

HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DIST. #1
MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2018 (10:00 AM)

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Batchelet at 10:00 AM at the Sloan Community Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI.
2. Members present: Chairman Dennis Batchelet, Co-Treasurers David Averbeck and Kathy Averbeck (by phone), Acting Secretary Beverly Fagan, Town of Lake Tomahawk Rep. Larry Hoffman, Oneida Co. Rep. Mitchell Ives. Excused: Debra Bursik.
3. Motion by D. Averbeck, sec'd by Ives, to approve the agenda as posted. Motion carried.
4. Motion by D. Averbeck, sec'd by Ives to approve the minutes of July 5, 2018 as read. Motion carried.
5. REPORTS:
 - A. PRESIDENT: A. Weed Cutting: Dennis reported Cliff Schmidt, our contracted weed-cutter, has retired. Many of his customers have gone to an experienced company, TSB Lakefront Restoration and Diving, located in Eau Claire. Owners, Tyler and Steve Bowe, in early contacts, have given assurances our district may: 1) pay by the day, 2) \$11,000 for five days weed-clearing & disposal, 3) included will be operator salary, travel, meals, supplies, repairs as needed, no cost cancellation up to one week prior, and insurance. We are assured the 2nd week in July for clearing. Dennis said he'd follow up with TSB and work out details and possibly a contract for 2019.
 - B. Aerator maintenance update: Dave Averbeck stated that he is looking to get more equipment/parts for rebuilding system every other year. The cost is approximately \$100-125 per blower. (There are 8).
 - C. DNR Fish Survey update: The fish survey anticipated for fall never materialized due to weather limitations and inadequate DNR manpower. We hope a fish survey can be done in 2019. (We were counting on that for guidance involving consideration of a second aerator.) Motion by Ives, sec'd by Hoffman to accept the President's report. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Dave and Kathy Averbeck reported Form PC-505 was filed with the State which reported a tax levy of \$24,807.47. The Mill Rate for this year is \$1.1503 due to adjustment by the state in final reconciliation. At the Annual Meeting the Mill Rate was made \$1.3320. Checking Account balance: \$1,155.00. Money Market account \$30,442.50. Interest from 9-1-18 to 11-15-18: \$17.78. Expenses from 9-1-18 to present: \$1,393.82.

Motion by Ives, sec'd by Hoffman, to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.
6. CITIZEN INPUT: None
7. BUSINESS DISCUSSION ITEMS:
 - A. A second aerator is being researched which would require filing a small DNR grant to cover most of the expense for an instrument to measure lake water oxygen levels. It also would require applying for a larger grant to cover the majority of aeration equipment. (Residents attending the Annual Meeting voted to raise \$18,000 for the district's estimated portion. This was included in taxes collected in December, 2018.) Aside from the discussion, no action taken.
 - B. Locating new weed-cutting vendor: Dave Averbeck reported talking to a weed-cutting vendor, located near Madison. Dennis said he'd follow up with him.
 - C. Lake Study update and discussion on approving the draft prepared by Tim Hoyman, lead Aquatic Ecologist, from Onterra. It became obvious during the discussion that changes would need to be made prior to the district's approval. Hopefully it can be approved at the April meeting. In the meantime, Dennis will communicate with Tim Hoyman to amend the draft according to the commissioner's concerns. (Once this is done, and

approved by the district commissioners, it will be sent to Scott Van Egeren at DNR for state approval. After that, the district's rebate can be applied for). Commissioners agreed to consider the changes, continue the discussion. No other action taken.

Joe Helmuth sent a letter of comment on the lake study:

"I feel the draft covers the items that were discussed from the lake study and also included the items from the stakeholder survey. One item that I would like to see included is a committee to oversee the strategic placement of "deadfalls" placed around the shoreline to aid in fish habitat. The committee would be responsible for educating fellow lake residents for the need to do this, secure proper permitting from local and state agencies, as well as easements from private landowners. To that end, I support forming a group of volunteers and tools to drop the trees in a safe and environmentally-friendly manner. This could be done similar to how the snowmobile and ATV community has done in trail and maintenance development using volunteer manhours and volunteer tools. This could be done during the winter months on the ice and also minimizing damage to land due to winter freeze-up and snow cover."

Motion by Fagan, sec'd by Ives, to continue discussion of Implementation Plan and table final action until the April meeting or a Special Meeting. Motion carried.

- D. Website vs. Facebook page for resident input: No action was taken, but various views showed support and concerns about creating a venue for resident interaction about lake issues. If a Facebook page would be created, it would have to be a "private group" and that would entail oversight by a volunteer or commissioner. Clearly, someone would need to be a gatekeeper of rules that do not yet exist. Finding that person might be difficult to do. Yet, in our times, people have become accustomed to using computer-based portals for exchanging ideas, pictures, and viewpoints – which might be a positive influence for our residents. At present, our website seems to provide the kind of information and availability most folks want.

Motion to adjourn at 11:10AM by Ives, sec'd by Averbeck. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Fagan
Acting Secretary