

**LITTLE ST. GERMAIN LAKE PROTECTION
AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
SAINT GERMAIN, WI**

Elected Commissioners
Ted Ritter, President
Erv Stiemke, Treasurer
Lou Mirek, Secretary

Appointed Commissioners
Todd Wiese, Town of Saint Germain
Mary Platner County of Vilas

**Meeting Minutes
04-9-09**

1. 08:00 Meeting was called to order by Ted Ritter

In attendance were Ted Ritter, Lou Mirek, Todd Wiese and Mary Platner were in attendance. Also in attendance were Kevin Gauthier and Mike Meyer from the DNR. Erv Stiemke was not present. A quorum was established.

2. Agenda was approved. Motion to approve was given by Lou Mirek and seconded by Mary Platner. Motion passed.

3. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the 07/24/08 were reviewed, motion to approve was made by Wiese, second by Ritter, motion passed. The 10/2/08 minutes were reviewed, motion to approve was made by Wiese, second by Ritter, motion passed. The 12/17/08 meeting minutes were reviewed, motion to approve was made by Ritter, second by Wiese, motion passed.

4. Consider participating in WDNR shoreline restoration project.

a. Mike Meyer explained that the shoreline restoration project uses a lake protection grant. Mike reviewed that there are sechi disk depth declines in West Bay. Meyer said we need residents willing to put in buffer zones to help keep runoff from entering the lake and help keep the shoreline in tack. Meyer continued explaining that the Lake District will submit the grant to Kevin Gauthier then the grant would go to Madison for approval. The target area for restoration would start in West Bay.

Mike Meyer would submit the proposal with the Lake District, the proposal would go to Kevin Gauthier. The timeline is the grant application would be submitted to the DNR by May 1, 2009. We will get an answer on the grant application in July. Payments for the grant would occur in 2010. Ritter asked what the total expense of the project would be. Meyer said that there is \$100,000 cap on the grant project. Meyer said that there are matching funds for the project. The district would have an outlay of up to \$100,000 over 2 years starting after the summer of 2010. As a sponsor we will be fully reimbursed. The district would make the cash outlay and then receive quarterly payments from the DNR. The district is concerned about the interest on the money borrowed. The interest is an outlay that needs to be addressed. Ritter said the board will discuss that issue today. Ritter continued that we must review this with the residents. It would be better if we had no cash outlay. Platner continued that the land owners contribute 25% of the project.

Property owners front the expenses and get reimbursed for the expense. Ritter said that this project must be voted on and approved at the annual meeting. Gauthier explained that properties that get the grant would be deed restricted which means that there would be no development after the project.

B.The grant resolution would state that the 25% of our cost are in the budget. Our only expense for the project would be interest on the loan. Meyer said the goal for the project is 2,000 feet of frontage. Meyer would complete the application, Gauthier would rank the grant.

Motion to adopt resolution to apply for the shoreline grant was made by Wiese, second by Platner. Motion passed.

5. Status report and action as needed to proceed with 2009 invasive plant control program:

Ritter reviewed the breakdown of the program. If we come up with zero volunteer hours we would be responsible for the full cost.

Motion to approve the 2009 Invasive Plant Control Program budget of \$77,172.35 was made by Wiese, second by Mirek. Motion passed.

6. Confirm selection of contractor for 2009 aquatic herbicide and mechanical harvesting services: Ritter reported that Cliff Schmidt was contracted and made our 2009 application for treatment to the DNR for the Lake District. After we had signed the contract Northern Environmental submitted a bid. We will let bids out to vendors after our 2009 fall survey. Motion to use Cliff Schmidt for our 2009 treatment was made by Ritter, second by Wiese. Motion passed.

7. Approve 2009 walleye supplier:

Mirek made a motion to purchase walleyes for stocking on Little Saint Germain Lake for a sum of \$10,000 from the supplier that has the correct strain of walleye and the best price per fish. At this time Central Wisconsin Fish farm with the correct strain and a cost of \$2.00 per is the best choice. If they are unable to deliver per our guidelines we can select a supplier at our discretion. Motion was second by Wiese. Motion passed.

8. Approve 2009 Muskellunge Creek beaver control contract: Ritter reviewed the 2009 contract with Kelly Thiel from the Department of Agriculture in Rhinelander. Motion to pass contract for beaver control for 2009 for a sum of \$1644 was made by Wiese, seconded by Ritter. Motion passed.

9. Barr Engineering alum proposal status report: Ritter reported that proposal has been forwarded to the DNR for review. Kevin Gauthier will have a public meeting to review with the public. We will get a response from the DNR this summer.

Motion to adjourn was made by Wiese, second by Mirek, Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 A.M.

