

# LAKE WAPOGASSET & BEAR TRAP LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

## MEETING MINUTES—May 8, 2017

The May 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: Heidi Erspamer, Neil Pickard and Chad Ruff

Guests present: Ryan Hanson

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as distributed.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Income for the month of March was \$10,011.16. Expenses were \$18,620.97. Mark noted that our income is on target compared to last year.

### **OPERATIONS REPORT: Office**

Heidi reported that we have over \$10,000 in fireworks donations, not including an expected donation from the Lake Association and our Sanitary District donation. The contract with PC Pyrotechnics and the township permit have been received and filed.

The District learned about a possible Zebra mussel recently found in Deer Lake. The board discussed that it is only a matter of time before they appear in our lakes, too. We have an invasive species plan in place and we can also rely on Steve Schieffer's expertise to help us out when this situation arises.

In other office "news", Heidi met with our web designer in April and some updates were made to our site and to our Facebook page. As for our variance agreement with the Dougherty's, we are still waiting to receive the signed and notarized forms, after which Heidi will file with the County. Carlson Highland will be giving their annual audit report at the District's June meeting. Kathy Mortensen asked for someone from the Sanitary District to write an article for an upcoming Lake Scene. Dave agreed to write the next article.

### **OPERATIONS REPORT: Maintenance**

Lift Station #1 had a pump go down (water in the pump housing), so we are currently running on a rental pump in addition to our own second pump. The broken pump was a 24-horse pump installed in 2002. Tri-State and Les have spoken about this, and because these pumps each run for a short period of time, they believe we can get by with smaller pumps for this lift station. Dave asked if we can put a smaller pump along with the existing 24 horse power pump in the station. Heidi will check with Bruce on this. How we calculate flowage will need to be changed if we modify our pump size(s).

Staff reported that the new blower that we recently installed is working fine, however one of our old ones needs to be rebuilt, fixed or replaced.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Harvesting Update. Staff reported that having the walking plank on the harvester has made it much safer for them. Also, the installation of a fuel pump will make things more efficient. The Y-Camp landing is completed, which will allow us to harvest more weeds from that section of the lake. We have 7 employee people available to run the harvesting operation and a schedule will be set up soon. All said, we anticipate that we will be able to get a lot more weeds off the lake this year. We are hoping to have a smooth transition between our two daily shifts, understanding that the afternoon shifts may be shortened or cancelled because of the wind. Steve Schieffer will be on the lake this week and will soon be able to download his findings (cutting maps) for us.

Mark complemented last year's harvesting staff, by stating that the team exceeded expectations considering that it was our first harvesting season. He considers it a work-in-progress and that we will continue to improve this year and beyond.

Neil asked the board about some of the elements on Steve Schieffer's lake monitoring proposal that we decided to not pursue (turon analysis and more frequent phosphorus measures). The board had no objection to Steve contacting the Lake Association to see if they would be interested in collecting this additional data.

Building Permit Violation. We have not received a response from Steve Kordosky (contractor) regarding the building permit violation at 716 South Shore Drive. If he does not respond prior to our 30-day deadline, a second letter will be sent informing Mr. Kordosky that he will not be issued future building permits for projects within the Sanitary District. Motion was made by Mark and seconded by Denny.

Ordinance Review. Heidi asked the Board if they had any recommendation for updates to our ordinance, which was distributed to the commissioners at our last meeting. A specific question she had was related to what should be required when obtaining a variance from the District, considering the time and costs involved. Dave made a motion, seconded by Mark, that we charge a \$200 fee for obtaining a variance, payable upon application and non-refundable. Heidi is to write-up a variance section for the ordinance that the board can review at the next District meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Conservancy. Dave reported that he had an encouraging conversation with Tim Ritten from Polk County Land & Water regarding a possible project for the Conservancy on South Shore Drive. A Conservancy meeting will be set up within the next couple of weeks to discuss.

Our next Sanitary District meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 in the District office.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Erspamer, Recording Secretary