

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

Elected Commissioners
Paul Abbott Chairman
Erv Stiemke Treasurer
Lou Mirek Secretary

Appointed Commissioners
Walt Camp Town of Saint Germain
Mary Platner County of Vilas

Budget Hearing 9-4-11

9:00 am Hearing was called to order by Chairman Paul Abbott.

Introduction of Board of Commissioners

- Erv Stiemke presented the 2010 year end financial report. (Copies distributed)
- Stiemke reviewed the 2011 budget and expenses to date.
- Stiemke reviewed the 2012 proposed budget and the proposed 2011 tax levy.

Erv explained line items pertaining to each issue. Carole Koldoff asked a question about the checking account. Stiemke answered the question.

Motion to close the budget hearing was made by Platner second by Abbott. Motion passed. Budget hearing closed at 9:10 A.M.

2011 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting called to order at 9:11 am.

Abbott introduced WDNR Representative Dr. Mike Meyer and Steve Gilbert - Fisheries.

- Motion to approve agenda in any order, by Abbott, 2nd by Mary Platner, motion passed.
- Minutes of 2010 were posted. Motion by Steve Gilbert to accept the minutes, 2nd by Carole Koldoff, motion passed.

Reports:

- **Shoreline Restoration Project Update** – Mike Meyer, DNR

District had received grant for shoreline restoration, measuring ecological benefits of restoration projects. Mike reported that two properties were nearing completion and the DNR would continue monitoring the results over the next few years to measure the results of the restoration project including runoff and wildlife benefits. Dick Kenney asked Mike Meyer what is the landowners cost for the project. Mike explained the landowner's share is 25% of the total cost of the project. Depending on the amount of volunteer hours the landowner contributes the amount paid by the landowner could be less and if enough hours are worked the landowner could pay nothing. Mary Platner commented on the success of the restoration project on Moon Lake. Steve Gilbert reviewed the tree drops in the lake with the restoration project and the positive effect tree drops have on fish and plant life on the project area.

- **Muskellunge Creek Study update** –Paul Abbott

Abbott reviewed that 66 Beaver dams have been taken out to date and the Department of Agriculture reported that water quality of the creek has improved greatly. The district entered a 3 year contract with the USGS to study how the changes made to Muskellunge Creek have affected phosphorus loading into Little St. Germain Lake and determine how those changes affected the water quality of the lake.

To date the monitoring sites have been chosen and the devices have been installed. Water samples are being collected on a bi-monthly basis and being analyzed by the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene. Abbott asked if there were any questions and there were none. There were no objections on continuing the program.

- **Invasive Plant Control Status – Lou Mirek**

Mirek reviewed that 35 acres were treated for Curly Leaf Pondweed and 29.3 acres were treated for Eurasian Water milfoil in 2011. The treatment was done by Bonestroo. We will see the results of this year's treatment after the fall survey completed by Onterra in October.

- **Fishery update – Steve Gilbert**

Gilbert reported that 3,500 walleye fingerlings were released this spring and the fish were marked. The DNR will complete a fall survey and they will be able to review the success of the spring release.

Action Items:

1. Approve/amend Proposed 2011 Tax Levy as presented in budget hearing:

Erv reviewed the 2012 proposed budget and tax levy. To continue at the present pace the base levy would be \$53,000. Motion to approve the 2011 budget and a tax levy at \$53,000 was made by Tom Schwartz 2nd by Carole Koldoff. Motion passed. The final levy is set at \$53,000.

4. Elections:

Erv Stiemke will not accept a nomination for another term after over 30 years of service as treasurer for the Lake District. Floor was opened for nominations. Tom Schwartz stepped up for the position. Motion to elect Tom Schwartz by unanimous vote was made by Cheryl Gilbert 2nd by Barb Steinhilber. Tom Schwartz was elected unanimously.

Paul Abbott called for a round of applause for Erv Stiemke's years of service.

Time and Date for 2012 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting – Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 2, 2012 at 9 am. Motion made by Abbott, 2nd by Mirek, motion passed.

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lou Mirek