

MCGINNIS LAKE DISTRICT MEETING

March 2, 2024

Time: 10:00 A.M. Call to order

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

Committee members present: Barry Berndsen, Ken Roberts, Chuck Kozlowski and Rob Ramotar. Jerry Poehler was on vacation and excused.

Members in Attendance: Ed Svetich, Tami Morin, Brandon Riston, Kristin Roberts

The December 2, 2024 minutes were passed out at the meeting. A motion was made by Chuck Kozlowski to accept the minutes as written and seconded by Ken Roberts. The motion passed.

Ken Roberts read the Treasurer's report as of March 2, 2024:

-The beginning cash balance was \$19,149.47.

-Total Cash inflows were \$8823.09 for January Tax Settlement.

-Total cash outflows: \$1616.61.

-\$132.00 to Rob Ramotar (Postage, publishing, recorder)

-\$8.56 to Barry Berndsen (Copies)

-\$750.00 to Horton Group (Annual Insurance)

-\$683.15 to Mike Lenzion (Aerator Pump Rebuild Kit)

-\$42.90. to Adams County Times Reporter for Notice and Affidavit of Lake Treatment

-May 27th, 2023 cash balance was \$26,355.95.

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

Old Business

Winter Aerator Operations Update

Aerator pumps had issues this winter which required some emergency repairs to keep operating. Brandon Ristow noticed ice freeze over and reported it to Ken Roberts who restored operation with one of our backup pumps and Mike Lenzion fixed the broken unit. We were able to apply for ARPA funds from the town of New Chester to replace/upgrade to a new aeration system. The Town of New Chester approved \$15,000 for the Aeration System upgrade. The new equipment will be acquired and installed over the coming summer. Thanks to the Town of New Chester ARPA Committee and Township for the help. Additionally, the ARPA Committee had purchased a Dissolved Oxygen Meter for us to monitor oxygen levels in the lake.

Planned Lake Management Activities

Once the ice melts and water temperature rises a lake survey will be done to identify Curly Leaf Pondweed and will then be treated to minimize growth. We have new vendors providing lake surveys and chemical treatment application. On or about the same time Eurasian Milfoil will also be treated to curtail growth. This last fall a Eurasian Milfoil survey was completed and the surveyor found a Hybrid version of milfoil that was further analyzed by the University of Montana to identify the type of plant. The Wisconsin DNR paid for the testing and we have an unknown strain which will be monitored by DNR and will need additional chemical treatment and monitoring. Lucky Us!!!! Weed Harvesting is currently scheduled for the week of July 29, 2024 based on lake condition. Permitting is in place for this Activity.

New Business

A new McGinnis Lake sign was erected by the boat launch thanks to Chuck Kozlowski for making it happen.

The Friends of McGinnis Lake have announced the spring cleanup activity is scheduled for April 20, 2024 at 10am. Please meet Ken Roberts at the boat launch!!! If rain is occurring the day will be April 27, 2024 at 10am. You can reach Ken Roberts at (608-617-6723) for more information. Thanks again to the group who participated last year!!

We are in the need of a person to fill the Board Member/Secretary position vacated by Rob Ramotar as soon as possible. Please contact Barry Berndsen or Ken Roberts if your interested!!

Special thanks to Brandon Ristow for handling our water testing activates.

Open Discussion

Fishing lure raffle was completed with Tami Morin being the winner.

Ed Svetich mentioned McGinnis lake ice statistics being available from him and commented on our current goose population and future expectation.

Next Meeting will be Saturday May 25, 2024 at the New Chester Town Hall

Meeting was adjourned at 10:40am

Rob Ramotar
Secretary, McGinnis Lake District