

LAKE WAPOGASSET & BEAR TRAP LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES—August 6, 2018

The August 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: Heidi Erspamer and Chad Ruff.

Guests: Joyle Anderson and Bob Mahre.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as distributed. Publication of the open meeting notice was acknowledged.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income for the month of July was \$26,233 and expenses were \$59,051. Our expenses were higher than usual this month because of the planned upgrade to our radio system. Our net income was -\$32,797.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Office

Heidi reported that Julie Selle, Sanitary District Office Manager for over 20 years, will be honored with an award from the Lake Association at their meeting on September 8th. We received several positive comments on our recent Lake Scene article that gave a brief history of the Sanitary District. Our final article for the season is due soon and will wrap up some of the District's recent activities and accomplishments. The Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program has ended for the season and Heidi will be working with the DNR to obtain our final grant money. Rick Bazille, CBCW volunteer coordinator for our lakes, will be resigning after this season and in the absence of someone taking his place, this will be our final season of participation in the Clean Boats Clean Waters program. Two new small refrigerators have been purchased for the storage of our samples and for staff water/food

OPERATIONS REPORT: Maintenance

Neil provided a written report for the meeting, summarized by Chad for the board. Inspections (cleaning floats, checking for problems, checking alarms) have been completed on all lift stations. Our cleaners are in the area to begin our annual flushing and inspecting of lines. This year we are working on the Northwest section of the lake (Lift station #17 area). It has taken 12 years to fully make our way around the lake. Next year we will begin the process again with Lift Station # 16. All lift stations have been upgraded with new transmission radios from Total Control. All radios are working well. Our service truck may need some repair to the back springs, so we are getting estimates. We are in the process of scanning our blueprints into pdf files, so we will soon have an electronic copy of at least most of these. 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. Our CLP harvesting is complete for the year, with 255 tons (88 loads) removed from our lakes. Operations were more efficient this year, as staff worked longer days while on duty. As for next year's staffing, Neil proposed having co-managers, one District employee and one on-site operator, to improve coordination. Off-loading sites worked well. Thank you to Waterside and the Y-Camp for their flexibility in allowing us to use private land. Off-site dumping also worked well, with thanks going out to Dr. Dave Clausen and Chuck Williamson. We may have more sites available next year.

South Shore Court Sewer Extension. The extension plan, as conditionally approved at our June meeting, has been changed by the developer to encompass three connections rather than the seven originally proposed. The extension will still need to pass over land owned by the Andersons, which triggers the sewer availability fee even though no hook up is planned for this time. The board's conditional approval of the extension (6/4/18) was based on the developer/Cooper Engineering implementing our District engineer's recommendations. Bob Mahre, developer, attended tonight's meeting to question Mr. Mateffy's recommendation that two manholes be dropped 6.5 feet to accommodate any possible future development on the 57 acres behind Mr. Mahre's extension. Mr. Mahre didn't feel that his sewer extension should have to bear this cost. Commissioner Erspamer's responded that the Sanitary District approves extensions to the system with the understanding that each such addition to the sewer "adds a brick" to the infrastructure in order to accommodate the possibility of future expansions. The discussion evolved into whether or not the 57 acres were zoned as buildable. Heidi's understanding from conversations with Polk County Zoning is that the property is zoned buildable, and as such future development is possible. A motion was made by Commissioner Erspamer and seconded by Commissioner Tryggestad to table the discussion on this topic and defer making any decisions until after we have had an opportunity to lean more about Mr. Mateffy's recommendation. Motion unanimously passed. Heidi will invite Mr. Mateffy to attend our next Sanitary District meeting.

CMAR Discussion. Our 2017 CMAR (Compliance Maintenance Annual Report) results were discussed. Staff reported that our approach to well testing has been modified based on DNR recommendations. Also, we are anticipating lower nitrogen levels over time now that farming next to our test wells has ceased. It is possible that high chloride levels may be the results of water softener discharge. Our proposed new flow meter may help improve our pond scores, but we are aware that the ponds have a limited life expectancy. The District has planned for this, as additional property was acquired next to the Sanitary District a few years ago for this purpose. Someday we may need an aeration system. In the meantime, we have money set aside for repairs as needed (liner, diffuser system, etc.).

Flow Meter Installation Bids. The board reviewed bids from a combination of possible vendors for the purchase & installation of a new flow meter. A motion was made by Mark Tryggestad and seconded by Mark Jacobson to accept the flow meter purchase bid from Total Control (\$6,330) and installation bid from Tri-State (\$7,990). Motion passed. A second motion was made by Mark Tryggestad and seconded by Mark Jacobson to accept the bid from Tri-State for an upgrade to our main lift station panel (\$3,460). Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Backlot Sewer Extension vs. Septic Clarification. The office has received a couple of questions recently related to the existence of a few remaining septic systems on lake back lots. Heidi asked for clarification on this. It was explained that at the time the sewer was installed around the lake, these backlot owners were allowed to keep their septic systems due to the difficulty of connecting to the system. There is no "Grandfather Clause" to these properties, and at such time as it becomes feasible for a property to be connected to the system, property owners will be required to do so. In addition, there will be a mandatory hook up requirement in the event of any septic system failure.

Fireworks Date. The 2019 Fireworks date has been set for Friday, July 5th. Rain date Saturday the 6th. These dates are pending approval from PC Pyrotechnics and the Bible Camp.

Commissioner Erspamer moved to adjourn at 8:10. Seconded by Commissioner Badman and passed.

Our next Sanitary District meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 10th at 7:00 in the District office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Erspamer, Recording Secretary

