

LAKE WAPOGASSET & BEAR TRAP LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES—June 4, 2018

The June 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-Secretary; Mark Jacobson, Commissioner.

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

Guests: Ryan Hanson and Les Mateffy (by phone).

Minutes of the May meeting were approved upon correction of the name “Pember” (radio upgrade bid) on a motion by Commissioner Erspamer and a second by Commissioner Tryggestad. Commissioner Badman commented on last month’s minutes related to lawn damage on properties in Porter’s Bay. He reminded the board that Neil had informed KS Energies onsite that our force main was at a depth of at least 7 feet. Commissioner Badman then added that a gas line installation would have been nowhere near that depth.

Publication of the open meeting notice was acknowledged.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Treasurer Tryggestad reported that our April finances look to be in line with expectations. Income for the month of May was \$395 and expenses were \$11,191.25. Our net income was \$-10,622.89.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Office

Heidi reported that fireworks donations have reached \$11,700. Our summer billing was recently mailed to those who chose to pay half at the beginning of the year and the remainder mid-year. We have a Lake Scene article due to Kathy Mortenson in a couple of weeks. Heidi suggested that we use this opportunity to inform property owners of materials that should not be discharged into the sewer. Heidi also reported that we are waiting to receive the signed and notarized Developer’s Agreement from the Ryan Brothers. Dave reminded her that along with the Agreement, we also need the bond (or cash) and their liability insurance information.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Maintenance

Check valves on #3 have been replaced. We will be doing our annual cleaning of floats soon, however, currently we are busy with harvesting operations. Staff requested that we purchase another grinder pump so we have one on hand if needed. Grinder pumps cost approximately \$300. Neil reported that there have been several power outages this past month. The challenge for the sewer is when power is out on one side of the lake, yet still running on the other (depending upon either Xcel or Polk Burnett). Property owners are encouraged to call their energy provider, even if the outage may have already been reported. Neil wanted to remind property owners that if they are aware that power is out elsewhere on the lake (even if they aren’t affected) they should avoid discharging anything into the sewer. Staff also reported that we have had a problem lately with grease and other debris being discharged into the sewer. Homeowners should be watchful of this, as system repairs are costly.

OLD BUSINESS

Harvest Report. CLP is very late this year. Neil reminded the board that last year's harvest was well underway by now, with only a couple weeks remaining in our season. Steve Schieffer was on our lakes today and will be uploading new maps for Wapogasset and Sunrise Beach. CLP in these areas has really come up recently. Neil predicts that the next couple of weeks are going to be very busy for the harvesting crew. He also reported Brian Stugelmayer has been very helpful to us at the Waterside launch site.

South Shore Court Sewer Extension. Les Mateffy, District engineer, reviewed Cooper Engineering's plans for the proposed sewer extension on South Shore Court and provided the board with a written summary of his recommendations. Les was available by phone during our meeting for discussion and questions. His main concerns were: the developers need to have easements for the sewer line and he is not certain how these properties are platted, wells need to be marked and DNR approval is needed for this project. (Chad noted that there are no wells in the area the extension is going to run.) Commissioner Badman made a motion to approve Cooper Engineering's plan for the South Shore Court Extension contingent upon Cooper addressing all issues identified by Mr. Mateffy in his letter and contingent upon DNR approval/necessary permits. Commissioner Jacobson seconded the motion and it unanimously passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Signage. Commissioner Jacobson brought up the topic of signage at our boat landings; noting that we do not have our District ordinance posted, which calls for a \$10,000 fine for transferring a boat into our lakes from a lake infested with Eurasian Milfoil. Polk County has signs at the landings and Commissioner Jacobson wondered if we should also post our ordinance and related fine. The board discussed this and decided to hold off for now on ordering signs do to their expense (we have had signs in the past.) Also, considering that the DNR and County have postings at the landings, that might suffice for now. This may be revisited again in the future.

Northwest Lakes Conference. Commissioner Jacobson will be attending the Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference in Spooner on Friday, June 22nd.

Commissioner Erspamer moved to adjourn at 7:30. Seconded by Commissioner Badman and passed.

Our next Sanitary District meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 6th at 7:00 in the District office. There will be no meeting in July.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Erspamer, Recording Secretary