

MCGINNIS LAKE DISTRICT MEETING

May 27, 2023

Time: 10:00 A.M. Called to Order

PLACE: New Chester Town Hall: 629 Mason St Grand Marsh, WI

Committee members present: Barry Berndsen, Ken Roberts and Jerry Poehler, and Chuck Kotlowski. Robert Ramotar was absent. Chuck was welcomed as the new representative from the Town of New Chester board as Steve Zoulek is no longer a member.

The March 4th, 2023 minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Jerry Poehler to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Ken Roberts. The motion passed.

Ken Roberts read the Treasurer's report:

-The beginning cash balance was \$34,373.72.

-Total Cash inflows were \$421.01.

-Total cash outflows: \$19,847.63 (Cason Land & Water Mgmt. We will be receiving ~\$10,000 refund)

-\$181.38 to Rob Ramotar (Postage, publishing, recorder)

-\$18.43 to Barry Berndsen (Copies)

-May 27th, 2023 cash balance was \$14,747.29.

-Barry Berndsen made a motion to accept the Treasurers report as read, and it was seconded by Chuck Kozlowski. The motion passed.

Old Business

Lake Weed spraying was completed by our vendor Cason's Land & Water Management LLC. They sprayed for Eurasian Milfoil based on the lake survey conducted in summer/fall 2022. Curley Leaf Pondweed was not sprayed for as the survey in April 2023 noted almost none present. The DNR was present during spraying activities with Cason's to verify application goals were met. Due to not spraying for Curley Leaf a refund is being sent to us for the cost of unused chemicals.

We were trying to spray for Eurasian Milfoil in the fall of 2022 but needed to do dissolved oxygen readings weekly to satisfy DNR permit requirements. The chemicals that are used for treatment use a tremendous amount of oxygen so we would have to monitor closely as oxygen shortage can create fish kill, especially bass. Adams County Lakes has a meter but would not do reading/or loan us their unit which means we would have to purchase a unit at a cost of a few thousand dollars. Also it takes a volunteers to do samples fall and winter. We could have also contracted the testing to a vendor at a significant cost estimated at about \$500 per week.

We will be doing an additional lake survey this fall to measure effectiveness of treatments. Weed harvesting could be done if need arises and the DNR issues a permit. Time will tell.

High lake level issues continued through last winter and have now receded. This rise in water was created by blockage in the discharge pipe of the dam. That blockage seems to be gone for now. Adams County Lakes Department is monitoring the situation and are in the process of reactivating the water level monitoring system which will be available for viewing on the internet.

New Business

Ken Roberts is working on obtaining some grant money to offset the cost of purchasing our own dissolved oxygen meter in the future. Discussion was had about why Adams County Lakes won't loan their meter to us or assist in testing. They replied that it is not there responsibility anymore.

Ken Roberts discussed that the Lake District hold a fishing lure raffle at each meeting as a way to possibly increase attendance. He made a motion to purchase the lure from the district contingency fund currently and was seconded by Barry Berndsen. The motion passed. Kevin Lenzion won the raffle!!

A motion to adjourn was made by Barry Berndsen and seconded by Jerry Poehler. Motion passed and meeting ended with next meeting being the annual meeting Labor Day weekend September 2, 2023 at 10am.

Rob Ramotar
Secretary, McGinnis Lake District