

MT. MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
43RD ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday, July 20, 2019 - Mountain View Community Center

MEETING OPENING

1. Call to Order - 9:00 am – Attendees welcomed
 - Official Quorum declared and Agenda approved; Over 95 people were in attendance
 - Voting Procedures were explained according to present By Laws of the District:
 - Two electors for each property – Voters must be physically present at the meeting to vote- Electors can be two owners, home owners, an owner, and an owner and a spouse
 - If there are multiple owners of a property, then you must designate two people to vote for the interests of the owners of that property.
2. Introductions of Present Commissioners were introduced
3. District members introduced themselves.
4. Acknowledgements: Bob Behling and Elmer Haman were present as past District Commissioners.
5. Minutes of the 42nd Annual Meeting – July 21, 2018, were summarized by Joe Slezak in Power Point
6. **Chairman's Report: Tim Dahlstrand**
 - Thanked the Board for its work: Paul Brinkman, Rob Adams, Peggy Thiel, Joe Slezak
 - Acknowledged Dave Murphy for Chairing the Draw-down Committee and the March 2 meeting
 - Cited the new leasing agreement with Adaline Robbins for the Harvester Operations base
 - Cited Cory Hedrick and Nick Ales for their harvesting work
 - Repeated the goal of the Board: To maintain and care for the lake for enjoyment by our generation and future generations.
7. **Treasurer's Report: Peggy Thiel**
 - \$50,000 for the assessment and collected that amount;
 - We got a refund of workers' Comp Insurance
 - Reimbursements were under-budget due to the lack of AIS chemical control expenses this year
 - Contracted labor depend on weather conditions, and that is an unpredictable expense
 - Legal expenses for the lease negotiation increased over the previous year
 - Expenses were made in the total of \$50,000 compared to a budget of \$84,000
 - Cash balance was \$78,000 going into the year and \$79,000 coming out of the budget year.
 - We had budgeted to draw down the cash, but because we didn't spend as much the cash balance remained the same.
 - Questions were asked and answered about the AIS plan and its impact on the budget
 - Treasurer's report was voted for acceptance by the District electors.
8. **Endowment Fund Report: Paul Brinkman**
 - Due to the current market conditions, we reached a current balance of \$55,055.57
 - Paul thanked people for their contributions and presented points for continued contributions.
 - Paul cited the members of the committee for their work: June Schroeder, Clem Maslowski, Geoff Farrell, Bob Jozwowski

OLD BUSINESS

Lake Draw Down and Aquatic Invasive Species Updates was presented by two people:

- Rob Adams explained the AIS history of results leading to this question of having a drawdown.
- Dave Murphy handled questions concerning the drawdown process
- The drawdown committee consists of: Jeff Mrozinski, Barb and Denis Sutton, Dave Murphy

Key Points of the Committee Presentation:

Rob Adams and Dave Murphy the AIS Results, Data accumulated, and lessons learned

- Two benefits of the drawdown were cited by Rob: (1) AIS control and reduction; and (2) Soil compaction to reduce silt build up and shallow areas in the lake.
- Results of the past years' AIS chemical treatment actions were explained which indicated that some progress was made; a different course of action will be needed to make a major percentage kill of the AIS
- Rob explained that the action of a winter drawdown would kill more AIS where the chemical could not.
- Costs: We paid \$35,000 for treating Lake C and D... it would cost more to treat all five lakes. We have an 11 day out-flow rate of the lake and we had to increase our dosage rate to keep up with this.
- It would be worth the exercise to try the drawdown to keep the costs in check.
- Alpine Lake and Mt. Morris Lake are two different eco-systems. Their results would not compare to ours.
- We would begin a 1 foot per week level drop until we reached the 6 foot dropdown beginning Oct. 1.
- Rob and Dave fielded a variety of questions from the electorate about various aspects of the AIS treatment actions and results and the drawdown process implications.
- The intent is to determine a base line set of measurements this year, get questions answered about potential impacts, and next year vote on what kind of draw-down would be implemented.
- Question about voting by proxy: By-laws currently state that you have to be present at the annual meeting to vote. Dave Murphy concluded this presentation with information about drawdown actions, and summarized the current action plan up to next year's annual meeting had these goals:
 1. We will do no chemical treatment this year and next.
 2. We will do a comprehensive plant review of native species and AIS
 3. Apply for a grant to get financial support for the evaluation data gathering
 4. We will present the data at next year's annual meeting and vote on what action to take.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentation of the 2019-2020 Budget – Peggy Thiel

- Discussed expense components that will contribute to expenses next year
- Harvester budget will be increased by \$3500 due to repairs and parts expended so far
- The 2019-2020 budget was voted and approved at \$45,270

2. Election of Commissioners :

- Nominees are Peggy Thiel and Tim Dahlstrand for 3 year terms
- The vote taken unanimously elected both Peggy and Tim to new 3-year terms.

3. Other Topics Brought up for Discussion

- Steve Vanairsdale volunteered to take over the water sampling work.
- Pontoon boat parade will not be held this year due to lack of a coordinator for the event.
- A discussion occurred about the impact on the fishing population. The "We Kare Fishing Club" will take on fish stocking with a District donation to cover costs.
- Buoys placements will be corrected due to drifting from the wind and high water level.
- A motion was made to allow for proxy voting at the 2020 annual meeting. An extended discussion occurred. The Question was called. More discussion occurred. The motion was finally amended to state that a committee will be appointed to review this rule.
- A vote was taken: "That the District will form a committee to review the by-laws to present a proposal for changing them to allow for proxy voting at the 2020 Annual Meeting."
- This amended motion passed. A committee will be formed to work on this for next year.

4. Meeting Adjournment: Called at 11:30 am