

# LAKE WAPOGASSET & BEAR TRAP SANITARY DISTRICT

## MEETING MINUTES—March 21, 2017

The March meeting of the LWBT Sanitary District was called to order by President Dave Erspamer at 7:00 in the District Office.

Commissioners present: Dave Erspamer, Commissioner-President; Mark Tryggestad, Commissioner-Treasurer; Dennis Badman, Commissioner.

Employees present: Neil Pickard, Chad Ruff, and Heidi Erspamer.

Guests: Tammy Dougherty, Kelly Pap, Von Russman, and Gloria Russman

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as distributed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Our net income for the month of February was \$90,405.76. The month's expenses totaled \$18,281.12.

### **OPERATIONS REPORT: Maintenance**

Lift station #8 is 99% running. Heidi has ok to mail final payment to Total Control. Toombs is coming out tomorrow to clean out some lift stations. Generally speaking, everything has been running well.

### **OPERATIONS REPORT: Office**

Heidi informed the board that our Audit with Carlson Highland has been completed and will be presented to the board in the near future. The DNR harvesting permits for both lakes have been received. Also, the final grant payment for the harvester purchase should be received shortly.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

2017 Harvesting Update. Many of our harvester "wish list" items have been ordered and modification to the equipment will take place soon. Neil also reported that we will be using the Y-Camp as an additional unloading site this summer. The District is very grateful to the YMCA for making this option available to us. We received a land use permit from the County to place gravel at the Y site for this purpose. Farmers from last summer will be contacted to see if they will take our harvested weeds again this year. We will also look for new locations that are closer to our landing sites. Harvesting is tentatively planned to start no later than the last week of May, running through mid-July. We also plan to hire 3 to 4 seasonal part time employees to operate the harvester and drive the truck. Two shifts will operate twice daily, a.m. and p.m., weather dependent. An employment ad will be placed in the Amery paper within the next couple of weeks. We will try to schedule all interviews for one weeknight evening. New hires will have to be trained in this operation and will initially team with one of the District staff.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dougherty Variance Request (738 South Shore Dr.) The Dougherty/Russman families appeared before the board to request a variance in order to put an addition onto their cabin. By way of background, their cabin was in place prior to sewer installation and the owners at that time were granted a variance for the building to be closer than 15' to the sewer line. After much discussion, a motion was made by Mark and seconded by Denny to grant the Dougherty's a variance for their proposed addition, per the drawing on their permit request, provided the existing footprint for the building remains in place. If this is replaced, they would need to re-apply for a new variance. An amendment was made by Denny to add a condition that the basement needs to be poured wall and not concrete block to provide greater stability in the event that repairs need to be made to the sewer. Motion passed with the understanding that the existing building was there before the sewer was installed and a variance was granted at that time. Also, the proposed addition is not moving any closer to the sewer line than the original building.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 and went into closed session.

Our next meeting Sanitary District Board meeting will be Monday, April 10th at 7:00 in the District office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Erspamer, Recording Secretary