

LAKE PUCKAWAY PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT (LPPRD) MEETING MINUTES
ANNUAL MEETING
Saturday, June 5, 2021 – 10:00 A.M.
Marquette Village Hall
Marquette, WI

Board Members Present	
Paul Gettelman, Chairman	James Johnson, Treasure
Jeff Kimber, Secretary	Gary Wilson, Standing Member of Town of Mekan
Jason Schlimgen, Commissioner	William Boutwell, Green Lake County Appointee
Willy Stalker, Commissioner	
Guest	
Derek Kavanaugh, Green Lake County Conservationist	Kristine Schlimgen, LPPRD Clerk
Bradley Latza, Conservation Warden	

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Meeting Called to Order	The regular Lake Puckaway Protection and Rehabilitation District was called to order 10:00 a.m. by Paul Gettelman.		
Certification of Open Meeting Notice	Paul reported the meeting was posted in Marquette paper, Facebook, district webpage, newsletter, and Markesan Paper. He thanked Kristine Schlimgen and Mike Wergin for their help with the newsletter; however, since the newsletter was printed things have already changed.		
Adoption of Agenda	Paul stated the only change will be at the end allowing for new business after open public comment. Paul stated the Warden for Lake Puckaway is in attendance. Motion made by Deb Flagel and seconded by Randy Schmidt for the adoption of the agenda. Motion carried.		
Secretary's Report	Paul reported last year's meeting was posted on the webpage. Summarized the minutes. Motion made by Rick Pergande and seconded by Joe Scheckel to approve the August 29, 2020 annual meeting minutes.		

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Treasure's Report	<p>Jaimes went over the treasurers report and went through the banking. One is specific to buoy and hatchery and other regular account. Dormant Service Fee was a banking error and will go back into account. Donation April 4/5 from Brim Outdoors, which will be changed to hatchery. Donation in May was also for hatchery dollars. Money Market \$110,000 contributing to dredge bank project, those moneys remained in there because of COVID. Three CD's mature in September and will meet later as commissioners to see if we should transfer to Money Market or do more CD's. Paul went through what each board members do behind the scenes. Motion Dave Ferge and Randy Schmidt. Motion carried.</p> <p>Paul introduced Conservation Warden for Green Lake, Brad Latza, who has been on Lake Puckaway for one year. Warden Latza explained the press release about the new lanyard law and wasn't very clear. This law is for Federal water ways which in this area is the Winnebago system that starts at Princeton Dam, but no real law enforcement behind it.</p>		
Election of Two Commissioners	<p>Paul reported there are two elections for commissioners. Randy Schmidt nominated Jaimes Johnson, and Dave Ferge seconded the nomination. Motion made by Deb Flagel and seconded by Richard Pergande for the nomination of Jaimes Johnson. Motion Carried. Randy Schmidt nominated Willy Stalker, which was seconded by Larry Leffler. Motion made by Deb Flagel and seconded by Richard Pergande to close the nominations and Willy Stalker was elected. Motion carried.</p>		
Derek Kavanaugh – Green lake County	<p>Derek Kavanaugh stated he has been a part of the Green Lake County Land Conservation for 20 years and on Lake Puckaway for 18 years. He reported the dredge bank has been in plans for several years. Granite stone was put on island to save island but has slowly been going away the last 40 years, so looking at a stone capped dredge bank which will be able to last longer. It has been put into phases, there are several grants that were received with expected cost of around \$400,000. There were 3 bids and decided to go barge route, cost is higher than budgeted. \$150,000</p>		

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	<p>over and couldn't bridge the cap and with lower waters decided to postpone till 2022. Will start off old dredge bank with about 100ft. gap.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Member – asked since waiting till next year are we going to do more? Derek reported it will depend on how much grant money we can get. Paul stated if we can do phase one and two at the same time it would save about 50%; Derek just wants to make sure that the Charlotte view launch doesn't get shut done because it is busier. Working with the village to get an MOU, this delay helps that get put into place. - Asked if there was going to be dredging, Derek reported there is no plan to do specific dredging and have found this to be the most effective. <p>Paul stated Derek has put in a lot of time and effort into this project and Lake Puckaway.</p>		
Onterra – Environmental Monitoring Plan	<p>Paul reported the Onterra plan is located on website. There is a section in there for aquatic plants results and how much they have increased since 2005, total of 30 new plants. Some are not desirable and encourages to read it. Gives background on the types of plants that are now here.</p>		
Fish Hatchery Report	<p>Paul reported the fish hatchery report was in the newsletter. This year has been the 12th year but only operating 11 years. Went over the amount of fry have been released since 2010. There is a 58% success rate of hatching. Paul continued by thanking all who helped, Brad from B&C pumping for donating the porta potty, Bob and Kari Hill from Tucked Away, Eric Boberg from Grim Outdoors for a cash donation, and Gina and Larry Loffler. There are new young volunteers who are energetic. The hatchery is still looking for an 18 to 20 ft flat bottom boat with trailer, so we can do our own netting, because right now the hatchery uses the DNR's boat and nets.</p>		
Commissioner's Report	<p>Paul reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - His next step is putting together an MOU for the Princeton dam, the gate study would be part of that. LPPRD does not have control of the dam and reason why study is being done, so we can get better understanding while creating MOU. This is the same as old dam only with a fish ladder. Derek stated from lake to dam is 10 		

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	<p>miles and takes a long way for water to travel, so it is not quick when the dam is open or shut.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lake district now has an email address and can respond directly to you that way. - New district clerk Kristine Schlimgen. - Sauger's were to be put in Lake Puckaway, but did not happen because of variable weather, high water temps, and turbid river condition. Lake district may be taking over the sauger fish hatchery, so looking into what needs to be modified. - Gina and Larry Loffler have been doing the citizen monitoring, Gina reported they put a disk in the water to check the clarity and then another disk to check temperature. They are also checking phosphorus monthly that is mailed to a lab in Madison. It is then entered into database so it can be monitored. - Randy Schmidt handles the buoys that have new chains which seem to be helping a lot with not collecting vegetation. Randy stated there still is an issue with Slow No Wake sign, hoping to get steal posts to help prevent it from wearing. - Tern rafts were put out on April 27th and are doing really well, hopefully there are no predators. A pontoon was donated for a possible third raft. Derek reported Lake Puckaway has largest tern program in the state. Paul stated Daryl sent a report that the large winds took out a large nest. - Eric Boberg to incorporate the celebration of the 70th year of the record northern being caught is being considering. - The district received the Fox-wolf Watershed Alliance Award for the work the district has done over the years and what is in the planning stages for the betterment of the Lake Puckaway. 		
<p>Open Public Comment (30 minutes)</p>	<p>Paul reported this portion of the meeting will run under Roberts rules of order with 30 minutes and comments kept to 3 minutes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the status of regulating the population of cormorant? Paul stated there is a permit for pancake island and dredge bank and can move to where their nest is. Permit is to eradicate and destroy nests. 		

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Member asked about the weeds going from west side almost all the way from boat launch. Paul stated the weeds come from higher water, and since there two to three years of high-water possibility of why they are there. Derek stated it is common to see this with the high water and once the water stays lower, they should go away. Member asked if they could do a spray? Derek stated the district would have to apply for a permit; they would find a main corridor like boat launches, businesses, or large neighborhoods, but they would look to make sure it does not affect a habitat. Derek stated a few months ago we were talking about high water and now today we are talking low water. Paul stated he will bring it up to Ted Johnson. 3. Asked about a weed cutter, Derek stated there has to be a pre-approved plan and can't operate in less than 3 feet. 4. It was asked what should the elevation be at? It was heard it should be at 763, Derek said we are at 763.7. 5. Town of Mecan chairman asked with the new dam do you have control? Montello is controlled by government. Derek said the Princeton Dam was a safety issue because people would have to go in the water and insert pins. Since this is the first year, the engineer is trying to see how much water goes through each gate; there is a catch update of 2 to 8 days. There is more water coming into the lake than leaving right now. Gary stated everything changes so much because we are on a waterflow and is only a year test. Paul stated the gates should be closed by end of next week. 6. Asked about Northern Pike, crappies, and perch being hatched here. Paul stated Pikes are doing great. Derek stated those aren't grown in the state. 		
New Business	<p>Would like a motion for phase two to spend \$50,000. This would be a bonus to get grants. Motion made by Jeff Kimber and seconded Joe Schetell. Motion carried.</p>		
Proposed 2022 Budget and Tax Levy	<p>Jaimes stated not a lot of change a little bit more in revenue, did still budget for rough fish even though DNR is not allowing permits. Small increase in administration trying to be more efficient with centralized area to get a space to rent. No increase on tax levy, this would be 7th year to have it not increased. Motion made Deb Flagel and seconded by Kathy Schartell to approve the proposed 2022 budget and tax levy. Motion carried.</p>		

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15 Minute Recess	Motion made at 11:50 a.m. for a 15-minute recess by Deb Flaggel and seconded by Jane Gettelman.		
Election of Officers	<p>Paul Gettelman called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. Gary made excellent point that lots of good information given by Derek. Gary said the information should be on website, Paul stated will help with Kristine getting involved with it.</p> <p>Position nominating:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jason Schlimgen was nominated by Jeff Kimber and seconded by Willy Stalker for Secretary position. Motion carried. - Jaimes Johnson was nominated as treasure by Jeff Kimber and seconded by Willy Stalker. Motion carried. - Jeff Kimber and Jason Schlimgen nominated Paul Gettelman for Chairman. Paul accepted the nomination. Motion carried. <p>Motion made by Jeff Kimber and seconded by Jason Schlimgen to allocate \$50,000 to go to phase 2 for the dredge bank.</p>		
Adjournment	Motion made by Jeff Kimber and seconded by Gary Wilson to adjourn the June 5, 2021 LPPRD Annual Meeting at 12:21 p.m. Members scheduled next quarter meeting for August 21, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. with location to be determined.	Gary Wilson	Check to see if Mecan Town hall is available.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jason Schlimgen, Secretary