**LAKE PUCKAWAY PROTECTION AND REHIBILITATION DISTRICT (LPPRD)**

**COMMISSIONERS ANNUAL MEETING**

**Saturday, June 4, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.**

**Marquette Village Hall**

**Marquette, WI**

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| **Board Members Present** |
| Paul Gettelman, Chairman | Jaimes Johnson, Treasure  |
| Jeff Kimber, Commissioner | Jason Schlimgen, Secretary |
| Willy Stalker, Commissioner | Bob Schweder, Green Lake County Appointee |
| **Guest** |
| Derek Kavanaugh, Green Lake County Conservationist | Kristine Schlimgen, Clerk |
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| **Absent** |  |
| Gary Wilson, Commissioner |  |

| **Agenda Item** | **LPPRD COMMITTEE MEETING** |
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| **Meeting Called to Order** | The June 4, 2022, Lake Puckaway Protection and Rehabilitation District annual meeting was called to order 10:03 a.m. by Paul Gettelman.  |
| **Open Meeting Certification** | Posted on Facebook, website, along with newsletters.  |
| **Adoption of Agenda** | Allow the flexibility to move around the agenda on potential duplicate topics. Motion made by Jeff Kimber and seconded by Willy Stalker. Motion carried.  |
| **Secretary’s Report** | Kristine summarized minutes which are also available on the webpage. Motion made by Larry Loeffler and seconded by Jaimes Johnson to approve the June 5, 2021, annual Lake Puckaway Protection and Rehabilitation minutes as distributed. Motion carried.  |
| **Treasure’s Report** | Jaimes went through the amount in the money market, and the 3 checking counts, 2 certificates deposits which can only be used for certain things. Money Market - $102,013.35, Checking Account #1- $92,075.70, Checking Account #2- $6,886.15 (Restricted), CD #1 - $16,705.83, CD #2 - $21,539.25, Total Deposits - $239,199.28 as of June 3rd. 2022. Significant Future Expenses for 2022: Dredge Bank Project payment #2 - $50,000.00 will be paid on July 22; Aquatic Plant management - $15,000. - $20,000 which is only an estimate. The dredge bank payment this July will be a grand total of $150,000 because the project did not start last year because of of COVID-19. Also, by paying that amount it helped the district be a recipient of over 1 million dollars in grants. All operating expenses comes out of the first checking as the second has restrictions and can’t find what they are. Motion made by Bob and seconded by Dave Fenikcy to approve the treasure’s report. Motion carried.  |
| **Old Business** | 1. Dredge Bank – Two representatives from Ducks Unlimited, Steve Kass and Bob Spoerl, were present. Steve from DU core’s strength is .87cents of every dollar donated went back into dollars spent. The Million dollar came from DNR, Federal Government, and Ducks Unlimited. Bob said they work with Core of Engineers as a sponsor who will be building the wall. Derek reported in the 80’s early 90’s a dredge bank was built to help the get ships through. The origin of this project was because of water quality, to help eliminate wave action, is a fish spawning area, and the location of the largest Tern colony. Has been 8-years in planning and was able to move forward last year and the project will start on or around July 15. Charlie Vogue and Sherman launches may be used and will be determined by contractor depending on water depth. Have been learning from the Lake Winnebago water system. Current rock will stay where it is because it is not at current standards. There will be buoys during construction and then reflective markers afterwards and will be roughly 18 inches higher than water depending on water level. There will be a public meeting with the village when closer to the date, who will explain more in depth.
2. Fish Hatchery Report – Paul reported the numbers of how many females and males were caught and released. Adam Nickle did sonic tagging of Walley’s genetic survey for additional year. Expense is about $2,000 to monitor the fingerlings and sent to UWSP. The DNR will be putting in more sonic tags in walleyes (was we did 13 years ago) that will be monitored from Winnebago to Portage. Monitoring how far the walleyes will be traveling. Not sure where they will be put in.
3. Onterra – Environmental Monitoring Plan – Jason Schlimgen reported there has to be an aquatic management plan as it’s required by the DNR to continue. There are different phases. Will be putting on website for review.
4. Aquatic vegetation committee – Jason Schlimgen went through the map approved by the DNR for harvesting and herbicide; there will be 50’ lanes on the north and south shore, along with herbicide treatment on the north shore. Paul Gettelman stated maybe we need a special aquatic vegetation meeting, so we can make sure Ted Johnson is here to answer the questions. Derek reported there is a calculation of how many acers can be treated. Jason Schlimgen reported they are waiting for the permit to be approved by the DNR.
5. Buoy lights – Paul Gettelman reported slow no wake channel lights were ordered. Total was $1869.95, 2-mile lights are $810 each.
6. Tern Rafts – Paul Gettelman reported Willy is the one who builds them. Largest colony of Common Terns in the state of Wisconsin. Having this helps when filling out grants because of having endangered birds.
7. Water Quality – Gina Loeffler reported she and her husband Larry Loeffler go out every 8 days to check clarity and collect samples from the bottom of the lake which is done at a specific part of the lake by GPS coordints the data starts in 1998. Gina Loeffler reported the phosphorus is pretty level, clarity is better, chlorophyll also went down. Larry Loeffler reported the water depth is less than in the past but there was not a lot of snow melt or rain.
8. Princeton Dam Gate Operation – Willy read Uriah’s report which in January was kept to a depth to protect homeowner’s shorelines. For reference, from 2011 to 2018, boards were placed on the dam when levels ranged from 6.9 to 7.5; dates varied from mid-June to late July. Generally, the goals to consider and balance are the following issues:
	* Managing spring levels to promote healthy lake vegetation establishment in the early spring season
	* Addressing navigational considerations including water depth and nuisance vegetation
	* Protecting property from high water and shoreline ice damage
	* Protecting the dam structure from ice damage
	* Mitigating the potential for floating bogs and how to reduce risk from them
	* Ensuring that the lock channel is not experiencing scour due to persistent flows

The DNR and LPPRD remain interested in redeveloping the Memorandum of Understanding, including the “who, when and how” of an operation plan. DNR would propose two “delegates” from the LPPRD board be assigned to work with DNR staff in developing this document. Willy reported he checked the flow on his way here and it was at 970 CFS. Derek reported the difference with Lake Puckaway’s dams compared to other lake dams is it is 10 miles downstream where other dams are at the end of the lake able to control the actual lake level. The flow is not as impactful as may be felt.  |
| **New Business** | 1. Election of Commissioner – Paul Gettelman reported there are two commissioner terms up, Paul Gettelman and Jeff Kimber. Jason Schlimgen called for nominations for the commissioner position of Paul Gettelman.
	* Larry Loeffler nominated Paul Gettelman and seconded by Jim Dawson. Willy Stalker nominated Dustin Esselman and was seconded by John Carter. Chris Foss nominated Greg Navulis and seconded by Tony Sauer. Jason Schlimgen called for nominations to be closed. Jason Schlimgen stated the votes are counted: Dustin Esselman had 27 votes, Paul Gettelman had 23 votes and Greg Navulis had 18 votes. Next commissioner elected is Dustin Esselman and his term will be 2022 – 2025.
	* Jason called for Nominations for the commissioner position of Jeff Kimber. Maddy Wergin nominated Paul Gettelman and seconded by Jason Schlimgen. Willy Stalker nominated and seconded by Dustin Esselman. Tony Sauer nominated Greg Navilus and seconded by Chris Foss. Jason Schlimgen called for the nominations to be closed. Jason Schlimgen stated the votes are counted: Greg Navulis had 30 votes, Paul Gettelman had 26 votes, and Jeff Kimber had 11 votes. The next commissioner elected is Greg Navulis and his term will be 2022 – 2025.

Motion made by Dan Krueger and seconded by Tony Sauer to accept Dustin Esselman and Greg Navuls as the next commissioners elected. Motion carried. 1. Proposed 2023 budget and tax levy – Jaimes Johnson went through the proposed budget. Goal is to not increase tax levy; we are a healthy district and do not feel a need to raise them. Onterra plan will cost an additional $25,000 which is not allotted because we have not received an invoice. Motion made by Jeff Kimber and seconded by Jason Schlimgen to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried.
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| **15 Minute Recess** | Paul Gettelman called for a 15-minute break and then the commissioners will go into session for the Election of Officers.  |
| **Election of Officers** | Jason Schlimgen called the meeting to order at 1:38 pm. * Jason Schlimgen nominated Jaimes Johnson treasure and seconded by Dustin Esselman. Motion carried.
* Jaimes Johnson nominated Jason Schlimgen secretary and seconded by Dustin Esselman. Motion carried.
* Jaimes Johnson nominated Dustin Esselman as chair and seconded by Willy Stalker. Motion carried.
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| **Adjournment** | There being no further business motion made by Jaimes Johnson and seconded by Willy Stalker to adjourn the June 4, 2022, Lake Puckaway Protection and Rehabilitation District annual meeting at 1:40 p.m. Motion carried. |

Respectfully submitted by,

Kristine Schlimgen, LPPRD Clerk