

Regular Meeting – November 16, 2017

Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on November 16, 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: Kip Elliot, operator; Rob Franck, MCO; and, Kathleen Rydquist, clerk-coordinator.

Correspondence: none

Audience participation: none

Motion by C. Witkowski, second E. Benter to approve the minutes of October 12, 2017 and November 9, 2017 and Agenda for November 16, 2017. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Witkowski, second D. Macheel to approve the Financial Statement of October 12, 2017, subject to audit. All yes. Motion carried.

Operators report: Attached

1] The flow meters were calibrated and the meter at Lift Station 18 was producing a “weak” signal. The WCC has requested that the District seek to repair or replace flow meter. Rob Franck presented the pros and cons of Ultrasonic Flow Meters (Transit-time and Doppler) and Magnetic (Mag) Flow Meters. WCC and the Industry prefer Mag meters. The District had a mag meter at LS 18 and found it wanting. We installed a transit-time several years ago. A Motion was made by C. Witkowski, second E. Benter to have Rob Franck contact vendors for different types of flow meters, have them visit the site and examine the situation, and request at least three bids for replacement of the flow meter. All yes. Motion carried.

2] K. Elliot briefly discussed the situation at Wedges Resort LLC and their problem with foreign objects being put into the wastewater collection system. The authorities were contacted and there is little they can do without proof. K. Elliot suggested that we consider some kind of surveillance and discuss it with the land owners in the area.

3] Rob Franck reviewed the 2017/18 sanitary sewer equipment replacement and maintenance schedule. Report attached.

WCC report:

1] The Commission signed the MCO contract for 2018.

2] The copper coming from ECS in the City of Fox Lake is down from last month, but still a little high.

3] Rob Franck attended the WCC meeting and discussed the flow meter options for Lift Station #18. He stated that he had given the District some basic information about flow meters as was discussed in the Operators report.

Clerk-coordinator report:

1] Arranged for and attended the Dodge County Lakes Group meeting on November 14th. Jamie Patton, UWEX Ag Agent for Shawano County was the speaker. She spoke about soil health and the tiny critters that keep it healthy.

2] We received an email from Marine Biochemists, the contractor for the herbicide treatment, concerning possible changes to DNR rules. He is encouraging his customers to write to DNR and legislators regarding this issue.

3] Received the contract for harvesting in the summer of 2018. Action under New business-#1.

4] Attended Alliance meeting to discuss the February farmer's group meeting. Will discuss flyers, post cards, other promotion activities, and assignments.

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County report:

T. Meekma talked about a CAFO in Illinois that was put out of business by the public. Because of our location and the limestone bedrock beneath us, having CAFO's here does not seem to be a very good idea.

Town report:

The upcoming Town Board meeting will be preceded by the Budget Hearing. The Town Board is requesting a 35% increase for roads so is asking to exceed the revenue cap.

Old business:

1] Discussion/action re high nitrates in surface/groundwater – tabled.

2] Discussion/action re collection system upgrades/hookups – No upgrades noted at this time – tabled.

3] Discussion/action re Martens maintenance easement – tabled.

4] Discussion/action re website – C. Crane had discussed using Doubleberry to work with us on our website at the November 9th special meeting. A deposit for services is in today's group of checks.

5] Discussion/action re gift for former chairman – T. Meekma purchased a gift card and C. Crane will get card.

6] Update on Clerk-coordinator retirement – Resumes will be reviewed and interviews set up in upcoming weeks.

7] Discussion/action re mops/debris in lift and grinder stations – Discussed in operators report.

New business:

1] Discussion/action re harvesting contract for 2018 – Motion by C. Crane, second C. Witkowski to approve and sign the contract with Midwest Harvesting for up to three harvesting in the summer of 2018. The contract also requires a deposit of \$6,000 to accompany the signed contract. All yes. Motion carried.

2] Discussion/action re possible replacement of LS 18 flow meter – Discussed in operators report. Rob Franck will collect more information for the next meeting.

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

Suggestions for next meeting – Invite John Bohonek to the meeting, contact Neal O'Reilly, revisit letter/attorney.

The next meeting will be December 14, 2017 at 9:00am.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Rydquist
Clerk-coordinator