

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

**Elected Commissioners**  
Paul Abbott, Chairman  
Tom Schwartz, Treasurer  
Cheryl Kelsey, Secretary

**Appointed Commissioners**  
Tom Christensen, Town of Saint Germain  
Mary Kim Black, County of Vilas

**Board of Commissioners' Meeting**  
August 6, 2013  
2:00 PM St. Germain Community Center

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Paul Abbott at 2:02 pm at the St. Germain Community Center.

In attendance were Paul Abbott, Tom Schwartz, Ted Ritter, Tom Best, Mary Kim Black and Tom Christensen.

**Agenda** – Motion to approve was made by Black and seconded by Schwartz.

**Minutes** – Minutes of meeting from 2/13/13 were reviewed. Schwartz moved and Abbott seconded, minutes were approved as submitted.

**Update on 2013 Weed Treatment Program** – Onterra report was updated and only concern was Lower East Bay. May be too soon to consider milfoil no longer a major problem. May take some time to see true results so should be generous when budgeting for future treatments. Onterra gave a preliminary treatment proposal for 2014 and estimated the cost to be \$62,000-\$65,000. Should check with Stantec who did the work last year and possibly another applicator for bids on the project. It was suggested to send the maps so bids are based on same coverage area. They are suggesting a “whole basin treatment” on Lower East Bay to affect 2 different species. Need to clarify if this will be accomplished in 1 treatment or if 2 separate treatments are needed. Would this be granular or liquid treatment? Ritter suggested we authorize expenditure of \$70,000-\$75,000 to be covered.

West Bay is looking good but bio-mass isn't done yet, and West Bay is not included on the map. DNR is the permitting agency and they have confidence in the Consultants and Applicators, and they all have gained a better understanding over the past five years. The proposed budget of \$60,000 for exotic weed control is assuming no grant money available.

It was suggested to increase Exotic Weed Control to \$80,000, utilizing \$60,000 from the long term plant management and water quality fund and levying \$20,000. The \$80,000 will include

West Bay. Abbott will contact Stantec for a preliminary estimate. Ritter fairly confident grant will be available.

Best stated that the lake looks good other than curly leaf. Basin treatment will knock it all back at once. Small spot treatments will be too expensive and require more chemicals.

Ritter stated the Muskellunge Creek Study is flushing faster and the natural progression is working since removing 40-50 beaver dams.

**Lake Monitoring Proposals** - Tom Best submitted two proposals for monitoring lake data and reporting to appropriate agencies.

- (1) Reporting ice on and ice off to SWIMS Network, taking readings from 4 locations every 14 days, entering data into SWIMS network, and collecting water samples 4 times annually. Compensation requested \$600 per year.
- (2) Collect & process water samples testing for residual chemicals after treatment of Eurasian Watermilfoil as specified by Army Corp of Engineers. Compensation requested \$300 per year.

Christensen asked when payment would be expected. Best said payment OK upon completion in the year it's performed. Abbot moved to accept the two contracts with Best, Schwartz seconded, motion passed. Lake monitoring will be included in the grant application.

**Dam Management** - Schwartz reported that the new dam tender is very thorough with a target level of 1613.71 feet. It is currently down about 5" since the high level this spring. Minimum has been 1612.05 feet. He keeps the dam open 1.5" to keep the creek running. He feels the dam is being managed very well.

Schwartz mentioned that the air compressor in South Bay has been having issues the last two years. When bleed valve is opened it screams and takes about 8-10 hours to complete and it's blowing the breaker, while the one on East Bay takes only 15-20 minutes. Both motors have been replaced and electrician estimated \$2000 to replace a motor. Currently cost \$1200 a month for electricity to run both. Ritter said they were purchased from Howard Brothers Plumbing in Woodruff and maybe they could offer some insight. Abbott moved to contact Howard Brothers, seconded by Schwartz, motion passed. Abbott will make the contact.

**Budget** – Schwartz presented the budget as of 8/1/13. No receipts received yet from Cloverland. Convention will be in Stevens Point next year, Mary Kim did not attend this year. Insurance bill is not in yet but budgeted \$4100 to cover it. Onterra at \$9000, nothing spent on native weed control, Shoreland Restoration Project is done, Aeration expense at \$5419.

Fish stocking was discussed with plans to do every other year as suggested by DNR. Abbott estimated that \$5000 of Lake District budget was used in the past, with some of the Fish &

Wildlife Funds used as well. 9"-12" walleye are most effective, have done 6"-10" in past dumped in three different locations.

With additional funds allocated for Aeration Expense (pump maintenance), Alum Treatment, beaver control, Exotic Weed Control and fish stocking the proposed budget for 2014 will be at \$115,400. Last year's proposed levy was at \$62,700 and this year will be at \$49,400.

**Newsletter** – The summer newsletter will go out next week.

**Open Discussion** – Paul Abbott state he will not be seeking re-election. President needs to have organizational & leadership skills to be the face of the district. Abbott was commended for his service to the district.

Ritter will get labels from the county for the newsletter mailing.

**Set Date for Meeting-** Membership meeting will be on Sunday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am in the Town Board Room.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.