

**MCGINNIS LAKE DISTRICT
MEETING**

September 2, 2023

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Barry Berndsen, Chuck Kotlowski, and Ken Roberts, and Jerry Poehler. Robert Ramotar was excused. DISTRICT MEMBERS PRESENT: Adam Leston, Dave Rollmann, Don and Sue Hermanson, Dave and Lisa Presser, Rick Schuster, Dick Schuster, Brandon and Nina Ristow, Rich Brown, David Busse, Mike Lenzion, Kevin Lenzion and Mary Lou Pochle.

2024 Budget Presentation

The 2024 Proposed Budget of \$28,512 for the McGinnis Lake District was presented by Ken Roberts. The Proposed Budget Revenues consisted of a Tax Levy of \$28,512 and a Carryover from 2023 of \$20,463.36. Total Revenues expected is \$48,975.00. Total Administration of \$2,225.00 (Lake District Insurance of \$1000.00, Lake Alliance Membership of \$125.00, Supplies, Postage, Mailings etc.\$1000.00 and PO Box Rental \$100.00), Total Lake Management of \$44,750.00. Permitting for Lake Weed Control of \$750.00, Lake Weed Control of (chemical spraying) \$28,000.00 Lake Weed Control (Weed Harvesting) \$6000.00. Lake survey \$5000.00 Fisheries \$0.00 Goose Control \$4000.00. Easement for Aerator/Maintenance \$1000.00. With a Contingency Fund of \$2,000. The Total Proposed Budget for Expenditures is \$48,975.00. Approval of the 2024 Proposed Budget will occur later at the Annual Meeting.

Lake District Annual Meeting.

Meeting was called to order at 10:09am.

The minutes of the September 3, 2022 were passed out at the meeting. A motion was made by Mike Lenzion to accept the minutes as written. Rich Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ken Roberts read the Treasurer's report. The beginning cash balance was \$14,747.29. The total Cash Inflows consisted of Tax Levy Balance for Lake District Levy \$3198.30 and Cason Land & Water Refund \$13,447.30. Cash Outflows were the Post Office Box Rental/stamps of \$136.00. Survey by Aquatic Plant & Habitat was \$9495.39. ALCA Membership Dues \$100.00. Wenninger Auto Weed Harvesting \$4800.00. Barry Berndsen DNR Weed Harvesting Permit \$184.50. Rob Ramotar Stamps \$66.00. Ken Roberts Meeting Raffle Lures \$14.53 TOTAL Cash Outflows were \$7,731.23. The current Cash Balance as of September 2, 2023 is \$20,463.36. A motion was made by Mike Lenzion to accept the Treasurer's report as read. Rich Brown seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business

Review of Weed Control Activities - Spraying for Curly leaf Pond Weed was not done in early spring by Cason & Associates as they could not identify enough to spray. A survey was first completed by Cason. Spraying was completed for Eurasian Milfoil based on a Fall 2022 Survey conducted by Cason. A DNR Permit was received and the spraying took place for Eurasian Milfoil in early May.

A Point-Intercept Survey was completed in Mid-July to identify why the heavy weed concentration existed. The survey showed a lot of curly leaf was present and Eurasian Milfoil was also in abundance. In summary the weed control from Cason's was far from effective!! We have a new vendor for 2024 to hopefully improve our weed control results.

Weed Harvesting was done as the action was necessary due to weed density in many areas of the lake preventing easy navigation. This was completed by Wenninger Auto August 1, 2023, improving navigation issues. A Eurasian Milfoil survey will be completed in Mid to Late September to allow us to have information for 2024 spring DNR Permit and spraying by our new Vendor.

Barry will create a Weed Control Project Plan for 2024 and post on McGinnis Lake Web Page as soon as possible. Our new vendors will be completing surveys and treating for CLP and EVM in 2024. Lily Pads continue to be an issue but need to be addressed by each lake property owner to achieve their expected results. Lily Pads are not treatable with chemicals by our vendors and a DNR permit to do so would not happen. We will Weed Harvest if necessary as we have a 5 year permit from the DNR.

New Business

Election of Lake District Treasurer Position Barry Berndsen asked for nominations for the position from the floor and none were made. A motion was made by Mike Lenzion to re-appoint Ken Roberts as Lake District Treasurer and seconded by Rich Brown. Ken Accepted and the vote was unanimous for the appointment.

2023 Budget Approval Ken Roberts made a motion to amend the budget removing the \$4000.00 for Goose Control and accepting the new Budget of \$24,512 instead of \$28,512. Mike Lenzion seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Open Discussion

There was discussion of excessive Lilly Pad Growth around the lake. Lake District cannot treat for removal but each individual owner can remove them as needed just as they would remove weeds in front of their lake lot. We are looking for the person who planted them in the lake.

Ken Roberts discussed the McGinnis Lake Dam. Adams County responsible person is Dustin Grant and any questions should be directed to him. We will communicate the individual contact information. The electronic lake level monitoring is up and running but will not be available to individuals at the time.

We discussed Fish stocking and Ken Roberts will continue to have discussions with DNR about future opportunities. No current stocking is planned for 2024.

Chuck Kotlowski indicated that the Town of New Chester will be using ARPA funding available to them for new signage for McGinnis lake, purchase Oxygen measuring equipment, and asked for additional needs in which some funds could be used. A review of our aeration equipment or other needs will be submitted to the Town as soon as possible.

Ken Roberts discussed the Adopt a Highway program that the Lake residents participated in last spring. Future announcements will try to be electronically communicated for future participation

The drawing for the lure was conducted and Lisa Presser was the winner. Come to the next meeting and you can be a winner!!

A motion to adjourn was made by Dave Rollmann and seconded by Mike Lenzion. The motion passed and meeting adjourned at 11:14am.

Future Meeting Dates were announced

THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING IS SATURDAY August 31, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Ramotar
Secretary, Lake McGinnis Lake District