

Regular Meeting – January 11, 2018

Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on January 11, 2018 at 9:00am at the District Town Hall office.

Roll call: Present; Timothy Meekma, Cheryl Witkowski, Colleen Crane, and Edwin Benter.
Also present: Kip Elliot, Operator; Gale and Susan Dahlke, Wedges Resort LLC; Kathleen Rydquist, Clerk-Coordinator; and Michael Cypert, Manager.

Correspondence: none

Audience participation:

Gale and Susan Dahlke stated they were being billed for 14 DUE's and stated 3 properties currently do not have sewer hook-ups. Gale and Susan stated they would like their sewer bill to be re-evaluated with consideration of their current sewer hook-ups. Operator Kip Elliot corroborated Gale and Susan's statements with photographs of the properties and the current status of their respective sewer hook-ups. Motion by E. Benter, second C. Witkowski, to reduce the Dahlke's sewer bill by 3 DUE's and also to mandate the Dahlke's to dig and cap off their sewer connection at the main line. All yes. Motion Carried

Motion by C. Witkowski, second E. Benter, to approve the minutes of December 14, 2017, and the Agenda for January 11, 2018. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Witkowski, second C. Crane to approve the financial statement of December 31, 2017, subject to audit. All yes. Motion carried.

Operators Report: attached

Kip Elliot advised the board of having blown fuse problems with lift station #5. Kip replaced air compressors in lift station #15 due to low air pressure in the pressure-trol system. J.F. Ahern replaced one wafer check valve on pump #2 in lift station #10 due to rags and is in the process of replacing the one in pump #1. One district truck tire was repaired with a patch due to a screw in the tire. A mop head/rag was removed from Lift station #7 pump #2. Dennis, Alliant Energy, repaired the support cable on grinder station #23. Due to construction projects and power pole replacements around the lake there have been a lot of Diggers Hotlines. Trailer Island plugged a private lateral that was cleaned out by their plumber. A burst freeze cap on vertical check valve at grinder station #18 was replaced. All other maintenance for sewer system is up-to-date.

In terms of future needs, Kip reported there would be a need for additional heaters in lift stations 8, and 15-18 to prevent pipes from freezing, bursting, and dumping sewage into the lake. Motion by C. Witkowski, second C. Crane, to approve the purchase of additional heaters for aforementioned lift stations by order of most to least critical. All yes. Motion carried. There will also be a future need to replace 4-8 Smith and Loveless gate valves.

WCC Report:

C. Witkowski reported WCC discussed plans for system copper removal.

Clerk-Coordinator Report:

K. Rydquist spoke with Neal who will be contacting Wesley Ray, Badger Industries, to inquire about an easement to help with carrying out projects, i.e. installing a grant-funded bio-filter, on Drew Creek. M. Cypert requested the approval to purchase an external hard drive to back up office computer files and an audio recorder to use for note-taking during board meetings. Motion by E. Benter, second C. Crane, to approve the district to purchase an external hard drive and audio recorder. All yes. Motion carried.

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County Report:

M. Cypert will inquire with county board concerning new representative.

Town Report:

E. Benter reported the Town responded to complaints about not hearing what was being said at meetings. The Town Board approved the purchase of a new microphone for meetings.

Old Business:

1] Discussion/action re high nitrates in surface/groundwater – Discussed possible Drew Creek easement with FLCI.

2] Discussion/action re collection system upgrades – Discussed approved Operator purchases and actions to upgrade collection system.

3] Update re website – C. Crane will be sending drafts to everyone.

4] Update letter topics to be reviewed by attorney – Issue with Fox Lake using City money to pay ordinance penalties. M. Cypert will follow-up with Attorney.

New Business:

1] Discussion/action to approve APM Plan revisions – APM has revised errors. Motion by E. Benter, second C. Crane to approve APM Plan pending final revisions. All yes. Motion carried.

2] Discussion of audit report – Audit is ok, made board aware of possible one-person system flaws concerning accountability.

C. Crane suggested discussing New Business Item #4 as it directly impacts decision making for New Business Item #3. T. Meekma agreed to do so.

3] Discussion/action to donate to Dodge County Healthy Soils – Healthy Water – Motion by E. Benter, second C. Crane to approve \$500 donation. All yes. Motion carried.

4] Discussion/action re proposed lake group cost sharing project including monetary donation – Tabled next agenda. Decision to table discussion was with consideration to what the District has budgeted and the lake group's increased fundraising efforts.

5] Discussion re lake weeds – In 2017 the District budgeted 3 weed cutting appointments, but only did 2. C. Crane expressed concern with the lack of resident insight/opinion that could be gathered via polling. M. Cypert will contact contracted cutting company to discuss appointments. Board discussed ideas for providing structure to weed cutting process.

Motion by E. Benter, second C. Crane to pay bills.

Suggestions for the next agenda – Lake Weed Committee to poll residents, Schmidt's asphalt drive, and District Mission Statement

The next meeting will be February 8, 2018 at 9:00am.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Cypert
Manager