

LAKE WAPOGASSET & BEAR TRAP LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES—October 8, 2018

The October 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

Guests: Tim Ritten & Dane Christenson (Polk County Land and Water), Barry Eklund & Dave Nelson (Lake Association), Ryan Hanson & Jane Johnson (Conservancy).

Minutes of the September meeting were approved as distributed on a motion by Commissioner Erspamer and a second by Commissioner Tryggestad. Publication of the open meeting notice was acknowledged.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Income for the month of September was \$11,253.80 and expenses were \$25,569.77. Our net loss was \$14,796.78.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Office

Heidi reported that she recently completed three DNR reports that were due this month.

OPERATIONS REPORT: Maintenance

Maintenance staff were not able to attend the meeting, but provided a detailed written report. In summary: The iPad has proven to be a very effective tool for improving efficiency in the field, especially now that our blueprints are being scanned into electronic files. Work around Lift Station #1 has been completed in preparation for installation of our new flow meter. We have made some repairs to Lift Station #8 (check valve flaps) and to our truck (springs and suspension), but in general, all equipment has been operating well.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Conservancy Update. Tim Ritten and Dane Christenson attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of a land swap (usage, not ownership, similar to a conservation easement) between the Sanitary District and a farm near the District Plant. Of interest to Lake Crest Farms would be swapping a strip of land along South Shore Drive (to create a run-off buffer) in exchange for farming acreage on District property. The board expressed concern about the location of the land proposed to be farmed, as it is close to our wells and we have had problems in the past with high nitrogen levels when this land has been in production. After much discussion, the board suggested an alternate piece of land for the exchange, and also increasing the buffer between the farm land and our ponds. Based on this, Mr. Ritten will re-map the property, including test well setbacks with property boundaries firmly defined (the District, Lake Association and Conservancy will have an opportunity to walk the land). The board viewed this potential exchange as a win-win for all. Expected costs

include fees for setting up the legal agreement and monies for setting up a prairie restoration along the South Shore Court buffer.

CBCW 2019. Commissioner (also Conservancy President) Jacobson reported that an employee has been hired to replace Rick Bazille as the CBCW program coordinator. A Lake Association volunteer will oversee the employee. Commissioner Tryggestad reinforced the importance of the District supporting the Clean Boats Clean Water program on our lakes. The board expressed appreciation to Rick Bazille for his years of service. Commissioner Jacobson also reported that a grant for the 2019 CBCW program has been submitted to the DNR.

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

Our next Sanitary District meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5th at 7:00 in the District office.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heidi Erspamer, Recording Secretary