

LAKE WAPOGASSET & BEAR TRAP LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES, September 9, 2019

The September 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 (by telephone); Dennis Badman, Commissioner-Secretary; Mark Jacobson, Commissioner.

Employees present: Ken Baillargeon and Heidi Erspamer.

Guest present: Marty Noonan and Michael Seidl.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved as distributed on a motion by Commissioner Jacobson and a second by Commissioner Badman. Motion passed. Publication of the open meeting notice was acknowledged.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Total income for the month of August was \$16,301 and total expenses were \$29,995. Net income was -\$13,693.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Office

The Clean Boats Clean Waters program has wrapped-up for the year and a grant will be submitted for the 2020 program as soon as the DNR releases the application forms. We will be asking for more money next year, as we are planning on having CBCW staff work more hours at the landing. The Harvesting Report for the 2019 season has been completed by Neil and will be submitted to the DNR within the next week or so. We are still waiting for final documentation from the South Shore Drive Development in order to wrap-up this project. Once we have this in hand, the board can vote to accept the extension and ownership will then be conveyed to the Sanitary District. Eleven properties (5 separate owners) were mailed notifications today regarding overdue bills. They were informed that any invoices not paid in full by October 7th will be turned over to the townships for inclusion on the tax rolls.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Maintenance

As part of our upcoming operating permit renewal, we had a DNR site inspection on August 28th. In follow-up, they asked us to: trim closer to the ponds when we do our annual summer mowing, update them on the timing of our flow meter installation, and submit reports for Land Application and Method of Distribution (neither report is applicable to us, but they still need to be submitted with a N/A response). Commissioner Badman looked into generator options and reported that a three-phase generator can also run single phase. He also learned that they are less expensive than we had anticipated, and buying a used one may also be an option. We would want to purchase one of the upper end ones and have it large enough to run our biggest voltage. Commissioner Badman recommended we look at our whole system and what we need to run it.

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer Mapping. Commissioner Erspamer reviewed Michael Markee's e-mail to the board. He will no longer be working on this project for the County and it's likely that the County will not have the staffing available to help us out. The interactive program which was accessible to Michael through the County was a real asset. Other opportunities for GIS system access will be looked into.

Lake Management Plan. Heidi reported on her conversation with Mark Sundeen and Alex Smith from the DNR regarding our harvesting permit requirements related to updating the Lake Management Plan. We have some time to get this accomplished, but it would be a good idea to get this started soon. It was suggested that we again work with Cheryl Clemens, Harmony Environmental, on this process. Commissioner Badman moved that we proceed with the preliminary steps to update our Lake Management Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed.

Conservancy--Healthy Lakes Program. Mike Seidl and Marty Noonan gave the board a summary of the progress and current status of the Healthy Lakes Program on our lakes. They noted several ways that the program can be tied into the Sanitary District's Aquatic Plant Management Plan and our Lake Management Plan. On Wapogasset/Bear Trap there are currently seven projects under review for a reimbursement grant through this project. Balsam Lake and the Apple River have been doing very well with this program, as have other lakes in Polk County. This will give us the opportunity to look at best practices in the area.

Conservancy--South Shore Run-off. The run-off on South Shore Court and Drive continues to be of concern. Marty Noonan reported that he and others will be meeting with Lincoln Township Chair, Jay Luke, to look for ways the Lake Association, Conservancy and Township can partner on resolving this issue.

Commissioner Tryggstad moved to adjourn at 7:50. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobson and passed. Our next Sanitary District meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the District office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Erspamer, Recording Secretary