

February 8, 2020

SILVER LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The meeting was held at the Marion Town Hall. President Ed Kissinger called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM. Board members present were Barb Bartel, Mark Magnusson, Ross Peterson, and Pat Krier (Town Board rep). Ed Kissinger and Mike Ruhland were on conference call. Mike Kapp (County Board rep) was absent.

A motion was made by Ruhland and seconded by Peterson to forego the reading of the minutes of the October 2, 2019 meeting. Motion passed. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$734.36 in the checking account, \$1,242.20 in the savings account, and \$253,179.52 in the LGIP account for a total on hand of \$255,156.08. Kissinger offered the report for audit.

District Business

a) Milfoil Plans and Grant Status- Ruhland reported HWM (hybrid water milfoil) in Silver Lake remains at a fantastically low level.

- 1) See PI Survey Overview in Silver Lake section of the Town of Marion website for a detailed example of how a PI number is calculated.

While measurements are cited as the "PI of X.X" or "acres infested with HWM", or "cubic ft HWM removed", the PI Study number is **the number** required by the DNR.

- 2) The 2019 PI was 2.3, only a slight rise from the 2018 PI of 1.7. (The 2016 PI was 0.2 – the year after treatment, while the year before treatment was 20.0).
- 3) Conjecture in 2016 suggested HWM measurements would be rising significantly by 2019 and that a repeat whole lake treatment would be required in 2022. Obviously, a significant increase in HWM is not occurring on the lake. The HWM management goal is to delay another whole lake treatment to well past 2022. The hope is never to repeat the whole lake treatment.
- 4) SLMD plans to do 40 days of DASH in 2020 just as it did in 2019. In 2020 DASH will be focused on the main body of the lake. DASH is the reason the lake's HWM measurement is fantastically low. No DASH will be performed in Foxtail Bay in 2020 as the level of HWM there exceeds the practical application of DASH.
- 5) In 2020 an herbicide treatment is expected to be approved for Foxtail Bay. Procellacor is the herbicide. It needs 24-hour contact with the HWM versus the 90+ day requirement of fluridone. It is another leading-edge weapon against HWM – meaning there is some risk of treatment failure. But the Board uses Onterra, LLC as its technical consultant and uses Clean Lakes as its applicator to give it the best chance of success.
- 6) The funds from the 2019-2021 grant will be exhausted in 2020 as the Board front loads the recovery years.

b) 2019 Onterra Report, Discussion, Post and Email???- The report will be posted on the Town website and referenced in the newsletter.

- 1) Update of Lake Plan? (see comments in Onterra Report)- Ruhland reported discussion is underway with Onterra, LLC for the next iteration of the Silver Lake Management Plan as lake plans must be renewed every 5 years. A lake plan is required for grant eligibility and HWM treatment

approval. Preview materials will hopefully be available for the May 2020 meeting, and a formal plan will be presented to membership at the annual meeting.

c) Budget, How to handle Grant\$ going forward- Following discussion it was decided no changes are needed at this time.

d) High Water Plan- Meetings have been ongoing to develop a plan to manage water levels between Silver and Irogami Lakes when water levels are extraordinarily high. A flood mitigation build plan for a temporary use pumping station has been proposed. The project would be funded and maintained by SLMD. A very reasonable proposal for this project has been presented to Irogami Lake leaders and is waiting for their approval.

1) Aerators- Following discussion board members agreed that the use of aerators is not a Lake District issue and not supported by the Lake District. Individual property owners may choose to use aerators as long as they follow the State statutes regarding the use of aerators.

e) Wautoma Schools AIS Tour 2020- Magnusson reported that the date has been set and plans are in place for the tour in September. He plans to apply for the Environmental Education Grant offered by the WCWLC.

f) Clean Boats/Clean Waters- Magnusson reported that the District was awarded a grant for 2020 and Golden Sands will be running the program for us again. He noted that the cost to the District will be a little higher than last year. There was discussion about finding qualified applicants for the inspector position and possibly offering a \$500 bonus from the District to a local inspector upon successful completion of the job. Peterson offered to encourage qualified Wautoma High School students to apply for the position.

g) Waushara County Land Conservation Field Days Donation- A request for donation is expected to come soon. Following discussion, a motion was made by Peterson and seconded by Magnusson to donate \$150 pending a request is received. Motion passed.

h) By-law Change, discussion- Magnusson has proposed changing the dollar amount from \$5,000 to \$25,000 in Article III, Section 7- Project Approval. There was also discussion about changing the dollar amount in Article VI, Section 1- Low Bid. By-law changes will be voted on at the annual meeting in August.

i) Town Report- Krier noted that "Unstable Ice" warning signs have been posted at the boat landings.

j) County Report- None.

k) New Election Law- There was discussion about the new law regarding Lake District Board elections. It outlines procedures to follow in case of a ballot recount request.

Newsletter items Spring 2020- Items to be included are: reference the milfoil report on Town website and the plans for 2020, AIS tour plans and request for volunteers, CB/CW program information and job application request, upcoming meeting dates and times, and the garage sale dates. Kissinger will also include Onterra Plan bullet points and the No Wake expired on January 1st.

Adjourn- There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Peterson and seconded by Magnusson. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Submitted by
Barbara Bartel
Secretary