

Lower Long Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Minutes –June 5, 2008

The open meeting notices for the June 5, 2008 LLLPRD Board meeting scheduled for 9:00 am at the Sampson Town Hall were posted as required.

Commissioners present: Diane Dahl, Harlyn Misfeldt and Tom Webster

Others in Attendance: Jan Frase, Lou Frase, and Gail Misfeldt (Recording Secretary).

Call To Order: Chairperson, Harlyn Misfeldt called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

Minutes: The minutes for the 5-27-08 meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Wearing his hat as Treasurer, Harlyn reported that only one thing had changed since the 5-27-08 meeting; he had transferred \$ 2,000.00 from the LLLPRD account to the Grant account.

Announcements:

Diane Dahl said she had talked with Wayne Sauls and Dick Baer, both members of the **Lower Long Lake Foundation** indicating that the Hawk Metal wetlands and the Milke (sp?) parcel of land are currently for sale.

Diane also reported she had spoken with John Shepke about **buoy maintenance**. John said the average life expectancy for buoy batteries was 2-3 years and the expected cost would be \$75 – 100.00.

Lou Frase reported the traps used by Jo Hueschle (DNR) were high quality minnow traps but certainly need not cost the District \$100.00 apiece. Lou said Chris and other members of the **Rusty Crayfish Monitoring Committee** would probably construct the needed traps. Lou will check with Gloria Berres to see if she is willing to serve as a consultant to the monitoring committee. Diane suggested Mark Helgerson might decide to be trained as a monitor for a specific aquatic invasive species, as she had planned to do. Lou Frase expressed a desire to have the Board establish the Rusty Crayfish Monitoring Committee as committee, independent of the Fish and Water Quality Committee. Lou was asked to consider the possibility of the Rusty Crayfish Monitoring Committee as an ad hoc subcommittee of the committee he so competently chairs or to work with Jan Frase to determine what structure they recommend. Lou also confirmed the total number of rusty crayfish trapped in 7 areas of Lower Long Lake during a 24-hour period has declined from 1300 in 1990 to 97 in 2007. This could be due to a natural cycle thus continual monitoring is warranted.

Unfinished Business:

Proposed 2009 Budget: Harlyn introduced the major issue for the meeting: to complete and approve the proposed 2009 budget (Attached) by reviewing the figures agreed to at the 5-27-08 meeting. He said there seem to be more that we do not know than what we know. He distributed copies of Assumptions Concerning Grant 3 (Attached). There were no questions from Board members about the assumptions.

Diane reported she and Amanda had concluded if Grant 3 is approved, periods of greater activity (July through September) followed by periods of lesser activity (October through March) would effect the actual cash flow.

Harlyn distributed copies of tax information from 2002 – 2007 and additional calculations he had compiled for comparison purposes (On File). He explained his own taxes were used as a basis since those were the only figures he had readily available. He pointed out that increasing the district budget to take care of the prepay provisions of Grant 3 if it is awarded does not seem to be a viable option. He does not feel he can make this decision based on what he would do with his personal funds. The percentage change section is a reminder that what people will perceive must be considered. The possible options and interest sections provided additional perspectives. The distributed information helped him as he analyzed the situation and tried to

determine how much money the district would need under different scenarios. He hoped the board would also find it useful.

Jan Frase shared information about the **Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant** acquired from Jo Hueschle (DNR) and Amanda Brown (Beaver Creek Reserve), who is administering a similar grant for the Lake Wissota Association. The administering agency is responsible for hiring, training and paying a technician with input from the district representative. The deadlines for the 75 – 25 % grant are August 1st and February 1st. The maximum amount the DNR will award is \$4,000.00 per boat ramp. Jan provided copies of a sample resolution and a cost estimate for the project (Both On File). The estimated cost totals \$6,846.00 but Amanda recommended rounding that to \$7,000.00. Jan shared 2 concerns regarding her understanding of the grant: the grant needs to begin prior to the opening of the fishing season and the technician needs to work for more than a ten-week period. Jan volunteered to work on writing the grant, which could be for a one or two year time period, if the LLLPRD Board was in favor of undertaking this endeavor.

The discussion of the Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant included the following:

75% of \$7,000.00 is \$5,250. The 25% match provided by the district can include in-kind volunteer hours but the District would need to contribute a minimum of \$1,250.00 in cash ($5250.00 - 4,000.00 = 1,250.00$).

The figure for mileage in the cost estimate seems high and may be the only line item that could be controlled. The mileage figure is \$0.65 per mile. Making 3 trips a week while working only 20 hours a week is not getting the most for the dollars spent.

Maybe using a retired person who lived on or near Lower Long Lake could be considered. A couple individuals were mentioned as possibilities. Providing housing as an in kind donation would be another way to decrease travel expenses.

This grant is warranted because no grants are available to get rid of Aquatic Invasive Species such as Eurasian Milfoil.

The **motion** made by Diane and seconded by Tom to approve the pursuit of a two-year (2009 – 2010) Aquatic Invasive Species Grant passed unanimously. The Board decided to finalize the resolution needed at a later date, once details of the proposal were determined.

The **motion** made by Tom and seconded by Diane to accept the \$10,225.00 budget for 2009 (the same as the 2008 budget), if Grant 3 was not awarded. The motion proposed an option for the members of the district to increase the Projects and Grants Category by \$2,000.00 ($\$5,600.00 + \$2,000.00 = \$7,600.00$) if Grant 3 was awarded. This would allow district approval of a total 2009 budget of \$12,225.00. The motion passed unanimously.

The rationale Harlyn said justified the optional increase was it would decrease the amount we would need to borrow and allow undertaking another needed project. Jan also suggested the cost of harvesting invasive weeds would far exceed any district property owner's share of the \$2,000.00. Jan also suggested the small increase is much less than the annual membership fee the district property owner would pay if there were a lake association instead of a lake district. Specific figures should be available from Buzz at the DNR and WAL respectively.

Agenda for Annual Meeting: Harlyn's proposal to add a report by Jan Frase on the proposed Aquatic Invasive Species Grant was endorsed. Jan was also asked to write an article for the Newsletter.

New Business:

Board Meetings – Dates, Time and Place: The Board agreed to meet on June 16th at 9:00 am at the Sampson Town Hall if this would be a good time for Amanda Kostner to seek Board direction on cost sharing. Diane agreed to talk to Amanda to determine if this was a viable time. If not, Diane was authorized to cancel the June 16th meeting.

Discussion Only Item: Harlyn reported he had talked with Pat Andress after he received Diane's memo indicating Len Seyberth had declined being nominated to the Chippewa County Board as a **citizen representative to the LLLPRD Board representing Chippewa County**. Harlyn mentioned he had received an email response from Dan Masterpole regarding his request for criteria and responsibilities of the citizen representative. Board members requested these email messages be forwarded to them for review. Board members were

