

Regular Meeting – December 14, 2017

Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on December 14, 2017 at 9:00am at the District Town Hall office.

Roll call: Present; Timothy Meekma, Cheryl Witkowski, Dale Macheel, Colleen Crane, and Edwin Benter. Also present: Bill Foley, Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association; John Bohonek, Dodge County Conservationist; Rob Franck, MCO; Kip Elliot, operator; and Kathleen Rydquist, clerk-coordinator.

Correspondence: none

Motion by C. Witkowski, second C. Crane, to approve the minutes of November 16, November 28, December 1, and the Agenda for December 14, 2017. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by E. Benter, second C. Witkowski to approve the financial statement of November 30, 2017, subject to audit. All yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Meekma suggested that the order of the agenda be amended to move audience participation after the Operators report and update from Rob Franck. At 9:30 Bill Foley will give a power point presentation and we will continue with a discussion with John Bohonek. We will then follow the other agenda items in order. The Commissioners agreed to the suggestion.

#### **Operators report: attached**

Rob Franck updated the District on the replacement of the existing ultrasonic flow meter at Lift Station#18. He approached vendors for proposals to assess the system and provide a recommendation on the type and technology of met that will provide the most accurate flow data and longest service life. If a mag meter is recommended, provide grounding rings and specify a flow tube that is rated for submersion with the liner materials best suited for the application. Verify cable lengths and transmitter dimensions to allow for the installation of the transmitter in the aboveground electrical cabinet adjacent to the manhole. Verify temperature requirements of the transmitter. Mounting bracket for the transmitter by others. Provide a transmitter capable of both analog and pulse outputs. Provide one day of start-up services. Provide a one year warranty, minimum. Mechanical and electrical installations by others.

Energenece and Krohne (Durable Controls) both responded to R. Franck's request for bids. After review of the bids, a motion was made by E. Benter, second C. Witkowski to select the bid from Energenece that includes an Endris Hauser mag meter, start-up and a two year warrantee. All yes. Motion carried. Also, J F Ahern will remove the necessary pipe and old meter then install the new meter. New wiring will be installed by G. Mazzolari Electric. Jeff's Pumping will be on site as needed.

#### **County report:**

Dale Macheel has been the County appointee for several years and this may be his last meeting. He is running for the Dodge County Board of Supervisors so we may get lucky and get him re-appointed to the District.

Six or seven farmers have not reported for Farmland Preservation and will be sent notifications of non-compliance. The annual farmers' tour will be in Dodge County next year. The Dodge County Healthy Soil, Healthy Water Farmers Group has applied for a grant from DATCP. Dale attended the Beaver Creek Report meeting at Beaver Dam. The research and report was compiled by UW grad students for the Beaver Dam Lake

Improvement Association (BDLIA). Chairman Meekma thanked Dale on behalf of the Board and District for his participation and good advice he had given us.

**Audience participation:**

At about 9:30 we moved to the Town Hall meeting room for a power point presentation from Bill Foley from BDLIA. John Bohonek, Dodge County Conservationist, was also present. BDLIA is actively working to  
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become a public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district. Part of the process includes a professional study of the lake covering diverse subjects. University participation is a valuable part of the process. Foley spoke about several projects Beaver Dam will be undertaking. Among other things, they are studying the impact of wind fetch on shorelines, the problems caused by wind and ice, sedimentation, shoreline protection, dredging, and aeration. The topics are many and diverse. John Bohonek spoke to some of the watershed issues facing Beaver Dam and Fox Lake as well as most shallow lakes in southern Wisconsin. The current push in the agricultural community is the improvement to the soil - soil health. After many decades of annual deep plowing, it seems that the soil is over worked and the absorption of water inhibited. Through the use of reduced tillage and no-till, the soil is improved. Farmers are now encouraged to use cover crops both between the rows of row crops, such as corn, and on harvested fields. The new farmers group is promoting these practices.

Chairman Meekma thanked Foley and Bohonek for attending.

**WCC report:**

The contract with MCO was approved by the Commission for the coming year. The copper coming in from the City is down a bit. The City of Fox Lake showed that their influent flows had increased last year and the auditor's True-up showed that because of the increased flow, the District would receive a refund of \$12,927. There was also some discussion regarding the flow meter at Lift Station #18.

**Clerk-coordinator report:**

1] It was mentioned to Susan Graham, DNR, that the District had hired a new employee for the clerk's position. She stated that there would be a new Lake Leaders Institute and recommendations for selection to attend will be due in early February.

2] Because of the Clerk's retirement and a replacement beginning work on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the clerk suggested that the January Newsletter be postponed until February. This would allow the new Clerk to participate in the scheduling for the Harvesting, Herbicide treatment, and Well testing, all of which are usually discussed in the January Newsletter. He will also be involved in putting the newsletter together, folding, and mailing. This suggestion was acceptable.

3] The annual audit report was received and distributed to the Commissioners for review and discussion at the next meeting.

4] Neal O'Reilly sent the up-dated APM Plan revisions for review.

5] Although the website change is moving along (thanks to Colleen Crane) the clerk asked for and received an extension until June to complete the project.

**Town report:**

E. Benter reported that the dumping ordinance has been updated. Other discussion at the Town Board meeting was concerning Budget Adjustments.

**Old business:**

1] Discussion/action re high nitrates in surface/groundwater – During the Q & A session with the BDLIA presentation, John Bohonek stated that he has made several attempts to speak with a few farmers in the Drew Creek Watershed and had been unsuccessful. We are still seeking funding sources.

2] Discussion/action re collection system upgrades – tabled.

3] Discussion/action re possible replacement of LS #18 flow meter – Motion to proceed in the MCO update.

4] Update re website – Colleen Crane reported the website is going well.

5] Update on Clerk-coordinator retirement/new hire – Applicant Michael Cypert was selected for the position. He will be starting on January 2, 2018. The retiring clerk and the new clerk will work within the current clerk's salary during training.

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1] Update letter topics to be reviewed by attorney – Attorney O'Connor has not been available.

2] Employee bonus – Motion by C. Witkowski, second E. Benter to give the clerk at Christmas bonus of \$200. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Witkowski, second E. Benter to pay the bills. All yes. Motion carried.

Suggestions for the next agenda – Introduce the Mike Cypert, Donation for Healthy Soil, Healthy Water group, APM Plan approval, review budget, Lake Weeds

The next meeting will be January 11, 2018 at 9:00am.

Motion by E. Benter, second C. Witkowski to adjourn. All yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Rydquist

Clerk-coordinator