

Lower Spring Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Quarterly (3) Meeting July 21, 2012

Called Meeting To Order: Al Fehrmann called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M. on Saturday July 21, 2012. Present: Al Fehrmann-President, Sarah Bregant-County Supervisor, Vicki Bradford-Treasurer, Linda Plennes-Secretary and the new Village President-Dave Turner introduced himself to the district but could not stay as he had prior commitments. Al introduced two new lake members, Pat Zimmermann and Rudy and Mary Ralian.

Read & Approve Minutes: Linda Plennes read the minutes of the last meeting May 12, 2012. Two corrections noted, in the Open Forum section the correct word is deteriorating not decorating conditions in reference to the dams. The reinvestment cycle for grant monies does not require us to file quarterly; we can if we wish to. Robert Wielepski motioned to accept the minutes and Sharon Fehrmann 2nd the motion. The minutes are accepted as read.

Treasurers Report: Vicki Bradford and Al handed out current budget and check book activity documents. Vicki noted the checkbook activity was the deposits of the tax credits plus the \$4,000 donation from the Village. Vicki noted the deficient under expenses will change when we receive credits from the grant plan. No corrections were made, motion to accept was made Robert Wielepski and 2nd by Carol Dixon.

Harvester Operations Status: Jim Dixon was not available to report but he did make contact with Al. Jerry Keepen was out on the harvester for a short time. Robert stated that since the lake treatment the native aquatic vegetation has really grown and spread quickly the two bays are really thick. Al said he would talk with Jim about the concerns. The question again arose regarding the three foot cutting limit. Al shared with us that he had a conversation with Susan Graham. His question/statement was-if there are different limits of fish and fish sizes on our lakes shouldn't there then be different cutting limits to? Patricia's answer was "They the (DNR) have had many conversations regarding the lake depth for cutting, at the end of the day some lakes could of have a one foot depth while others may have a six foot depth. So the DNR set the limits across our state for all lakes to be three feet. Patricia made the statement that had the DNR set separate limits we would have had a deeper depth limit for cutting. A discussion took place about past lake treatments, what areas were treated and what aquatic plants were being treated. Al shared with the district that before 2004 we were able to cut anywhere we wanted on the lake, after that the DNR got involved and started setting guidelines and rules for all lakes. These past few years now the DNR has focused their

attention on enforcing these rules and guidelines on all lakes. The first step was to gain authority and control, the second step was to develop and establish rules and guidelines and thirdly, to enforce these standards.

Grant Project Updates: Vicki submitted our first request for money. Vicki referenced the handout 5 Year Grant Reimbursement Application ACE-1-116-12 .Noted our cash out payments totaled \$22,672.09. Vicki touched on the Volunteer Match, these are the hours that people have volunteered to assist the district. These hours total 120.25 hours @ \$12.00 = \$1,443.00 along with Patricia Cicero's time donated=\$1,464.00 The total expenses logged are \$25,579.09. Our share of costs=1/2 of the total- this figure is

\$12,789.55 credit due the district from State of Wisconsin-DNR.

Total grant amount \$86,562.40

Minus our credit 12,789.55

Grant balance remaining \$73,772.86

Vicki stated that next year discussions will take place on lake treatments and the cost of these treatments, the end results will be that the dollars and cents will continue to change as our needs change. BUT one thing is for sure, our donated time from our volunteers is "free" money to the district, your time is very valuable to the district, we need your support .

Clean Boats/Clean Waters Project: Al stated that we need a volunteer to manage the administrative duties for this project. Setting the schedule, inputting the hours worked for these volunteers. Currently there are 8 volunteers, 2 being high school students. Gary Perkell asked about concerns he had with the storm sewer runoff into our lake. Al will contact Patricia Cicero and forward the information onto Gary. Al will also contact Josh regarding the runoffs near the beach, the intake and out take dams and report back to the district at our next meeting.

Dam Report/Meeting With Josh: Linda read the report she prepared regarding the operational process of the dams. Josh explained the process they use when a decision is made to open the grates.. Explained the marker system on the out take dam and how it is monitored. Josh stated that today our normal water level is 4-5 inches below the maker marked "normal". Josh is working closely with the DNR regarding options for the dams. Lot of questions were asked but we don't have the answers as to what, when, how, who, how much is the cost. We hope to get additional information for our next meeting.

Open Forum: Gary asked about the run offs and shore erosion and what can he do as a home owner. Al will contact Patricia C and forward the information on to Gary. The DNR regulates the shoreline repair and replacements. They will allow certain water plants to prevent erosion.

Al again asked for volunteers to assist us in getting all our tasks completed. The more people we have volunteering the easier it is to complete our projects.

Also at our next meeting **AUGUST 25TH, 2012** We will have our annual picnic, a Picnic flyer will be coming your way soon.....watch for it and please respond!

Set Next Meeting Date: Next meeting date is August 25th, 2012

11:00 A.M. at the Palmyra Beach Shelter

Meeting Adjourned: Frank Loduha made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rudy Ralian 2nd motion.

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