

White River Flowage Lake Management District

Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting Minutes

September 4, 2021, Dakota Town Hall

Budget Hearing:

- Chairman Mike Geier called the Budget Hearing to order at 9:00 a.m. Note: Mike Kapp (County Board Rep) and Gary Grenier (Town Board Rep) were absent. All District Board Members were in attendance. Chairman Geier announced that he would be stepping down from the Board of Commissioners after over 23 years of service to the Flowage due to health issues. Geier noted that each District member would have received a copy of the proposed 2022 budget with the meeting notice and asked for any questions or comments. Steve Dahlke asked whether the carryover balance from 2021 included the Contingency Fund and Bill Van Dongen stated that it did. There were no other questions or comments.

Annual Meeting:

- Chairman Geier called the Annual Meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by those in attendance.
- **Agenda** – Dean Bockenbauer motioned to accept the agenda as written, Marty Koslucher seconded and the agenda was approved.
- **Spring Meeting Minutes** – Steve Dahlke motioned to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2021, meeting as written, Teri Loehr seconded, and the motion carried.
- **Board Minutes** – Bill Van Dongen briefly summarized the minutes from the April 2021 Board meetings. Among the items discussed were the EWM/CLP survey by Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource for late summer (done on 9/2/21) in preparation for a chemical treatment in 2022, a review of the proposed budget for 2022, and the training session offered by Aquarius Systems that Gordy Loehr attended.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Secretary/Treasurer Fran Geier reported on the income/expense activities of the District since the April 17 2021, meeting. Highlights include: Current balance of \$35,384.08; \$1,158 for harvester expenses (fuel, parts); \$137.50 for office expenses (postage/printing); \$411 for tow vehicle insurance; and \$562 to Golden Sands RC&D for Flowering Rush project. The District received \$267.65 for 2017 fees and interest; \$50 for hall deposit; and \$36 for Workers Comp insurance refund. Bill Van Dongen noted that the contingency fee will be suspended in 2021 since the maximum of \$20,000 has been reached. Contingency fees will resume only when the balance falls below \$15,000.
- **Golden Sands RC&D Contract** – Chairman Geier noted that 2021 was the final year of a seven-year contract for the Flowering Rush project. Their invoice has actually been below the budgeted amount for the past few years. Lynn Bockenbauer commented that the Flowering Rush has been virtually eradicated from the Flowage. Beverly Rippl asked what exactly Golden Sands does and Lynn explained that they do surveys, provide education and training, and help with grants. Anna Cisar from Golden Sands RC&D has taken a position with another company, but Chris Hamerla will continue to be our contact. Chairman Geier stated that if another issue comes up, the District can always use Golden Sands in the future.
- **EWM/CLP Treatment** - Chairman Geier reported that Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource, LLC, conducted a P.I. survey on September 4, 2021, to determine how much EWM and CLP is present in preparation of a chemical treatment in 2022. He estimated that 5-6 acres at the southern end of the Flowage will need to be treated, but we haven't received their report yet.

- **Fish Shocking** – Chairman Geier stated that the fish shocking planned for 2021 has been postponed again to possibly 2022. Scott Bundy of the DNR is in charge of fish shocking in place of Dave Bartz who has since retired.
- **Harvester Operation** – According to Chairman Geier, 39 loads were removed from the Flowage in 2021. Storage of the harvester/trailer and tow vehicle will cost \$511 this year and he expects to take the harvester and tow vehicle into storage at the Waushara County Fairgrounds later this month. This year, Marty Koslucher was the harvester operator and Gordy Loehr ran the tow vehicle.
- **Muskrats/Beavers** – A discussion of the beavers and muskrats took place with Chairman Geier explaining that individual property owners are allowed to get rid of them when they are on their property. There is no demand for the pelts so trappers are not interested in harvesting the animals at this time.
- **Water Quality/Clarity Testing** – Fran Geier reported that water samples were collected in May, June, July and August as well as clarity and water temperature testing every two weeks. Fran then posts the results on the CLMN website. She reported that new testing kit supplies are automatically sent each spring. Jeff Fisher stated that he would be interested in seeing the water sample results.
- **Board Member Elections** – With Mike Geier stepping down, a new Board Member will be needed to replace him. Secretary/Treasurer Fran Geier indicated that she would be willing to serve another 3-year term. Mike stated that he had talked to Steve Dahlke about becoming a Board Member and Steve had agreed to serve if elected. Marty Koslucher motioned to have Steve Dahlke replace Mike Geier and re-elect Fran Geier to the Board of Commissioners for 3-year terms (ending in 2024), Dean Bockenbauer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- **Spring 2022 Meeting Date** – Laura Soldner mentioned that the Spring Meeting in 2022 falls on Easter weekend and asked that the date be changed. It was decided to move the Spring Meeting to **Saturday, April 23, 2022**. The Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting for 2022 will remain on Saturday, September 3, 2022 (Labor Day Weekend).
- **Future Agenda Suggestions** – Mike Woreck suggested having a representative from Eagle Creek or American Hydro (dam operators/owners) speak at the next District meeting to talk about their long-range plans for the dam on County YY.
- **Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The White River Flowage Association held a brief meeting at the conclusion of the District meeting.

The Board of Commissioners met immediately after the Spring Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Geier, Secretary/Treasurer