

Horsehead Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District #1

Minutes as of 11/21/2020

The Horsehead Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (HLPRD) meeting was called to order by Chairman Deb Bursik at 10:04 AM.

Members present:

Chairperson:	Deb Bursik
Treasurer:	David Averbeck
Secretary:	Kevin Collins
Town Board Commissioner:	Absent
County Board Commissioner:	Absent

This meeting was conducted electronically via Google Meet. All referenced documents in the meeting notes can be found on the web shared storage Google Drive (https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1RA8z41p8N2j6ki0GRgYltwa5_oJLbOwW?usp=sharing). You can request access to the files by contacting Kevin Collins and providing your email address.

- Motion to approve the agenda for the meeting by Kevin Collins, seconded by Deb Bursik, approved unanimously.
- Motion to accept the minutes of the August 15 meeting by Dave Averbeck, seconded by Deb Bursik, approved unanimously.

Reports:

- Chairperson: Two people had questions about the boat landing. Their concerns were that the dock in poor condition and the problem with navigating thru the lot if someone parks in the first parking slot. Deb has contacted the DNR. The DNR will address the issue this spring.
- Secretary: Welcome packet seems to be well accepted by new residents. We have received calls and emails regarding activities and participation by new residents coming to the lake. In addition, a new internet service provider, NORTHWOODS CONNECT, is now available to the Horsehead Lake residents. They provide wireless high speed internet packages that connect to their tower in Lake Tomahawk.
- Treasurer: Dave provided three documents related to the HLPRD budget and tax certification for the state and town of Lake Tomahawk. These documents have been posted as: "20200930 Certificates of Equalized Values - Special Districts.pdf", "20201016 Wisc DOR Form PC 505.pdf (online)" and

“20201019 HLPRD Tax Certification for Town of Lake Tomahawk.pdf” to the /treasurer sub-folder. Mill rate for our portion of the tax went down due to increased valuation of the properties in our district. Dave also submitted the treasurer’s report, “20201121 HLPRD treasurer report.DJA.odt”. All the appropriate insurance are in place. Insurance amounts were lower than expected, we were given a quote for workman’s compensation insurance of \$900, the actual invoice came in at \$254. Motion to accept the treasurer’s report by Deb Bursik, seconded by Deb Kevin Collins, approved unanimously.

- There were no other members present at the meeting, therefore the citizen input opportunity was skipped.

Business items:

- Lake District Credit Card- HLPRD can obtain a credit card for handling day to day expenses. The bank requires that the request for card be approved by the commissioners. Dave Averbeck made a motion to obtain a Horsehead Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District credit card for day to day expenses. This was seconded by Kevin Collins. The motion was approved unanimously.
- Website: Deb has reworked the HLPRD website. She contacted BLUE HOST, our website host, for support. They provide monthly support for \$149 to guide you thru website management. Deb has revised the newsletters in most current to oldest chronological order. She is planning on revising the meeting notes in the same chronological order. It was decided to just leave the budget in the website and not include the treasurer’s reports.
- Google Drive document storage: All documents presented at meetings are copied to the Google drive. Biggest issue is allowing access. It was decided that we would grant access on a case by case basis.
- Lake Water Testing: All lake water testing has been submitted to the WI DNR for this year. An analysis of the last 20 years of data, shows that the three parameters that we measure (Secchi, Phosphorus (P) and Chlorophyll) have not changed dramatically. Phosphorus and Chlorophyll are trending upwards but at a rate of less than .01%/year. The chart reflecting this info can be found in the /lake water testing sub-folder. Dave was investigating the option of leaving aerators on during the summer to reduce Phosphorus in the water. [kc1] The

commissioners decided that we would prepare a list of questions for Onterra to obtain more direction. Timeframe would be in December or January to talk to Onterra.

- Aerator: Parts have been purchased for maintenance scheduled for next year. Dave had some initial problems with clearing the water in the air lines that caused one compressor to overload and shut down. Also, the safety valves should have opened to prevent the overload. Dave is planning on replacing these valves. The water in the lines is indicative of our need to replace the diffusers.
- Comprehensive Plan: Deb walked thru the current management plan and a discussion ensued on what steps need to be done. Topics discussed were:
 - Water testing: plan recommended additional tests
 - Clean boats/clean waters: do we need to find volunteers at this time since there are few boaters on the lake
 - Lake grants: what types of grants are availableIt was decided to include these areas in the discussion with Onterra. Finally, there was a question about AIS plant survey, Onterra found 62 acres of the lake contained sparsely populated curly leaf pondweed (CLP) during their study, last year TSB did not find any CLP in their survey. We need to determine if we have a CLP problem in the lake. This was recommended as a question for Onterra.
- Point-Intercept Survey: Decision is to contact Onterra and obtain clarification of several points in the Comprehensive Plan and discuss implementation of point-intercept study. Dave will take the lead on this.
- Fish Stocking update: Deb reported the she has on hold an order for 5,000 bluegill and she will be canvassing other companies for crappie starting in January. The next step would be applying with the WI DNR for approval which should not be an issue. It was asked if we could not get crappie can we order additional bluegill? Also, if we cannot get the crappie for spring, could we get them for fall?
- Weed contract: Deb will contact our weed service and contract them for weed harvesting in January. We need to offer the work for bidders and the plan is to post an advertisement in the local paper in January. This would satisfy the requirements for open bidding the job.

- Other: Dave inform us that, effective next year, we need to post the equivalent of a 1099 for anyone who receives more than \$600 from the lake district.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:01AM

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Collins

Secretary

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