

Lower Long Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Minutes – May 27, 2008

The open meeting notices for the May 27, 2008 meeting of the LLLPRD scheduled for 9:30 am at the Sampson Town Hall were posted as required.

Commissioners present: Diane Dahl, Chris Haller, Harlyn Misfeldt and Tom Webster
Others in Attendance: Pat Andress, Jan Frase, Lou Frase, Laura Kracum and Gail Misfeldt (Recording Secretary).

Call To Order: Chairperson, Harlyn Misfeldt called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.
Minutes: The minutes for the 5-12-08 meeting had been distributed prior to the meeting. The chairperson declared the minutes approved since there were no corrections

Treasurer's Report:

LLLPRD Budget Update: Harlyn distributed copies of the 5-27-08 Budget Update (Attached) showing receipt of a \$ 500.00 gift from Diane Dahl to be used to help pay the Consultant for writing Grant 2. The Check Book Update showed the deposit of the \$ 500.00 and a payment to Amanda Kostner for \$805.70. Harlyn expects to receive payments in the form of additional tax monies, the hold back for Grant 1 and the advance for Grant 2. There were no questions.

Wearing his hat as Treasurer, Harlyn noted that there is currently \$ 1,913.24 in outstanding bills to be paid by Grant 2 funds and the first payment for Grant 2 has not been received from the DNR. He requested a motion to temporarily transfer \$ 2,000.00 from the LLLPRD account to the Grant account with the understanding that this \$ 2,000.00 will be transferred back to LLLPRD as soon as grant funding is received. The motion made by Diane and seconded by Tom passed unanimously.

Announcements:

Pat listed the exhibits and activities planned for the Lake Fair on June 8, 2008 at Lake Wissota. She suggested that LLLPRD might want to sponsor a Lake Fair for this area at Camp Manitou sometime.

Chris indicated Fritz Bushendorf told him the Chain and Island Lake Associations are working to raise additional money toward the \$ 20,000.00 needed to purchase the Hawk Metal property. One small additional parcel of land that is currently for sale links the outlet from Lower Long Lake and the Hawk Metal wetlands. Diane Dahl will share this information with the Long Lake Foundation.

Harlyn requested that in the future when either deposits or receipts are presented the specific account (Grant 2) or activity (Workshop Registrations) with which they are associated should be identified.

Diane said Dan Masterpole was working with Larry Wilkim (Chippewa County Board member) in the effort to find a county representative for the LLLPRD Board. The procedure used calls for the Land Conservation Committee to nominate an individual for approval to the County Board. This means there will be some additional lag time before an appointment is made. It appears unlikely that a County Board member will replace Jim Dahl. The rules permit the appointment of a citizen representative and Lenny Seyberth has been contacted as a possible nominee. Lenny has raised questions about the responsibilities of being an ex officio member of the County Board. Harlyn expressed disappointment that a County Board member would not be appointed but indicated it probably was largely due to budgetary implications. The LLLPRD Board is hopeful the County representative will be selected before the Annual meeting.

Diane announced that she, Tom and Pat would represent the LLLPRD Board during the Public Comment period at the 6-2-08 meeting of the Town of Sampson Board. The agenda allows a maximum of 8 minutes for the presentation.

Harlyn reported that at this time Veda said the Town had a contract for so many copies each month and there was no problem with LLLPRD making a limited number of copies. Harlyn assured her that the Board was prepared to make a contribution to cover this expense if

warranted. He told the Board that he would make the copies needed for the Annual Meeting and present a bill for that expense as he has done in the past.

Diane reported that on Saturday more than 40 people including children had attended the first Coffee on the Dock hosted by Jake and Mary Farrell. She introduced Laura Kracum and said on 5-31-08 Kracums would host the coffee on the island in Herde Lake. This explains why there are no on land directions.

Grant Reports:

Grant 1: This grant was finished and the District is waiting for reimbursement of the final expenses.

Grant 2: Tom reported 19 people, including 5-8 contractors attended the LLLPRD Shoreline Buffer and Rain Garden Workshop on May 16th. The presentations were very good and the workshop went very well. He highlighted the concern expressed by Tony Roder in "How To Save Shoreland". From the waterside of the shore, there are several considerations: size of boats and motors, speed and closeness to the shore. There was a short discussion of local lake rules and enforcement- past and future. Amanda is working on Grant 2.

Grant 3: This grant application will be considered in early June. The Board is awaiting word that it will be funded over a 2-year period.

Unfinished Business

Board Meetings: The Chairman temporarily postponed scheduling additional meetings.

Rusty Crayfish Monitoring: Jan Frase presented an interim report (Attached) from Lou Frase. Lou will arrange a meeting with Jo Hueschle (DNR) to finalize the monitoring protocols. Chris questioned the number (7-8) and cost (\$110.00 @) of the traps needed. Mark Helgerson and Gloria Berres will be contacted to see if they are interested in helping Chris and Tom in the actual monitoring. Diane indicated the comparison of the number of crayfish found in the 1980's and in 2008 showed a drastic decrease in the rusty crayfish population.

The report also addressed the issue of **boardwalks in sensitive areas**. The DNR will be scheduling an administrative hearing in the near future. Lou indicated support from members of the district who can attend the hearing would be needed.

Web Site Policy: The Board considered point by point the following thoughts on Web Site Policy that Harlyn had distributed on 5/21/08 to guide discussion:

1. Keeping in mind that we have had only one problem, any policy developed should provide helpful guidelines and not be so restrictive that it would negatively affect the purpose of the web site.
2. The webmaster and chair of the communication committee should have a primary role in the development of web site policy with approval by the Board.
3. Our primary concerns are the placement of inappropriate or erroneous information on the web site and the unauthorized removal of information from the web site.
4. A record should be kept of who authored material on the web site and the date of placement. The author(s) and date of any revisions also need to be documented.
5. The LLLPRD Board should approve any recommended additions to or deletions from the web site.

There was no objection to any of the thoughts. Diane indicated the web site is not a blog. Harlyn will contact John Kinyon and Lesley Sauls and Gail will send a copy of the issues and questions listed in the 5/12/08 board minutes to Lesley.

New Business:

Agenda for Annual Meeting: Harlyn distributed the draft Notice of the LLLPRD Annual Meeting and Agenda (Attached). The Board modified the agenda to indicate who would give each of the Grant Reports and to include a WAL and Lake Fair Report by Pat Address.

Audit of Treasurer's Records: Harlyn asked if there were suggestions for individuals to conduct an audit of the treasurer's records prior to the annual meeting. Lois Krause (CPA with Wipfli, LLP in Eau Claire and Carol Webster, both lake property owners were suggested.

Proposed 2009 Budget: Harlyn distributed the proposed 2009 budget (Attached) and gave a short explanation of the figures he had entered.

Laura Kracum said she would like to receive the **newsletter in electronic form**. She proposed an article be written for the next newsletter asking who would like to opt in and receive the newsletter electronically to save district monies for other purposes.

Chris said he had a group of volunteers who were willing to build **fish cribs** during the winter of 2008-09. He requested \$200.00 to cover the cost for lumber. He will get the needed permit. The Board agreed that this amount would be available from the \$775.00 budgeted for Fish/Water Quality/Invasive Species. Diane indicated **Quick Release Grants for Aquatic Invasive Species** are available. Diane will invite Jo Hueschle (DNR) to help write this grant. Volunteers to work on this could be identified at the annual meeting.

Projects and Grants: Diane agreed to work on the amount of money the Lake District needs to contribute if Grant 3 is funded by the DNR. Harlyn requested clarification on the amount of cash vs. volunteer time the district is providing according to the grant application budget. Diane noted the district might want to apply for an extension of Grant 3 at a later date. Diane said she would work with Bruce Neeb (DNR) to get needed specifics.

The Board agreed to propose \$ 600.00 for **education/training/conferences**.

Maintenance (Buoy/Signs): Tom Webster said John Hagen was going to contact him about the repair of the sign board at the Morris Erickson Park boat landing. Diane agreed to contact John Shepke and Wayne Sauls about buoy maintenance.

Board Meetings – Dates, Time and Place: The Board set its next meeting: for Thursday, June 5, 2008 at 9:00 am. The date of the annual meeting of LLLPRD on Saturday, July 26, 2008 was announced.

Recognition of Jim Dahl: Harlyn indicated he would express the Board's appreciation for the years Jim Dahl had served LLLPRD as the Chippewa County Board representative in the Chairman's comments in the newsletter and publicly at the annual meeting. A motion made by Tom Webster and seconded by Diane Dahl to donate \$100.00 to the Long Lake Foundation in honor of Jim Dahl passed unanimously.

Adjourn: Harlyn declared the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Submitted by: Gail Misfeldt, on June 4, 2008.

Minutes Approved: As Distributed As Corrected

_____, Secretary _____ Date