

White River Flowage Lake Management District

Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2018, Dakota Town Hall

Note: Board Members Mike Kapp and Fran Geier were not present at the Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting.

Budget Hearing: The Budget Hearing was called to order at 9 am. Members were given time to review the 2019 projected budget.

Annual Meeting: 9:15 am

- Mike Geier, Chairman, relayed information to members about Fran's health.
- New members Lynn & Sunny Wilcox and Terry Walsh were welcomed to the District.
- Approval of Agenda – Motion to approve by Gordy Loehr, seconded by Eric Prigge, carried.
- Approval of District Minutes of April 22, 2018 – Motion to approve by Eric Prigge, seconded by Marty Koslucher, carried
- Presentation of Board of Commissioners Minutes: Bill Van Dongen presented the Board minutes. Discussed harvester, invasive species, and budget.
- Presentation of Treasurer's Report: Bill Van Dongen reported the budget was within the \$5000 buffer, paid off the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) harvester loan with the proceeds of the harvester operation at Silver Springs Lake. Assets include the harvester, tow vehicle, \$172K. Questions from members: District Maintenance Fees are the amount collected from members. How many times was the harvester out? 200 hours of cutting, removed 35 loads from White River Flowage; 20 days off lake for Silver Springs Lake harvester operations (June & August). Why the river is so weedy this year? It had to do with weather this year with 20" snowstorm in April washing off the fertilizer from the farmland into the Flowage. Scott Ahlstedt asked if we could mark the channel to the north by the brickyard? District will mark with duck houses or something natural in the spring of 2019. Harvester operators are volunteers and do not get paid. If there is money left over in the harvester budget, they may receive a gift certificate at the end of the year. Laura reiterated that the members voted to have the harvester off water to cut at Silver Springs Lake and it is very important that members attend meetings. Question about the \$200 expense for rental of the Dakota Town Hall. Dennis Dirindin said that the Wautoma Senior Center is available for meetings for \$25. Bill Van Dongen will review and discuss new meeting venue.
- Guest Speaker Sheriff Jeff Nett talked about First Responders and Ice Rescues. Talked about ice rescue this year on our Flowage. The Sheriff's staff had trouble getting to the person. Jim Wentland received a rescue award. Deputies did not have the proper equipment at the time. Since then, they have purchased ResQ Discs for all squad cars in Waushara County. It was funded by Waushara County Crime Stoppers. Question was asked if a citizen could purchase a ResQ Disc for personal docks. Sheriff Nett said that Waushara County will be looking at having them for sale. Mike Geier stated that the Board will look into the District purchasing two ResQ Discs to be placed in a secure location at both boat landings. Discussed logistics (addresses) issues for rescues. Sheriff Nett explained that law enforcement will come to the closest address of incident or address of caller.
- Report on hand-pull and chemical treatment of flowering rush and PI (Plant Identification) Survey for other invasive plants. Americorps volunteers and flowage volunteers and Golden

Sands hand pulled on July 24-25. P.I. study was done to identify areas of flowering rush. Chemical treatment with Habitat will be done mid-September by WI Lake and Pond for approx. \$1,500. In June of 2019, Golden Sands will be conducting a survey for Flowering Rush and another hand-pull operation will be scheduled, if needed. Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource has identified 7.25 acres of Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) and Curly leaf Pondweed (CLP) is on the rise. A 2019 chemical treatment by Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource is planned for EWM for approx. \$8,700. No chemical treatment is planned for 2019 for Flowering Rush yet.

- Harvester Operation report by Mike Geier. Silver Springs operation went well (July and August), paid off harvester from those operations. Replacement parts of \$1400. Storage fee \$315. Incident at first cutting at Silver Springs – high winds swung harvester into dock and pontoon causing damage totaling \$911.15 (\$811.15 to Blackhawk Marine for pontoon repair, \$100 to property owner for dock repair).
- Side note – Kathryn Ahlstedt questioned the District membership. Waushara County map shows Phil Auck as a district member, but the County Treasurer’s Report does not show Phil as a member. Bill Van Dongen will review and report on his findings to the Board at the November meeting.
- Water clarity testing: Jeff & Kathy Fischer have volunteered to conduct the water clarity tests. The results will be given to Fran Geier to input on the CLMN website.
- Approval of 2019 Budget and District Fees: Mike Geier presented the proposed budget which includes \$50/year/membership for a contingency fund. This contingency fund would pay for chemical treatments, P.I. surveys, etc. without having to get a loan and pay interest. Mike Geier read the proposed resolution (See addendum). The Silver Springs Lake cutting operation was a one-time contract in 2018. We cannot guarantee that we will be asked to do that in the future.
- Motion to establish a contingency fund by Dennis Dirindin and seconded by Kathryn Ahlstedt, carried (one nay - Charlotte Hecht).
- Approval of 2019 Contingency Fund Amount – Motion by Scott Ahlstedt to set contingency fund amount at \$50/year, seconded by Dennis Dirindin, carried (one nay - Charlotte Hecht).
- Approval of contingency fund target amount. When the target of \$20,000 is met, the collection of the contingency fee will cease. When the fund drops to \$15,000, the collection of the fee will be reinstated. Motion by Laura Soldner to set the targets at \$20,000 and \$15,000, Gordy Loehr seconded, approved by 20 members in attendance.
- Approval of 2019 Budget and District Fees – Motion to approve by Eric Prigge, seconded by Kathryn Ahlstedt, motion carried.
- Beth Moon asked about public boat landings and maintenance. Jim Kleinmann shared that poison ivy is very bad around the Pine View landing and the boat landings are in need of repair. Landings are owned by the Town of Dakota. Town Board Member Gary Grenier will bring this issue to the Dakota Town Board.
- Election of Two Board Members – Bill Van Dongen nominated Mike and Fran Geier for additional three-year terms (2019-2021), approved, and carried
- The Spring meeting will be moved to Saturday, April 27, 2019, (to avoid Easter weekend). Motion to approve by Mike Blija, seconded by Marty Koslucher, motion carried.
- Motion to adjourn at 11:40 am by Jim Kleinmann, seconded by Mike Blija, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Bockenbauer (filling in for Fran Geier)