

LITTLE ST. GERMAIN LAKE
PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
7654 Pietz Lane
St. Germain, WI 54558



Newsletter #10

Summer 2013

The Board of Commissioners of the Little St. Germain Lake Protection District hopes you find this newsletter a welcome form of communications.

This newsletter is mailed annually to share information between the Board of Commissioners and district property owners. The district website, now available at <http://www.littlesaint.org>, is another source of information.

PLEASE NOTE: Mailing labels for this newsletter are obtained from the Vilas County tax records. *Please DO NOT request address changes from your Lake District Board of Commissioners.* All address updates must be made in writing to the Vilas County Treasurer at 330 Court St., Eagle River WI 54521. Be sure to include your parcel computer number as it appears on your tax bill when requesting a mailing address change.

Dear Members of the Lake District,

This year has been quite different than last year with a late ice out and generally cooler temperatures and adequate rains. We treated a little more than 30 acres of Eurasian Water Milfoil but did no treatment of Curley Leaf Pondweed (CLP). This was based on recommendations by our consultant Onterra and allowed for a much more accurate measure of the CLP problem in our lake. This should lead to much greater efficacy in future treatments.

In addition, Onterra completed the whole-lake point-intercept and community mapping survey this summer and will be providing the district a comprehensive report sometime this winter. These tools will be extremely beneficial to the future control of invasive species in our lake. Our three year grant for aquatic invasive species (AIS) treatment from the DNR has expired, and we need to determine whether we want to apply for another grant at the annual meeting. I believe another grant will be crucial to our efforts to finance these projects.

The annual meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Sunday, September 1 at the St.Germain Community Center. Please plan on attending. Also, remember the Districts website <http://www.littlesaint.org/>. There is an abundance of useful information to be found there.

My three-year term as Chairman of the District comes to an end at the annual meeting. Due to other obligations, I will not be able to run for the office again. I can honestly say that the past three years has been a rewarding experience and minimally demanding on my time. Much of that is due to our extremely capable Treasurer (Tom Schwartz) and Secretary (Cheryl Kelsey). It is imperative that someone come forward and continue to lead the District for the next three years. We all have a personal and financial stake in maintaining the health of our lake.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

Paul Abbott, Chairman

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2013 ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

Little Saint Germain Lake District Board of Commissioners

Elected Commissioners

Chairman	Paul Abbott	September	2013	abco@chorus.net
Secretary	Cheryl Kelsey	September	2015	sellthenorthwoods@gmail.com
Treasurer	Thomas Schwartz	September	2014	tom01schwartz@gmail.com

Appointed Commissioners

Town Board	Tom Christensen	Open ended Term
County Board	Mary Kim Black	Open ended Term

**LITTLE ST. GERMAIN LAKE PROTECTION
AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
2013 BUDGET HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING
SUNDAY-SEPTEMBER 1, 2013- 9:00 AM
ST. GERMAIN COMMUNITY CENTER
AGENDA**

Call to order & introduction of Board of Commissioners

Approval of agenda in any order

Approval of minutes from 2012 annual meeting

Treasures Report - Tom Schwartz

2012 Yearend financial report
2013 Budget and expenses to date
2014 Proposed budget and 2013 proposed tax levy

Reports (no action to be taken during reports)

Muskellunge Creek study update.
Muskellunge Creek beaver control update.
Invasive weed control update and recommendations.
Fishery update

Action items

Authorize Board to apply for a new DNR grant for invasive weed control
Determine budget for fish stocking
Approval of 2014 budget
Approval of 2013 tax levy

New business

Election of commissioner for expiring term of Paul Abbott.
Open discussion
Set time and date for 2014 annual meeting

Adjourn

**LITTLE ST. GERMAIN LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
FINANCIAL REPORT – 2012**

**CASH BASIS STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012**

BALANCE TRANSFERRED FROM 2011	\$200,481.88
2011 TAX LEVY RECEIVED IN 2012	\$ 53,025.96
DNR GRANT SHORE LAND RESTORATION DUE IN 2013	\$ 46,963.70
DNR GRANT EXOTIC WEED CONTROL DUE IN 2013	\$ 19,206.24
TOWN OF ST. GERMAIN FOR EXOTIC WEED CONTROL	\$ 3,333.34
INTEREST INCOME	<u>\$ 451.72</u>
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$323,462.84

EXPENDITURES

LABELS, NOTICES, POSTAGE, OFFICE, ETC.	\$ 553.72	
SEMINAR	\$ 420.00	
DUES	\$ 440.97	
LAKE EXPENSES	<u>\$ 1,187.17</u>	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		\$ 2,601.86
INSURANCE EXPENSE		\$ 3,952.00
NATIVE WEED CONTROL		\$ 0.00
EXOTIC WEED CONTROL		\$ 38,412.48
FISHERY EXP/WATER QUALITY		\$ 1,000.00
SHORE LAND RESTORATION		\$ 46,963.70
FISH STOCKING		\$ 943.56
LONG TERM AQUATIC PLANT MGT & WATER QUALITY		\$ 2,358.00
AERATION OPERATING EXPENSE		<u>\$ 4,509.72</u>
GENERAL FUND EXPENSES		\$100,741.32
BALANCE CARRIED OVER TO 2013		\$222,721.52

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES
December 31, 2012**

ASSETS

CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 1,285.40
MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT	\$154,506.78
ACCOUNTS RECBL - AIS GRANT-2012	\$ 19,206.24
ACCOUNTS RECBL –DNR LAKESHORE RESTORE-2012	\$ 46,963.70
ACCOUNTS RECBL - DNR STATE LAB - 2011	<u>\$ 759.40</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	\$222,721.52

LIABILITIES & BALANCE CARRYOVER

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 0.00
BALANCE CARRYOVER TO:	
2013 NATIVE WEED CONTROL	\$ 15,000.00
2013 EXOTIC WEED CONTROL	\$ 20,000.00
ALUM TREATMENT/WATER QUALITY	<u>\$187,721.52</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & BALANCE CARRYOVER	\$222,721.52

SAYNER ST. GERMAIN FISH & WILDLIFE CLUB INC

12/31/11 BALANCE AVAILABLE FOR LAKE IMPROVEMENT EXP	\$.00
DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION 2012	\$ 1,000.00
FISH & WILDLIFE CONTRIBUTION 2012	<u>\$.00</u>
12/31/12 BALANCE	\$ 1,000.00

BUDGET & ESTIMATED SUMMARY OF 2013 EXPENSES

	2013 Actual Exp Through 8/1/13	Est. Addl Exp To End of Yr	Total Est. Exp	2013 Budget	Under/Over Budget
Operating Exp	\$ 680	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,180	\$ 6,000	\$ 820
Insurance Exp	\$ 183	\$ 4,135	\$ 4,318	\$ 2,700	(\$1,618)
Native Weed Control	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Exotic Weed Control	\$22,017	\$15,500	\$37,517	\$ 60,000 a	\$ 41,242
Fish & Wildlife Fund	\$ 1,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 0
Fish Stocking	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Aeration Operation Exp	\$ 5,419	\$ 2,500	\$ 7,919	\$ 8,000	\$ 81
Alum Treatment/Creek	\$19,465	\$ 850	\$20,315	\$ 26,000	\$ 5,685
Shoreland Restoration	\$ 9,498	\$ 0	\$ 9,498	\$ 0 b	\$ 0
Totals	\$58,262	\$27,485	\$85,747	\$123,700	\$ 66,210

Sources of Funds other than Tax Levy

a - 2011 DNR AIS grant - 50% of expenses - \$18,759 refunded

b - 2010 DNR Shoreland grant - 100% of expenses

2014 PROPOSED BUDGET & 2013 TAX LEVY

	Proposed <u>Budget</u>	Funds Other <u>Than Levy</u>	Proposed <u>Levy</u>
Operating Exp	\$ 6,000		\$ 6,000
Insurance Exp	\$ 4,400		\$ 4,400
Exotic Weed Control	\$ 80,000	\$60,000 a	\$20,000
Fish & Wildlife Fund	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000
Fish Stocking	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,000 b	\$ 6,000
Aeration Operation Exp	\$ 12,000		\$12,000
Alum Treatment/Creek	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000 a	\$ 0
Totals	\$115,400	\$66,000	\$49,400

a - From LT Plant Mgt & Water Quality

b - From Sayner/St. Germain Fish and Wildlife fund