly Commissioner Meeting - March 3, 2022
9:00 AM - Mountain View Community Center

MEETING CALL TO ORDER: 9:06 AM

1. Attendance: Rob Adams, Joe Slezak, Peggy Thiel, Karen Tschurwald, Gil Steffanides
2. Review and approve the Meeting Agenda
3. Public Comments & Questions: None at this time
4. December 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes – Joe Slezak
 - Minutes were pre-read by board by e-mail in advance of meeting
 - Minutes were approved

5. TREASURER'S REPORT-PEGGY THIEL

- Ending cash balance was: \$18,588.30
- Harvester transportation and repair bill paid; lease payments paid; Annual assessments received.
- Annual assessment received and deposited; Budget worksheets were handed out.
- Myron Giffey needs to be contacted to confirm that our plans for this year are the same as last year and that Myron is happy with the relationship.
- Joe brought up the fact that we don't own any land to harbor the weed harvester if our lease was ended with Myron Giffey. Rob brought out that Myron has an 11 acre plot that includes the lakeshore, pier, and barn that might be acquired.
- Treasurer's report was approved by Board vote.

6. FOMML Endowment Fund Report-Rob Adams in lieu of Bob Jozowski

- \$93,263.00... down from December as normal due to market conditions.

OUTSTANDING UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Mew AIS Monitoring Grant – Rob

- We got the AIS monitoring grant with Onterra's help for \$13,000, 10,000 which will be reimbursed. Our out of pocket is \$3,000 for next summer activity... we will be reimbursed \$10,000, and we will get \$7,500 in advance.

2. Toe Drain Dam Wing Repair Status – Gil Steffanides

- Becher-Hoppe Engineers are seeking contractors for the work on the toe drain
- There is a possibility that the tow drain pipe is blocked at the top of the drain
- Repair can be delayed until we locate contractors who can dig and repair the system (in process)

3. Web Site upgrade

- Currently, we are trying to locate a web designer who knows the new WIX design editor.
- Karen has located a possible new designer to re-design the site and determine the cost to do that.
- The question: What do we want to change on the website? The website promotes the lake image to new buyers as well as being an official information site for lake property owners. Ease of use is the primary goal... easy navigation and tabs that tell people clearly where things are located.
- The Waushara County website is a reference point for the type of site we need, and that we need it as a communication tool primarily for current property owners.
- Next step is to determine a cost estimate for re-design, and to check out local website designers. Karen and Joe are planning

4. Binding Referendum Results on harvester repair

- Five people said no... the rest were for the harvester repair
- The tally was: 118 YES Votes ; 8 NO Votes; and 6 spilt ballots: 3 YES and 3 NO ballots
- The electorate passed the referendum.

5. By-Law Review Committee Status: Joe Slezak

- Joe reviewed some of the changes suggested by the committee.
- There is no quorum number stated by the Chapter 33 statutes regarding how many people need to be present to conduct the Annual Meeting.
- Rob suggested a change in the By-Laws we need to change the language of the electorate to be able to secure additional funds without a special meeting, by a mail binding referendum vote.
- There are some mailing addresses that need to be changed in the official tax role that we use.
- Rob requested that we change the language in By Laws Article 2, Section 6, We can't change the \$5,000 limit because it is a Chapter 33 stated level.
- There are some other changes suggested by the review committee that can be proposed to the Annual Meeting in July to vote on what changes should be made.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mt. Morris Township/Waushara County News

- Paul Jarvis confirmed that both landings (upper and lower) will be improved.
- The upper boat landing will be also be worked on for improvement to the lad area to fill in holes
- Peggy suggested that we have a line item for fish stocking in the budget.

2. Communicating Boating Rules to VRBO Renters

- Joe brought up the issue that a system to communicate rules and regulations should be developed to make sure renters know the rules of the lake system. There has been an increase in renters.
- Karen suggested that a packet be given to renters and new home owners that would explain the rules and usage guidelines for the lake system.
- Joe suggested that there would be some kind of an information pamphlet or card document that would communicate what the rules are. Anyone can visit the people who are renting or who own property and relay the information they need about the lakes. Further discussion on this continued with various suggestions about communicating the rule to new people on the lake.

3. Harvester Repair Costs and Future Strategy

- A motion was made to authorize that the excess repairs be paid that went above the repair estimate that was originally stated in the referendum.
- Joe will give a yearly estimate for maintenance and repair for the harvester after it is inspected by Aquarius at the end of the season for maintaining the harvester and storing it.
- We will not do anything in the next two years during this two year draw-down evaluation period in 2023 or in 2024 that we would propose for new equipment.
- Joe suggested that we continually plan what we will need for equipment over the next years that will direct what we will buy.
- There is a sum of money in the "capital fund" that can be converted to a "non-lapsable fund" which dam and equipment repair can come out of. We will suggest that a lapsable fund be established for repairs and equipment maintenance in the 2023 budget

4. New District Budget Considerations

- The Board reviewed the categories in the budget and discussed what should be proposed for next year.
- The issue of "NO TIPPING" for the harvester operator will be brought up at the annual meeting.

5. Proposed new Annual Meeting Date Change to June 17, 2023 to Accommodate Budget Planning

6. New commissioners up for election are Karen Tschurwald and Gil Steffanides

7. Service Award for Tim Dahlstrand Reviewed

- Five different designs for the award were reviewed
- Joe will follow-up on completing the design of the plaque and get it produced

8. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING:

- Meeting adjourned at: 11:10 AM