

Lake Puckaway Protection & Rehabilitation District Board Meeting

Saturday, July 22, 2023 | 9:00 A.M.

Marquette Village Hall

127 E. 4th St, Marquette, WI 53947

Board Members Present

- Willy Stalker, Commissioner
- Dustin Esselman, Chairman
- Bob Schweder, Green Lake County Appointee
- John Harter, Secretary
- Jaimes Johnson, Treasurer
- Maddy Wergin, Town of Mecan Appointee
- Greg Navulis, Commissioner

Absent

- N/A

Call to Order

- Meeting called to order by Dustin at 9:00am. Roll call taken – all Board members are present as reflected above.

Agenda Review

- No changes or additions to the agenda
- Bob makes motion to approve agenda as presented. Willy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from June 12, 2023

- Minutes from June 12, 2023 were read by Maddy. Motion by Willy to approve the June 12, 2023 meeting minutes. Seconded by John. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

- Jaimes read treasurer's report.
- LPPRD Treasurer's Report through 7/20/2023
- Revenue
 - Tax Levy → \$27,113.66
 - Interest → \$196.47
 - Donations → \$6,048.86 (all designated to APM except \$950 towards hatchery)
 - Lottery Credit → \$375.98
 - **Total Revenue → \$33,735.17**
- Expenses
 - Conference, mileage, website, mailings → \$1,535.51
 - Aquatic Plant Management → \$74,923.67
 - \$70,000 ProcellaCOR (Cason)
 - \$3,523.67 Intercept Mapping (Cason)
 - \$1,400 Onterra – Lake Management Plan

- *Potential* of an additional \$33,000 in expenses from ProcellaCOR treatment → About \$8,000/\$9,000 is optional for LPPRD.
 - Insurance → \$1,353.00
 - Hatchery/Tern Rafts → \$1,903.60
 - Supplies, heating, property maintenance, boat gas
 - Chargeback → \$22.28
 - **Total Expenses → \$79,738.06**
- **Total Cash on Hand through 7/20/23 → \$111,644.65**
 - Potential for additional \$33,000 in expenses
- **Projected EOY Balance → \$116,000.00**
 - Projected EOY balance could be between \$80,000-\$85,000 depending on what the Board decides to do with Cason.
- Jaimes states our tax levy at \$34,000 doesn't touch our expenses; however, the carryover intended from the Dam project has kept LPPRD ahead. There was a thought that LPPRD would have to participate in the Dam construction, but that did not occur. This left LPPRD with roughly \$250,000 that LPPRD was saving for that specific project. This carryover money has been spent down over the past 3-4 years.
- Jaimes asks for questions.
 - One question asked regards if LPPRD will be receiving a refund from the Dredge Bank project since it came in underbudget. Jaimes states no. Paul Gettelman states some of the money could carryover to phase two if LPPRD decides to keep up with the project.
 - Question regarding if LPPRD has received donation for the tern rafts. Jaimes states he has not received anything as of yet.
 - Paul Gettelman asks if LPPRD has received the donations from Paula specifically for AIS. Jaimes states nothing has come in yet regarding that.
- Willy makes motion to approve treasurer's report. Seconded by Maddy. Motion passed.

John Harter fulfilling Secretary Role

- Dustin states as a clarification point that John is fulfilling the Secretary role (previously held by Jason before his resignation).

Cason's Extended Control Contract

- Dustin asks if this contract is pertaining to the warranty for the ProcellaCOR treatment. Maddy states that the way the contract is written it sounds like LPPRD only receives the warranty if LPPRD agrees that Cason is the lake's exclusive lake management services provider for the next three years. Dustin states we need clarification from Cason and amend the contract to better fit LPPRD's needs.
- Jaimes makes motion to amend the contract so it does not tie LPPRD into a three-year exclusive contract for full lake services to Cason. Seconded by Willy. Motion passed.

Used Weed Harvester

- John states he has been looking into weed harvesters in order to gauge pricing/budgeting. Buffalo Lake is selling a used weed harvester. John states it is a good deal as new weed harvesters with trailers are quite pricey – roughly \$200,000 to \$300,000. It takes roughly 2-3 years from the time you put your name in for a harvester to actually acquire it.

Buffalo Lake is selling a 2006/2007 820 Harvester made by AquaMarine with trailer for \$40,000. They are also selling a dump truck and conveyor for a total price of \$50,000. Weed harvesting is likely going to have to happen on the lake. Jaimes states that we need to learn more about what the cost entails in acquiring a weed harvester such as pay roll, insurance, etc. Greg suggests maybe running the weed harvester program on a volunteer basis. Jaimes states that there's lots of questions that need to be answered before fully jumping into weed harvesting.

- Motion by Greg to put down payment on the used weed harvester and trailer from Buffalo Lake not to exceed \$10,000. Seconded by Bob. Motion passed.

Annual Meeting

- LPPRD sets annual meeting for September 2, 2023.
- Jaimes states we need to talk about different ways to generate revenue. Current tax levy is at 0.27. LPPRD will have additional costs if we pursue the weed harvester. Jaimes states we could probably run the district operation at about \$15,000 excluding AIS control. Greg proposes LPPRD implement a special charge. There are grants LPPRD could potentially qualify for, but grants are never guaranteed.
- Annual meeting requires 14 days written notice.
- Maddy states that members do not need to sign a voter certificate form if their names appear on the tax roll – just check off members as they check in if their name appears on the tax roll. If the members name does not appear on the tax roll, then have them sign the voter certificate form.

Dustin's Resignation as Chairman

- Dustin states he is resigning as chairman effective immediately as he is moving off the lake, but he will still own property on the lake so he will stay as a commissioner on the Board.
- Bob makes motion to have Willy replace Dustin as chairman. Seconded by Greg. Motion passed.

Cason Invoices/Payments

- Jaimes touched based on this during the treasury report.

Princeton Dam

- Greg feels as though nothing has been resolved with the Princeton Dam and it would be beneficial to hire hydraulicologist. Willy states there is a MOU in place with LPPRD and the DNR. LPPRD does not own the dam, and the dam is controlled by the DNR. LPPRD offered their opinions for the MOU, but at the end of the day, the DNR did what they saw fit concerning the dam.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 9:55am.