

White River Flowage Lake Management District

Spring Meeting Minutes

April 23, 2022, Dakota Town Hall

Spring Meeting:

- Newly elected District Chair Lynn Bockenbauer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Note: Mike Kapp (County Board Rep) was absent. All other District Board Members were in attendance.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by those in attendance.
- **Agenda** – Steve Dahlke motioned to approve the agenda, Gary Grenier seconded, motion carried.
- **Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting Minutes** – Eric Prigge motioned to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2021, meeting as written, Joy Woreck seconded, motion carried.
- **Board Minutes** – Bill Van Dongen briefly summarized the minutes from the September 2021, November 2021, and March 2022 Board meetings. Among the items discussed were the budget for 2022, financial audit, gift certificates for the harvester operators (declined to accept), and treatment plans for EWM in 2022. Bill also reported that an audit of the District's finances conducted in January of 2022 found all the financial records in good order.
- **Treasurer's Report** – Secretary/Treasurer Fran Geier reported on the income/expense activities of the District since the September 4, 2021 meeting. Highlights include: Current balance of \$44,033.27; website payment of \$131.99; payment of \$511 to Waushara County Parks for the harvester storage; \$1800 to Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource for a pre-treatment survey, \$235 for office expenses, \$300 for the Town Hall rent for 2022, and \$511 for the harvester/tow truck storage, and \$1697 to Auto-Owners Insurance for the harvester and workers comp. The District received \$12730.35 for District fees, \$269.16 for insurance refunds, and \$435 from the WRFA.
- **EWM Treatment** - Chairman Bockenbauer reported that Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource, LLC, will be treating about 5 acres of Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) this spring at a cost of \$11,,735 which includes the permit, chemicals, labor, and a post-treatment survey this fall. Lynn stated that she will contact Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource, LLC, to find out the date of the treatment. An e-mail notice will be sent out to District members once we know the date.
- **Harvester Operation** – Gordy Loehr reported that the harvester and tow vehicle will be taken out of storage at the County Fairgrounds next Saturday, April 30. The plan is to park the harvester next to the public landing on White River Trail. Marty Koslucher, Steve Dahlke, and Gordy Loehr will be in charge of the harvester operation. Fran Geier mentioned that the storage fee will be \$567 (\$10/ft.) for 2022/23. The Board felt that this was still a good deal and to continue to storage the equipment at the Fairgrounds.
- **Fish Shocking** – Gordy Loehr reported that he talked to Scott Bundy of the DNR earlier this year and was told that the DNR plans to do a fish shocking sometime this summer on the Flowage. Gordy and Steve Dahlke expressed interest in observing the procedure

which will be conducted at night. The District will receive a fish population report from the DNR once the fish shocking is completed.

- **Bylaw Updates** – Bill Van Dongen and Fran Geier announced that changes were needed to be made to the District’s Bylaws. Namely, many of the State Statues originally cited have to be updated. Also, it was recommended that the Board’s discretionary expenditure limit of \$5,000 be raised to \$10,000. It was mentioned that the current tow vehicle will eventually need to be replaced and that the Board might need to act quickly to secure a new tow vehicle. Chris Prigge motioned to approve the suggested updates to the Bylaws, Dean Bockenbauer seconded, and the motion carried 21-0 in favor of the motion.
- **Water Quality/Clarity Testing** – Fran Geier reported that the District will no longer be collecting water quality samples and taking temperature readings, but will continue to conduct clarity testing using a Secchi disk as a participant in the Citizens Lake Monitoring Network (CLMN) program. The District only had a 3-year commitment to collect water samples for the CLMN program which ended in 2021. According to the CLMN, the water quality of the Flowage was normal.
- **Tree Removal** - Lynn Bockenbauer announced that County Zoning has new procedures for dealing with downed trees in the Flowage. According to Zoning, if a tree falls in the water, it should remain there unless it is blocking the channel or fallen on a dock, then it can be removed. Any questions about removing trees near the shoreline should be discussed with Zoning.
- **Vacation Rentals** – Lynn Bockenbauer reviewed new requirements for rental properties in Waushara County. Both Zoning and County Health will need to be contacted prior to renting out any properties in order to set occupancy limits. The County is concerned with excess noise and possibly overwhelming sewer/septic systems if too many people are allowed to rent a property. She stated that she knows of only one property on the Flowage that is regularly rented and there have been no issues. All rental properties have to be registered with the County. Gary Grenier remarked that the Town of Dakota already collects a rental tax.
- **Canoe/Kayak Registration** – Lynn Bockenbauer also reported that there is a bill at the State Capital regarding the registering of all canoes and kayaks. Apparently, several neighboring states are already requiring these watercrafts to be registered. Lynn noted that ice shanties, deer stands, etc. already have to be registered.
- **New Business** – Lynn Bockenbauer stated that we were unable to secure a guest speaker from Eagle Creek for this meeting, but that she plans to virtually attend a seminar in September sponsored by Eagle Creek. She will report back to the District any information she receives, particularly with regard to the future of the dam on County YY. Steve Dahlke mentioned that his great grandfather actually built that dam about 100 years ago. Bill Kehl noted that the DNR has a great program called “Snap Shot” which uses trail cameras to record shoreline activities, but that it may only be available to larger properties. Chris Prigge asked if the District could create a Facebook group for the District members to share. Lynn stated that the Board will look into it. Mike Woreck commented that the wild rice beds are getting quite large. Lynn reminded the

members that they are allowed to remove the wild rice along their shoreline and in the channel. The best time to pull the wild rice is in the spring before they produce seeds.

- **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn at 10:10 am by Brian Soldner, seconded by Patty Kleinmann, motion carried.

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