

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

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

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

**Meeting Minutes
03-03-10**

1. 5:03 P.M. Meeting was called to order by Ted Ritter

In attendance were Ted Ritter, Lou Mirek, and MaryPlatner. Todd Wiese and Erv Stiemke were absent.

2. Agenda was approved. Motion to approve was made by Mirek and seconded by Platner. Motion passed.

3. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the 12/10/09 were reviewed, motion to approve was made by Platner, second by Mirek, motion passed.

4. Consider adoption or revision of Onterra's recommendations for 2010 invasive management. Ritter reviewed details of Onterra's 2010 plan with attention to concentration of chemicals and locations of treatment. The increased concentration of chemicals in West bay could double our 2010 chemical budget for AIS management. The new treatment costs are over the grant budget costs for 2010. Discussion also highlighted uncertainty of whether the increased dosage would be effective. Mirek made a motion to proceed with the Onterra plan for CLP management and to treat EWM in East Bay, South Bay as planned, to increase the treatment areas of N-10, J-10 in West Bay from 150 lbs. per acre to 200 lbs. per acre for a total of 10.4 acres, the remaining 16 acres in West Bay will go untreated in 2010 since we know that concentrations of 150 lbs per acre in West bay are ineffective, probably due to the nearby rapid increase in water depths. Motion was seconded by Platner. Motion passed.

5. Consider pursuing competitive bids for execution of 2010 invasive plants management.

Ritter reviewed that any project over \$2,500.00 needs to have bids. Platner made a motion to bid our 2010 AIS Chemical Application Project. The motion was seconded by Mirek. Motion passed.

6. Consider participating in WDNR/ US Army Corps herbicide residual monitoring program following 2010 herbicide applications:

Ritter reviewed that the WDNR has provided grant funding to the US Army Corps of Engineers to study post-treatment chemical residual levels and chemical dispersion in

selected lakes. The objective of the study is to determine if treatments are achieving a sufficient level of chemical concentration over time to achieve desired control of EWM. While most of the studies will involve lakes using liquid form herbicides, some research will also be done on lakes using granular formulations. Since we have decided to increase granular dosage to 200 lbs. per acre in two high EWM density, high traffic areas of West bay in 2010, Ted will push to have West bay invited to participate in the research. If that happens, the Lake District will need to find a person to take water samples. The Army Corps will set up the water collection procedures and will provide all needed supplies. Ritter made a motion that if invited to participate in the project the Lake District will join the project. The motion was seconded by Mirek. Motion passed.

7. Review status of alum treatment proposal and consider scheduling a spring special district meeting in accordance with WI Statutes chapter 33.305(3) (a): Ritter reported the Keith Pilgram from Barr Engineering informed us that proposed treatment concentration has been reduced by 34-48% due to higher chemical costs and the need to avoid pH effects. The new cost of treatment is now projected to be \$333,000.00 in 2010. The remaining treatment of 52-66% would be done in 2011 at a cost of approximately \$173,000-\$220,000 and this does not include post treatment water chemistry or sediment monitoring. With these increased costs for the project that takes the Lake District way over the plan we need to take this new cost to the folks of the Lake District. We will table this new plan and review with the residents at the annual meeting. Motion by Mirek, seconded by Ritter. Motion passed.

8. Review status of grant funded shoreline restoration project and consider a March newsletter for the purpose of soliciting participation of property owners: Ritter reviewed that the WDNR can't come up with residents that are willing to put 1500 feet of frontage in the project. Mike Meyer has asked the Lake District for help in getting the plan out to the lake owners. Ritter made a motion to dedicate a spring newsletter to finding suitable shoreline and willing participants. Motion was seconded by Platner. Motion passed.

9. Review status of Vilas County tax code maintenance issue: Ritter reviewed the issue of who in the county is responsible for maintaining special Lake District tax codes. We need to address this issue before we send out our tax information. Platner will review this issue with the county. No action was taken.

10. Adjourn Mirek made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.