

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

Elected Commissioners

Paul Abbott, Chairman
Tom Schwartz, Treasurer
Lou Mirek, Secretary

Appointed Commissioners

Walt Camp, Town of Saint Germain
Mary Platner County of Vilas

**Meeting Minutes
02-15-12**

1. 3:00 P.M. Meeting was called to order by Paul Abbott by phone at the Plum Lake Library.

In attendance were Paul Abbott, Eddie Heath by phone, at the Plum Lake Library were Lou Mirek, Mary Platner, Walt Camp, Tom Schwartz, Ted Ritter from Vilas County, Bill Bates, and Tom Best.

2. Agenda Motion to approve was made by Abbott and seconded by Camp. Motion passed.

3. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the 08/08/11 were reviewed, motion to approve was made by Abbott, second by Camp, motion passed.

4. Lake Management discussion and actions:

1. Review Onterra's 2011 Treatment Report: Eddie lead a discussion on the details of the 2011 chemical treatment for EWM and CLP on Little Saint Germain Lake. Heath reviewed the fact that we are nearing the end of the grant cycle and we need to get a picture of the population of CLP. Heath recommends that the plant be allowed to grow to its full cycle without treatment to evaluate its true density. Heath reviewed two options, 1. Treat CLP in 2012 and not treat CLP in 2013 but complete a plant survey of CLP along with a point intercept survey after the population has reached a complete growth cycle in 2013. 2. Don't treat CLP in 2012 and complete a population and point intercept survey at the end of the 2012 growth cycle with treatment options for 2013. If we choose plan 1 we could extend the grant through 2013. Ritter asked what year is best to skip treatment for CLP. There are arguments for both sides. Ritter has a concern that if we stop treatment do we stop management? Heath relied that CLP must be managed and surveyed to prevent and control outbreaks in the future. Ritter asked if there are other management options other than herbicide applications? The outcome may not be competitive in the grant funding process. We may have to consider treatment versus maintenance. Platner reviewed that hand pulling of CLP in some small colonies under some conditions has been done. Heath reviewed that he had done the hand pulling and you must take the plant out near the stem and get the root system out to get the entire plant out. This is a long process and when it is done sediment clouds visibility and makes the

pulling hard to complete. Abbott asked if liquid Endothall was the only treatment available. Heath said that granular is available in smaller treatment sites. Ritter reviewed that the DNR has permitting differences with new requirements for 2012. We will be updated of the changes as they become available.

2. Review Onterra's Treatment Strategy: Heath reviewed the two plans and the fact that CLP turions can stay in the lake sediment for 5 to 8 years. We have made to what appears to be gains on CLP population and colony density reductions

3. Determine and approve 2012 treatment plan: The board discussed details on the review of the bids with consideration to our plan and price. Abbott made a motion that we treat EWM as proposed in the plan and use option 1 of the plan for the treatment of CLP, seconded by Schwartz. Motion passed unanimously. Motion made by Abbott second by Schwartz for Lou Mirek to make the decision on which applicator bid to accept and sign the contract on behalf of the Lake District with the cost not to exceed the \$87,000 budgeted for Exotic Weed Control for 2012. The motion passed.

4. Review and discuss applicators and determine bid plan: Lou Mirek will send out bids to four applicators and review treatment plans and qualifications of the vendors including insurance and equipment that meets our needs.

5. Discuss permit and notification requirements. Mirek will sign the permit application and send it in to the DNR. When the treatment areas are determined Ted Ritter will get the names of the residents in the treatment areas and forward the labels to Lou Mirek. Mirek will send a cover letter, a copy of the permit application and a map of the treatment areas to the affected property owners. Mirek will put a notice of the treatment in the Vilas County News Review.

6. Designate an alternate "go to" person during the treatment. Abbott made a motion that Mirek will be the go to person and Tom Best will be the alternate go to person for 2012 AIS chemical treatment. Motion was seconded by Platner. Motion passed.

5. Discuss application for a new state grant: Schwartz reported that 39% of the Districts income is derived from grants. The current grant will be extended and we will table the future grant application for a later date.

6. Update on boat landing inspection/intern program: Ritter reviewed that the district currently has 200 hours scheduled for watercraft inspections for the summer of 2012 and there are 25 addition inspection hours available for \$300. Mirek made a motion to increase our Watercraft Inspection hours at the Little Saint Germain Boat Landing from 200 to 225 hours for a cost of \$2300. Abbott seconded the motion. Motion passed.

7. Review current insurance coverage and determine possible alternatives. Schwartz reviewed our current insurance quote and will create a package of what our District's

needs are. Our current contract is 140 pages long. Tom will review the contract and get a simplified version to the board for later review. Our current policy expires in November. Schwartz will let bids to a number of companies for bid after review of content with the board.

8. Discuss website maintenance and content: Abbott thanked Ritter for Ted's past work on the website. Ritter said there has been no to update to the site and asked the group if we should continue with the site. The board agreed that the site should continue. Ritter said that he would send an email broadcast message out in the past whenever there was an update to the website. Abbott asked Ritter for the email list and Paul would send the broadcast messages in the future. Abbott said we would include information about the website in our next newsletter and folks could email Abbott with their current email address if they want to be included in the email broadcast.

8. Open discussion and set date for next meeting: Mary Platner reported that this would be her last meeting as she has chosen not to run for another term on the County Board. Paul Abbott and the entire board thanked her for her many years of dedicated service and her valuable input that she gave the Lake District. Mary has played a large role in the success and the direction of the Lake District. Mary will be truly missed. Ritter said that there is a great opportunity for new board members to attend the Lakes Convention in Green Bay. There is a board of commissioner's workshop along with other workshops that would aide folks in their job. Mirek made a motion for the district to allocate up to \$500 for someone to attend the 2012 Lakes Convention. Motion was seconded by Camp, motion passed. Tom Schwartz will attend. The next meeting will be Friday, May 11, 2012 at 2P.M. at the Saint Germain Community Center.

10. Adjourn: Platner made a motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 5.15 P.M.