

**LAKE HELEN PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING**

Saturday June 4, 2017

At the Central Wisconsin Electric Co-op Offices

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Melissa Ferg at 9:00 am.

Commissioners Present: Melissa Ferg, John Hopfensperger, Robin Novak-Nelson, Fred Stoeger

Commissioners Absent: Bill Pingel,

Attendees: 32 residents signed in.

No guests were present

The meeting started with a roll call, in which each of the attendees stated their name and lake address

REGULAR BUSINESS:

MINUTES FROM THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING:

A motion was made by Cory Nelson to waive the reading of last year's meeting, Mark Brandenburg seconded. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried with one nay.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Robin Novak-Nelson reviewed the Treasurer's Report that was mailed to all of the LHP&R District property owners. The report included a review of the prior year's spending. The following balances were reported as of April 30, 2017:

\$ 909.72	Checking Account
<u>\$5,714.60</u>	<u>Savings Account (this includes monies donated for the fish stocking fund)</u>
\$6,624.32	Total Balances

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT:

John Delie stated that the Audit Committee's review was done on 5-20-2017. All was up to date and matched. The Committee recommends a .5 Mil tax assessment.

A motion to accept the report was made by Joe Weisbrod. Seconded by Jo Seiser. Motion carried unanimously.

2017-2018 BUDGET & APPROVAL:

Robin announced the projected budget and proposed assessed tax revenue as stated in the mailing to the district property owners. This is for the twelve month period starting May 1st.

Glen Bersie made a motion to accept the budget as proposed. Rick Wittman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF COMMISSIONER:

Nominations for a new Commissioner was requested. Keith Hoffman nominated Tyne Hoffman. Cory Nelson nominated Glen Bersie. Paper ballots were distributed and a vote was taken.

Later in the meeting, the vote results were reported. The Election Results were counted by Robin Novak-Nelson and read by Melissa Ferg. The final count was Glen Bersie with 23 votes and Tyne Hoffman with 12. Glen Bersie will be our new commissioner, elected for a three-year term.

LHP&R DISTRICT FAMILY PICNIC: Melissa noted that our Annual Lake Picnic is slated for Saturday, July 29th from Noon to 4:00 pm. A notice was mailed out to each member with the Annual Meeting notice.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OVER THE PAST YEAR:

Commissioner Fred Stoeger read through a list of accomplishments from this past year. (Please see the attached sheet). He thanked a number of people for their hard work and help.

Robin also thanked Kathy Grill for her 16 yrs of service as Treasurer and Bookkeeper and for helping with a smooth transition

OLD BUSINESS:

FISH STOCKING UPDATE:

Mark Brandenburg gave a short report on the final planned fish stocking that was done last fall. Gollon Fish Stocking came without notice and Dell Anderson helped with the fish stocking at the last minute. The district paid Gollon \$9500 towards the fish stocking and Mark felt we should explore a new company next time. A Catch & Release Banner will be placed by Mark.

BOAT LANDING:

As a follow-up to the discussion at last year's Annual Meeting, Chair Melissa Ferg stated that the camera at the boat launch was installed and it is treated as a No Disclosure issue.

INVASIVE SPECIES / LAKE MANAGEMENT:

Fred Stoeger gave an update on the Eurasian Milfoil removal that occurred on May 16, 2017.

Grants were received for the removal of invasive species.

Japanese Knotweed will be cut and poisoned in August.

A summary of the Lake Management Plan update was also given.

Fred thanked Chris Hamerla of the Golden Sands Resource Conservation and Development Council for the help with the invasive species, and Gary Speckmann from the Portage County Parks Department for the bench.

Jo Seiser, Janeen Gerlikovski, and Joe Weisbrod commented that it is important to maintain the shoreline with fallen trees and taller grasses to permit habitat.

NEW BUSINESS:

LAKE WALK PROJECT:

Fred Stoeger described the project to enhance the lake walk. A bench and The Lake Helen Little Library is being put up on the corner near the park sign. Both were on display and will be installed later today.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Fred asked for volunteers for setting up the Aeration this winter.

The need for volunteers for other areas were listed in the meeting notice:

- Clean Boat/Clean Water (boat launch) team leader
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- Water Quality monitor

A motion to adjourn was made by Cory Nelson and seconded by Al Hippa. Motion carried unanimously.