

August 20, 2016

SILVER LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was held at the Silvercryst. President Ed Kissinger called the meeting to order at about 9:10 AM. Board members present were Ross Peterson, Mike Ruhland, Mark Magnusson, Barb Bartel, Dave Washkoviak, Town Board rep., and Mike Kapp, County Board rep. There were 79 people present. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Central Sands Water Action Coalition (CSWAC) Info- Marty Wilke was introduced. She provided information about the CSWAC with the hope that SLMD will join the coalition. Their goal is to work with the legislature to obtain sustainable groundwater policy that recognizes all the water users in a sound science-based management structure.

Secretary's Report- Copies of the 2015 annual meeting minutes were available on the Board table. A motion was made by Don Maes and seconded by Pat Kubasta to dispense with reading of the August 22, 2015 annual meeting minutes. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report- As of August 1, 2016 there was a balance of \$134.57 in the checking account, \$2,972.12 in the savings account, \$77,921.00 in the LGIP account, and \$100,130.17 in a Hometown Bank CD for a total on hand of \$181,157.86. The CD matured on August 18th and the funds were transferred to the LGIP account as bills for the milfoil treatments needed to be paid. As of today the total on hand is \$148,570.82. A Statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the period of August 1, 2015 to July 31, 2016 is available from the treasurer. A motion was made by Bill Keepers and seconded by Bob Merriam to approve the treasurer's report. Motion passed. The report was offered for audit.

Chairman's Report

- A. Annual Financial Audit-Judy Puls, Dale Schulman, and Jim Schroeder reviewed the financial records on August 4th and found them to be accurate. Kissinger thanked the committee for their efforts.
- B. Join CSWAC- Following a considerable amount of discussion, a vote by show of hands indicated that the membership is not in favor of joining the coalition at this time.

Commissioner Reports

- A. Milfoil Project Activities- Ruhland provided a handout he had prepared which summarized the 2016, 2017 AIS treatment expenses, AIS treatment grant money tracking, and volunteer time reporting. Expenses for the 2016 calendar year will be about \$96,000 and anticipated grant reimbursement is about \$45,000. Expenses in 2017 will be about \$54,000 with about \$10,000 anticipated grant reimbursement. No grant money will be available in 2018. Volunteer activities including thermocline monitoring, AIS treatment sampling, and the annual 7th grade AIS tour help earn dollar credits toward the grant. Peterson has been working with Liska and Duvernall on the lake monitoring and treatment sampling. He said they are seeing improvement and a definite impact has been made. Onterra and Sepro maintain that if the chemical level is maintained at a consistent 2-2.5 parts per billion the treatments will be effective. The goal is to reduce the milfoil by about 90% and then use divers as no chemicals will be allowed next year. An inspection tour of the milfoil is scheduled for Wednesday with Sepro, Peterson, Ruhland, and Kissinger.
- B. Waushara County Watershed Lakes Council-Magnusson was not able to attend the last two meetings, but they recently had a tour of the Wild Rose Fish Hatchery and the Council continues to be involved with the groundwater issue. Within the last week or so, they helped with the hand pulling of flowering rush on the White River.
- C. Wautoma Schools AIS Training and Tour- The tour was not done in May due to the budget cuts to Golden Sands, but Magnusson has been working to schedule the tour in September. The cost to the District will be about \$300. He was able to get two volunteers from UWSP to conduct the training. There will be 3 tours on 1 day instead of a 2-day event. There will be 1 biologist on each boat, but Magnusson is still in need of 1 more pontoon boat and driver. The tour will take place on either Friday, September 23rd or the 30th.
- D. Clean Boats/Clean Waters- Magnusson reported that Labor Day will be the last day of the program. John Bell of Witters Lake has done a great job this summer. He enters all the data on the DNR website. A resolution is

needed to continue the program in 2017. A motion was made by Barb Terbell and seconded by Don Maes that the District adopt a resolution to continue the CB/CW program in 2017. Motion passed.

- E. Town of Marion Report- Washkoviak reported that as of August 11th there were 230 hours of water patrol worked and 24 citations and 34 warnings were issued. The Town is improving the walk-in access on South Silver Lake Road due to safety concerns. Wooden steps with railings will be installed. The Town is required by the DNR to maintain the public accesses.
- F. Waushara County Report- Mike Kapp reported that the State grant is being cut from \$1 million to \$500,000 and no grant money will be available next year. He also provided a little history on the weed growth in Silver Lake and noted that a new invasive species, flowering rush, has been found in the White River. It is a very aggressive and very thick plant.

Review/Approve 2016-2017 Budget- Following review and discussion a motion was made by Barb Terbell and seconded by Pat Kubasta to approve the budget as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Comments/questions from membership- Patsy Radtke asked about the possibility of getting speed bumps on North Silver Lake Road. Linda Glenn offered to help her get organized to present it to the Town Board.

Set 2017 Silver Lake Rummage Sale Date- Following some discussion the question was asked whether or not to continue having an annual sale. A motion was made by Donna Bandt and seconded by Karleen Peterson to continue having an annual sale. The motion passed and the sale date was set for June 16 & 17, 2017.

Set 2017 Annual Meeting Date- Following discussion, a motion was made by Maes and seconded by Merriam to hold the next annual meeting on Saturday, August 26, 2017. Motion passed. The meeting will be held at the Silvercryst at 9:00 AM.

Election/Nomination-1 Commissioner (Ross Peterson) There being no nominations, Don Maes made a motion seconded by Washkoviak to cast a unanimous ballot for Peterson. The motion passed by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Ed Kissinger. All Board members were present. A motion was made by Washkoviak and seconded by Magnusson to keep the officers the same- President, Ed Kissinger, Vice-president, Mike Ruhland, and Secretary/Treasurer, Barb Bartel. Motion passed. There was discussion about whether or not the Board should keep an attorney on a retainer. Ruhland will get more information before a decision is made.

We are ending the 2nd year of our 3-year contract with Onterra. A decision will have to be made if we should continue with another contract.

It was decided to keep the District PO Box for another 6 months.

Ruhland offered to work with Bartel to add more categories to the budget to aid in record keeping of grant money.

Upcoming Board meeting dates were set as follows:

Saturday, October 8, 2016, at 9:00AM at Kissinger's home N2102 Chicago Point Rd.

Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 8:30AM at the Marion Town Hall

Saturday, May 27, 2017 at 9:00 AM at Reediger's Triangle

Annual meeting on Saturday, August 26, 2017 at 9:00AM at The Silvercryst.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Submitted by
Barbara Bartel
Secretary