

LAKE HELEN – Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

4th Quarterly Commissioners Meeting

Held at 10:00 A. M. August 17th, 2013

County Park Shelter Building

The Lake Helen P & R District organizational meeting was called to order by Chairman Melissa Ferg at 10:00 A. M. Commissioners Mark Brandenburg, Kathy Grill, Bill Pingle and Robin Novak-Nelson were present. Other attendees to the meeting were Del and Micki Anderson, Cory Nelson, and Steve Grill.

Kathy Grill made a motion to forego reading of the last meeting minutes. Mark seconded the motion.

The treasures report was read by Kathy Grill. The following balances were reported. Boat Launch is at \$141.33, \$1,735.24 in the checking account and \$8,885.91 in Savings. Mark Brandenburg made a motion to accept the treasures report and Robin seconded.

Melissa reported that Scott Provst is in the process of doing a lake study to determine the extent of the EWM and a recommendation for treatment. Bill Pingle made a motion for the District to be proactive in the EWM epidemic. Mark Brandenburg seconded the motion but reported that our next step is waiting until we have the results from the study and a recommendation for treatment.

Rob and Ann Hvisdak are currently finishing up on writing a grant. This grant will need to be submitted by Dec. 31, 2013. If Lake Helen is awarded grant monies this could help with the poisoning or pulling efforts.

Dell Anderson mentioned that the aerators have been repaired. There is a very small leak in the pipe which constitutes a 1% leak. At some time in the future the pipe that comes out from under the pump house will need future maintenance due to it having some pitting and being slightly rusted so possibly the leak can again be re-evaluated again at that time.

Melissa mentioned that the Neighborhood Watch Program is beneficial for our area and needs updating. She plans on having a sign up at the picnic this year for residents to put their name and contact information if they would like to be enrolled in the program. A representative to take control of the program is needed and if anyone is interested they should call Melissa Ferg.

Robin Novak-Nelson obtained an updated list of current property owners in the district provided Pam Kruzicki, Town of Alban Clerk. Bill Pingle offered to put the list in a spreadsheet format for convenience and easy modification for the future.

Bill Pingle inquired what is currently being done about the muskrat problem. Mark Brandenburg said that he has two muskrats on his shoreline doing damage. Cory Nelson said that a property owner can eradicate the muskrats themselves year round with a permit for the DNR. Permits are Free and anyone interested in getting the permit should contact the DNR. Dell Anderson and Cory Nelson have a gentleman that will do some muskrat trapping around the lake coming up in muskrat season, this October.

Steve Grill has volunteered to make a larger sign at the boat landing stating the boat launch fee of \$2.00. Kathy Grill said that the boat launch money is not always proportionate with the amount of boat trailers

at the park and feel some are not paying. Mark Brandenburg will install a new sign stating our Catch & Release philosophy we practice here on the lake.

The next quarterly Commissioner's meeting is planned early in the year to address the EWM issue.

Kathy Grill made motion to adjourn meeting. Robin Novak-Nelson seconded motion.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Robin Novak-Nelson, Secretary