

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT #1  
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by Chairman Batchelet in the Peterson Room of the Sloan Community Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI.

Present: Chairman Batchelet, Town Board Representative, George DeMet, Oneida County Representative, Tom Rudolph. Excused absent: Secretary, Joe Helmuth, Treasurer, Tim Desmond. Beverly Fagan also attended and agreed to take notes for preparation of the minutes.

All notices were posted in accordance with the open meeting laws and district by-laws. Media was notified and notices sent to all commissioners.

Motion by Rudolph, seconded by DeMet to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Motion by DeMet, seconded by Rudolph to approve minutes of November 15, 2012. Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Secretary replacement: Dennis Batchelet reported that Joe Helmuth is extremely busy with his business and position as a negotiator. He was unable to attend this meeting and would like to be replaced.

Discussion held regarding this position and the people within the lake district that have not come forward to help. The property owners have a vested interest in the lake and hopefully would volunteer some of their time for important leadership roles.

Lake testing: Mike Esler has been doing the testing and Dennis stated that he likes it so far, even attending a recent seminar to update and resupply all testers in the area. We appreciate his contribution of time to the District as we continue to monitor our lake's health.

Lake Study update: Dennis stated that the district was awarded a grant for AIS testing in the amount of \$3,487.50. Tim Hoyman, aquatic ecologist with Onterra LLC, will be doing the work in June, 2013. The lake district matching funds were approved at the annual meeting of August, 2012. We decided to set aside approximately \$1,500 for each of three years in our budget to cover our portion of the lake study cost. The first allocation will appear in our 2013-'14 budget proposal. The district will be receiving an up-front check from the DNR to help pay for the beginning costs of the project. This check will be in excess of \$800.00. It was an option on the grant application.

Aerator cost estimate: Dennis has an estimate of \$15,132.00 with a secondary estimate including replacement of the tubing. Since the tubing is still intact and showing little sign of deterioration, our actual expense should be in the neighborhood of \$5,382.00. We have earlier decided to set aside money beginning in 2013-'14 in three years to cover this cost when replacement is needed.

Weed-cutting contract: The contract has been signed and sent to Clifford Schmidt (Schmidt's Landscaping in Iola, WI) and cutting will again be during the third week of July this year.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program: We will have to get someone else this year as our ladies on the west shore, who were doing this, are unable to continue.

Aerator loan availability: The loan that we were looking into from Public Lands Commission is unavailable because the district amount is not large enough to meet defined standards for the agency as they deal in amounts over \$100,000.

Motion by Rudolph, seconded by DeMet to approve chairman's report. Motion carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Checking Account (opening balance on 11/3/12): \$569.25; Expenses: \$1,870.55; Revenues: \$14,247.25; Current Checking Account balance - \$1,500.00; Money Market fund: \$17,834.43; Total funds: \$19,334.43

Motion by Rudolph, seconded by DeMet to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Excused – no report.

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

CONSIDER INTERNET-ONLY NEWSLETTERS: Not everyone has a computer and since newsletters are so important to communicate what is going on with the district, they won't be discontinued at this point. This will be placed on the agenda for the Annual Meeting in August, 2013.

NEXT MEETING: JULY 11, 2013.

Motion by DeMet, seconded by Rudolph to adjourn at 7:55 P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Beverly Fagan