

# White River Flowage Lake Management District

## Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting Minutes

### September 5, 2020, Dakota Town Hall

Budget Hearing: The Budget Hearing was called to order at 9 am. Members were given time to review the 2021 projected budget. There were no questions from those in attendance so the Budget Hearing ended at 9:10 a.m.

#### Annual Meeting:

- Chairman Mike Geier called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by those in attendance.
- Agenda – Mike Blija motioned to approve the agenda, Dean Bockenbauer seconded, motion carried.
- District Minutes – Dean Bockenbauer motioned to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2019, meeting as written, Brian Soldner, motion carried. Note: Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, no spring meeting was held.
- Board Minutes – Bill Van Dongen briefly summarized the minutes from the November 2019, March 2020, and June 2020 Board meetings. Among the items discussed were the cancelled contract with Silver Springs Lake, the contract with Golden Sands for 2020 & 2021, no chemical treatment in 2020, new signs for the two public landings to be produced by Lynn Bockenbauer, and the cancelled Spring 2020 meeting due to the virus.
- Treasurer's Report – Secretary/Treasurer Fran Geier reported on the income/expense activities of the District since the May 4, 2019, meeting. Highlights include: Current balance of \$24,370.79; payment of \$800 to D&D Products for a new 8 hp Briggs & Stratton motor for the trailer (the motor blew up in July), payment of \$453 to Waushara County Parks for the harvester storage (note: Increased from \$5/ft to \$8/ft less 10% discount); \$395.76 to Golden Sands for Flowering Rush P.I.; and the final loan payment of \$2,067 to Huntington National Bank. The District also received District & contingency fees of \$14,168. Bill Van Dongen noted that the contingency fee will be suspended in 2022 since the maximum of \$20,000 will have been reached. Contingency fees will resume only when the balance falls below \$15,000.
- Flowering Rush Update – Lynn Bockenbauer reported that she and Anna Cisar and Sean from Golden Sands went out in late June to check on the Flowering Rush (FR) and found very little remaining. She noted that there was some FR on the point north of the Geiers which she attributed to the canoe that tipped over in 2018, but she was able to pull it all. Ground zero looks very good now and there isn't any by the Pine View landing. Golden Sands RC&D is contracted to return in 2021 to conduct another survey. A copy of this year's report from Golden Sands has been posted on the District's website.
- Chairman Geier reported that this year the harvester operation was very productive. He stated that in a letter being sent to Ted Johnson of the DNR, as required by our 5-year harvesting permit, volunteers worked 256 hours and collected 112 loads, which calculates to 392 tons of weeds removed from the Flowage. The removed weeds were dumped on farmland owned by Dave Favel. Dean Bockenbauer commented that the Flowage looked nice this year and Bill Van Dongen noted that the north end looked good too. Geier stated that even though the storage fee for this year went from \$315 to \$453, it was still a good deal.
- Copies of the Harvester Operation Guidelines were distributed for review. These guidelines were previously approved by the Board of Commissioners. Dean Bockenbauer asked whether a

woman could become a harvester operator and Geier responded that anyone could become an operator as long as they completed the necessary training. After some discussion, Dean Bockenbauer motioned to approve the guidelines as written, Brian Soldner seconded, and the motion carried. A copy of the guidelines will be placed in the harvester operator's manual and posted on the District's website.

- Fran Geier reported that the water clarity and quality testing continued this summer. However, due to the Covid-19 restrictions, it wasn't possible to collect samples in May so only three water samples (one in June, one in July, and one in August) were submitted to the State Lab to be tested for Phosphorus and Chlorophyll.
- Landing Signs – Lynn Bockenbauer stated that she will be working on them once she's back home in Minnesota. The Soldners suggested adding "No Wake" to both signs.
- Secretary/Treasurer Fran Geier reported that she will be updating the Lake Management Plan before the next Board meeting in November. Once the Board approves, she will send the updates to Ted Johnson of the DNR for his approval. Once approved by the DNR, she will e-mail the updates to Ed Hernandez at the County and Melanie Stake at the Town.
- Chairman Geier and Bill Van Dongen discussed the status of the Contingency Fund. The Contingency Fund will reach the target of \$20,000 in 2021, so it will stop in 2022. The Contingency Fund will not resume until the balance dips below \$15,000.
- Chairman Geier asked if there were any questions regarding the 2021 budget and if not, asked that a motion be made to accept the budget as presented. Dean Bockenbauer motioned to approve the budget and fees, Mike Blija seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
- Lynn Bockenbauer and Mike Woreck were up for re-election to 3-year terms as members of the Board of Commissioners. Lynn indicated that she was willing to serve another term, but Mike declined to run again. Chairman Geier asked if there were any other persons interested in Mike's position, but no one present responded. Geier stated that Gordie Loehr expressed a willingness to serve on the Board again. Dean Bockenbauer motioned to elect Lynn Bockenbauer and Gordie Loehr to another 3-year term on the Board of Commissioners, Margaret Heschke seconded, and both were elected unanimously.
- Motion to adjourn at 10:40 am by Dean Bockenbauer, seconded by Mike Blija, motion carried.

The Board of Commissioners met immediately after the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Geier, Secretary/Treasurer