



Elected Commissioners  
Dave O'Malley, Chairman  
Tom Schwartz, Treasurer  
Cheryl Kelsey, Secretary

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

**2013 ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING MINUTES**  
**Sunday, September 1 - 9:00 a.m.**  
**St. Germain Community Center**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Paul Abbott at 9:02 a.m. at the St. Germain Community Center. He introduced the other members of the Board of Commissioners.

In attendance were Paul Abbott, Tom Schwartz, Tom Christensen, Mary Kim Black and Cheryl Kelsey. There was also a sign in sheet for the District members.

Agenda - Motion to approve was made by John Karlovsky, seconded by Barb Steinhilber. Motion was approved.

Minutes – Motion to approve the 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes was made by John Lempke and seconded by Paul Abbott. Motion was approved.

Treasurer's Report – Tom Schwartz reviewed the details of the 2012 Year End Financial Report. This report was audited by an independent 3<sup>rd</sup> party. Motion to approve was made by Ted Nelson, seconded by John Lempke. Motion was approved.

The 2013 Budget and expenses were reviewed. He also reviewed the 2014 Proposed Budget and the 2013 Tax Levy.

REPORTS – Muskellunge Creek Beaver Control update – Paul Abbott reviewed the ongoing efforts of the USDA with the beaver control in Muskellunge Creek. Kelly Thiel, project leader feels the water quality appears to be very good, which is a direct result of keeping the water free flowing.

Muskellunge Creek Study update - Paul Abbott also reviewed the fact that the district decided not to pay for an Alum Treatment because it was too expensive. Instead the district voted to use a portion of the funds that were levied to pay for a study by the U.S. Geological Survey for an Assessment of Changes in Phosphorus Loading in to Little St. Germain. We will be getting a very detailed study sometime next year. This study was to be completed by the end of 2013, but because of the very late ice out, the study will be extended one year. (Report attached)

Invasive Weed Control – Paul Abbott reviewed the results from Onterra's treatment of just over 30 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil. Onterra recommended that we do not treat the Curly Leaf Pondweed this year and they did several surveys to monitor the outbreak and will be reporting to us regarding the results. Therefore, we are anticipating a more aggressive allocation of funds this coming year because we will be treating CLP. Onterra is proposing a treatment of the entire Lower East Bay on a lower dose application. The acres treated will go up, but the cost will not go up.

**Fishery Update** – DNR Fisheries’ Biologist – Steve Gilbert gave a report regarding the DNR’s Wisconsin Walleye Initiative (WWI) plan to stock Little St. Germain Lake with over 14,000 – 7 to 8” fingerlings. They would like to stock these fish in 2 or 3 different areas on the lake, not just at the state landing. As part of this initiative, they would monitor the walleye fishery in the lake very closely for the next ten years. Starting this fall and for the next two years, 980 large musky fingerling (half pellet reared and half minnow reared) will be stocked. The fish will be stocked around the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. A requirement of this study is that the Lake District “NOT” stock the lake in addition to the DNR’s stocking during this time frame. If anyone has any questions they can contact Steve at (715) 356-5211.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**Authorize Board to apply for a new DNR Grant for Invasive weed control** – John Lempke made a motion to authorize the Little St. Germain Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District to apply for a 3 year Grant for Aquatic Invasive Species Control. Barb Steinhilber seconded. Motion was approved.

**Budget for Fish Stocking** – Due to the report from Steve Gilbert regarding the Wisconsin Walleye Initiative and the Musky study, the district will NOT stock any fish this year. This amount was removed from the budget proposal.

**Approval of 2013 Tax Levy** – There was further discussion regarding Amending the proposed Budget. Paul Abbott motioned to remove the Fish Stocking amount and to raise the Aeration Operation Expense by \$2,000 to \$14,000. Therefore, the Proposed Budget would be amended to \$107,400, and the Proposed Levy would be amended to \$43,400. Jim Kelsey seconded. Motion was approved.

**Approval of 2014 Budget** – Motion was made by Erv Stiemke and seconded by John Karlovsky to approve the 2014 Budget. Motion was approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Boat Landing Repairs** – Chairman Paul Abbott contacted the DNR and Wisconsin Valley Improvement regarding getting another couple “planks” added to the end of the Boat Landing launch area. These repairs will be made at the end of September. There will be a notice posted once the date has been established. These repairs will be paid for entirely by the DNR and WVI.

**Muskellunge Creek Culvert** – Chairman Abbott was contacted by Kelly Thiel regarding the culvert that goes under the road and they have suggested that the culvert be lowered. Basically, if the culvert is not lowered, it acts much like a Beaver dam. We are going to contact Vilas County to determine if the culvert is on private or county land. The district is going to gather more information and bring the results back to the district for possible action.

**New “Dam” Tender** - Tom Schwartz talked to the new Dam tender regarding the level that the lake has been kept. There is a minimum that it must be kept at. This year with the late ice out and the rain, the lake has done very well.

**Lake Buoys** – A member of the district thought there were a couple of buoys missing, one in No Fish Bay and one near the Narrows. Chairman Abbott was going to call and check on it.

**Election of Commissioner** – Chairman Paul Abbott asked for nominations to fill the space of expiring commissioner. Tom Schwartz explained that we are a member of the Lakes Association and there are funds available to attend a special meeting in the Spring for training. A lengthy open discussion followed. Dave O'Malley, a resident of the lake for about 25 years, volunteered to be nominated. Paul Abbott nominated Dave O'Malley to be a new commissioner for the Little St. Germain Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District. Barb Steinhilber seconded. All present approved unanimously.

Tom Schwartz asked that the minutes reflect that the Board and the membership thank Paul Abbott for his service for the past 3 years with a hardy round of applause.

**Set Time and Date for 2014 Annual Meeting** – Sunday, August 31, 2014 at 9:00 a.m at the St. Germain Community Center Building.

**Adjournment** – Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.