

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

## **Elected Commissioners**

Tom Groth, Chairman  
Tom Schwartz, Treasurer  
Cheryl Kelsey, Secretary

## **Appointed Commissioners**

Tom Christensen, Town of Saint Germain  
Carolyn Ritter, Vilas County

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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, July 16, 2019, 6:30 p.m.**

**St. Germain Community Center**

**Call to Order** – Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Tom Groth, Chairman. Commissioners present were Tom Groth, Tom Schwartz, Treasurer, Tom Christensen, Town of St. Germain and Carolyn Ritter, Vilas County. Cheryl Kelsey was absent.

**Approval of Agenda** – Ritter motioned to approve the agenda as presented, Christensen seconded, motion passed unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes** – from the May 16, 2019 and June 14, 2019 meetings. No minutes were provided due to the absence of Kelsey, so this item was postponed until next meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** – Schwartz provided a copy of the Financial Report with a summary of income and expenses from January through June, 2019. He noted there were some bills that he has not yet received, including the Insurance Invoice. There also will be additional funds from the Tax Levy after people pay their installment of property taxes due on July 31. He also provided a Detail Report of Accounts with explanation of the highlighted areas, answering questions. He projects a balance at the end of the year of approximately \$10,000. Motion by Christensen to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Ritter. Motion passed unanimously.

**Update on Mechanical Harvesting** – There has not been any significant growth of Southern Naiad this year, so there is no need for Mechanical Harvesting to remove it.

**Update on Proposed Drawdown Project** – A project to Draw Down the lake level in September and again in February has been proposed to help offset the algae growth, in past increased by the winter aeration systems. This is based on a recommendation from USGS, following their lengthy study of the lake. Tom Groth had an email from Kevin Gauthier who noted that the DNR was generally supportive of projects such as the proposed drawdown. Wisconsin Valley Improvement Company (WVIC) had previously stated that they would not do anything unless there was DNR approval. Tom Groth will contact WVIC to see if they need anything more than the email from Kevin Gauthier. In order to go forward, there will need to be a written commitment from WVIC and Little St.

**Germain District approval for the costs at the Annual Meeting. If approval is granted this year, it would be a Draw Down for next year. Discussion included review of a statement for the Annual Meeting notice drafted by Groth and costs including \$2,000-\$3,000 for Onterra to write the grant for potential WDNR Grant funds.**

**DASH Boat/Hand Pulling Update – Divers from Aquatic Plant Management were hand pulling weeds the first 2 weeks of July, working approximately 7-8 days. A report will follow.**

**Annual Newsletter – Lois Ruediger from Business Connection has handled the printing, folding and stamping of our Newsletter for quite a few years, but is retiring next year. Kelsey has the mailing labels from Vilas County and she will lay out the Annual Meeting notice and newsletter. Schwartz will get the financial information/proposed 2020 budget and Groth will get his report on the proposed Draw down to Cheryl by July 22<sup>nd</sup>. The plan is to mail out the Annual Newsletter the week of Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be coffee and donuts at 8:30 a.m. with the Budget hearing scheduled to start at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Annual Meeting. The Agenda will include the minutes from last year, financial/budget information and updates on Clean Boats Clean Waters, proposed AIS treatment, ILids, and the Water Draw Down, along with any new business from the floor and the election of Commissioners.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Carolyn Ritter**

**Acting Secretary in the absence of Secretary, Cheryl Kelsey**