

**LAKE PUCKAWAY PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT (LPPRD)
Q2 Y2023 COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**Monday, June 12th, 2023
Mecan Town Hall
Montello, WI**

Board Members Present	
Dustin Esselman, Chairman	Jaimes Johnson, Treasure
Greg Navulis, Commissioner	Bob Schweder, Green Lake County Appointee
Maddy Wergin, Town of Mecan Appointee	John Harter, Appointed Commissioner for vacancy
Willy Stalker, Commissioner	
Guest	
Monica Gunderson, District Member, Volunteer Clerk	Uriah Monday, WI DNR
Ted Johnson, WI DNR	Lance Paden, Cason & Associates
Brandon Oberleitner, Cason & Associates	Paul Gettleman, District Member, former Chairman

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Meeting Called to Order	6:00pm Meeting called to Order by Chairman. Board attendee confirmation as reflected in present members.		
Agenda Review	Agenda presented by Chairman with recommendation of change to add public comment. Willy motioned for agenda to be revised to include public comment, seconded by Greg. Motion passed.		
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Minutes posted to LPPRD website post meeting dates of December 10, 2022 & February 6 th , 2023. Bob motioned for approval of December 10, 2022 and February 6, 2023 minutes, seconded by Willy. Motion passed.		
Treasurer Report	<i>Balances as of 6/10/2023</i> Money market \$59,035.98 Checking #1 \$13, 338.63 18 Month CD \$21, 603.94 (Matures 9/27/23) Checking #2 \$20,336.40 (\$7,236.00 restricted to hatchery, tern, dredging projects)		

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	<p>Total Balance: \$114,314.95</p> <p><u>Recent Expenditures over \$1000.00</u> \$70,000.00 (Cason & Associates – ProcellaCor Pilot) \$1,906.25 (Cason & Associates – APM Survey) \$1,617.42 (Cason & Associates – DNR Permit) \$1,400.00 (Onterra – APM Survey)</p> <p><u>Future remaining annual income forecast:</u> \$12,000 (2023 tax levy receipts, donations)</p> <p>Will motioned for approval of Treasure Financial report, seconded by Greg. Motion passed.</p>		
Commissioner Vacancy	<p>John Harter nominated by Chairman to fill vacant commissioner position until end of term (2023).</p> <p>Recommendations were received verbally from board members as well as district members in attendance.</p> <p>Maddy motioned for approval of John Harter to vacant commissioner position, seconded by Jaimes. Motion passed.</p>		
Annual Meeting	<p>Chairman explained that the annual meeting was going to be held in later summer to allow for additional knowledge to be gained regarding the Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Plan.</p> <p>Discussion took place about possible dates and locations including comments from district members in attendance.</p> <p>September 9th, 2023 was picked as date for 2023 Annual Meeting. Place TBD.</p>	Dustin or designee	Secure meeting location for Annual Meeting.
Bylaws	<p>Chairman shared that it was recently learned that Lake Districts do not need to have bylaws as Lake Districts are regulated under Chapter 33 State Statues. Brief discussion took place regarding Chapter 33 overriding any existing Lake District bylaws including comments from district members in attendance.</p>		

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	Jaimes motioned for LPPRD to adopt Chapter 33 as standard operating practices and eliminate LPPRD bylaws, Maddy seconded. Motion passed.		
Boat Launch Update	<p>Marquette County will be doing repair/rehabilitation work to the Northshore “Apuckawa” Landing on Tues/Wed – June 20th & 21st. The landing will be closed on these dates.</p> <p>LPPRD contributed \$1,000.00 to project.</p>		
Princeton Dam Update	<p>Uriah spoke about the current operations of the Princeton Dam referencing the 3-year plan that started this year. Plan document here: https://www.lakepuckaway.com/files/ugd/3e698e_2081d32bf3134e33b10fab97c69c7694.pdf</p> <p>Uriah explained that the goal of the current plan is to ensure that in the Spring the “melt water” is flushed out to improve the overall water quality and natural habitat.</p> <p>Uriah emphasized that water levels at this time have been most impacted by the lack of rain and the slow flow. Explained that there is daily monitoring of the staff gage and they are following the plan as outlined.</p> <p>Public comments were listened to and addressed by Uriah with reference back to the plan for 3 years. Suggestions include adding gages to other dams before Lake Puckaway and closing gates according to water levels versus dates.</p> <p>No immediate action being taken at this time.</p>		
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Update	<p>Lance provided updates regarding Aquatic Plant Management (APM plan).</p> <p>Public Survey has been completed. Highlights of survey shared including +450 respondents. Public meetings will be held to review survey results and proposed APM plan. Meetings to be held in July & early August on Saturdays.</p> <p>ProcellaCOR treatment for Eurasian watermilfoil (EWM) took place the prior week for a 50-acre pilot study. The study must be done to see the effects on native plants for future treatment consideration. The treated area will be surveyed in August for outcome of treatment and impact. ProcellaCOR comes</p>	<p>Lance & Dustin or designee</p> <p>Dustin or designee</p>	<p>Secure public meeting dates and meeting places.</p> <p>Proper notifications of public meetings</p>

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	<p>with a 3-year warranty from the manufacturer that EWM will not regrow in treated area.</p> <p>Public comments were listened to and addressed primarily by Ted. Ted shared that the water quality has improved and he is really pleased with the progress. Ted spoke to the native plants are in the lake to stay which was a goal of the last lake management plan. Ted shared EWM is spread throughout the whole lake. He shared that harvesting is going to be necessary to navigate the lake for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>Ted emphasized the most important thing that needs to be done is the APM plan to move forward with future lake management planning related to aquatic plants.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding grants for AIS and EWM. Ted shared there is a \$150,000 a year available for herbicide treatment and a payback program for harvesting. Submission for following year grants are due by September 30th.</p> <p>Next steps are public meetings and finalization of APM.</p>		
WI Lakes Conference Recap	<p>Maddy and Jaimes attended the Wisconsin Lake Conference in April. Maddy provided an update including learning about voting regulations, well rounded lake plans, grants, budgeting and methods of control.</p>		
Marquette County Lake Association	<p>Discussion took place that Marquette County Lake Association is an organization that LPPRD is not part of and a recommendation has been made to be a member. Annual Dues are \$50.00 and grants are available. LPPRD will be joining the Marquette Lake Association.</p>		
Dredge Bank Update	<p>Paul reported update on Dredge Bank Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project stated on April 24th • 3,085 feet was completed. More than project contract design was projected by 250' • Used 8,080 ton of rock • Cost less than projected; total cost approximately \$920,000 • Project completed on June 7th, ahead of schedule 		

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Fish Hatchery / Tern Rafts / Buoy Updates	<p>Paul reported update on Fish Hatchery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2,133,663 Eggs collected • 1,264,000 fry released • 59% hatch rate • Average female length 23.3" • 28 females & 96 males • All walleyes used fin clipped and identified with a genetic ID # • Thank you to core crew of volunteers: Randy Schmidt, Gina & Larry Loeffler & John Harter <p>Paul reported on Tern Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional raft placed in lake this year after volunteers made it happen • If prey stays away, predicted to be the best year yet for Tern reproduction on Lake Puckaway <p>Paul reported on Buoys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you for Slow No Wake signs being placed • Additional investigation to buoys for new dredge bank 	John and designee	Determine if buoys are available and place accordingly
Lake District Emails	Chairman reported that individual @lakepuckaway.com emails have been set-up for all board members. Email addresses will be communicated and posted on website. Request for all LPPRD communication to be done through these email addresses.	Dustin	Communicate email addresses
Adjournment	7:38pm Jaimes motioned for meeting to be adjourned, seconded by Willy. Attendees in agreement for adjournment.		

Respectfully submitted by,
 Monica Gunderson, District Member - Volunteer Clerk