ALMA-MOON LAKE PROTECTION REHABILITATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 23, 2021

St. Germain Community Center, St. Germain, WI

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Present:

Tony Waisbrot, Chairman
Dave Zielinski, Treasurer
Marilyn Workinger, Secretary
Len Larsen, Commissioner (joined the meeting at 9:20 AM)
Sue Zauner, Commissioner
Ronald Kressin (Vilas County Representative)
Terri Beier, Social Committee Chair
Milt Klingsporn

Absent:

Tom Christensen, (Town of St. Germain representative)

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Waisbrot called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM.

II. Open Meeting Verification:

Chairman Waisbrot indicated that the meeting was in compliance with open meeting requirements.

III. Roll Call, Confirm Quorum:

The roll call was taken and the quorum confirmed.

IV. Request for Agenda Change:

The agenda was changed to accommodate the schedule of the social committee chairman, Terri Beier.

V. Social Committee Report: (Agenda item VI. F.)

Terri Beier reported that the committee is considering a change in collection of money for future social events. Discussion was held regarding methods of collecting money other than having attendees pay at the venue at the time of the event. There was general concensus that when the next invitation for a social event is sent, notice will be given that payment for the event will be due at the event, and registrants who do not attend the event will be billed for the cost of their reservations. Invitations will be sent by general mail and by e-mail. Phone call contact will no longer be made.

VI. Approve Minutes of Commissioner Meeting on July 31, 2021:

A motion to accept the minutes of the July 31, 2021 meeting was made by Ron Kressin and seconded by Dave Zielinski. The motion carried.

VII. Treasurer's Report:

Dave Zielinski reviewed the treasurer's report, which is attached to this document. He reviewed changes to the budget, which were previously reported at the Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Ron Kressin and seconded by Sue Zauner to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion carried.

VIII. Committee Reports:

A. Fish Stocking and Habitat/Alma and Moon Lake:

Tony Waisbrot reviewed the report of the fish stocking for 2021, which was reported in the Minutes of the 8/21/21 Annual Meeting. There has been no change to the plan.

B. Water Quality/Level:

Len Larsen reported that there was a large algae bloom on Moon Lake, which was the first in recent memory. It is thought that this occurred because the high water has flushed nutrients into the lake and water clarity has been reduced. Warm temperatures over the summer promoted algae growth. This could be a rare event. The water level is down by an estimated 10.5 inches as compared to fall of 2019, which was the peak water level. Consideration is being given to a new procedure for measuring the water level since the stake near Platner's dock can no longer be located. Len Larsen and Milt Klingsporn will serve as a committee to explore options for measuring water levels and will report back at the next meeting.

C. Website Report:

Milt Klingsporn and Sue Zauner gave this report. Sue will be assuming responsibility for the website. Seven years of newsletter editions will be available on the website. They discussed sites available for transfer of old records. A decision will be deferred. Milt presented each commissioner with a CD of scanned documents from the website. He was thanked for his work on the website over the years he has served

D. Town of St. Germain/Vilas County Committee Updates:

Ron Kressin reported that the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Committee has a grant-funding program for 2022. Focus includes projects related to climate change and projects of lake organizations. Kathy Higley is a resource for shoreline improvement. She can be reached by phone at 715-479-3738 or by email at cahigl@vilascountywi.gov There was no report from the Town of St. Germain as Tom Christensen was not present.

E. Newsletter:

Anyone having articles or pictures for the newsletter should send them to Sue Zauner. Focus of the next newsletter will be on property owner education regarding shoreline issues. The goal is to produce a newsletter in late winter or early spring.

F. Social Committee Report: (Please see item V.)

G. Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee Report:

Tony Waisbrot reported that the development of a program to provide a boat patrol officer has been tabled. This will be pursued through the DNR to modify the grant requirements.

VII. New Business:

A. Shoreline Assessment Program:

Tony Waisbrot and Len Larsen reported on information they have obtained regarding studies available to assess shoreline quality for lakes. They have spoken with Mike Meyer of NOVA Ecological Services. Len has summarized a draft program for our lakes in a document titled Lakeside Improvement Initiative, which is an attachment to the minutes. A motion was made by Len Larsen and seconded by Ron Kressin that the Board adopt the Lakeside Improvement Initiative concept. The motion was passed on a voice vote with no objections. A motion was made by Ron Kressin and seconded by Len Larsen that the Board contact NOVA Ecological Services in regard to our Lakeside Improvement Initiative to do a Shoreline Impact Assessment of our lakes based on their (NOVA) criteria. Motion passed on a voice vote with no objections.

B. Program for Annual Meeting on August 20, 2022:

The schedule for the Annual Meeting will be 11:30 Registration and Social, 12:30 Lunch and 1 PM Program. Several speakers were mentioned. A decision will be made at the next Commissioner meeting.

C. Set Future Commissioner Meeting Dates:

The next Commissioner meeting will be held on Saturday, February 19, 2022 at 9AM at the St. Germain Community Center.

VIII. Comments from Lake District Residents:

Len Larsen reported that 70 to 80% of property sales are going to rental property owners. Municipalities are able to pass ordinances dealing with rental property. It was suggested that the Commission might consider educational materials to be given to new property owners regarding lake ordinances.

It was noted that Don Bauman is the animal control officer for the Town of St. Germain. His phone number is 715-891-2707.

IX. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43AM.

Respectfully Submitted, Marilyn Workinger, Secretary October 23, 2021