

## **MT. MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT - REGULAR COMMISSIONER'S MEETING: May 5, 2012**

### **Meeting Called to Order: 9:00 am**

Present:

Board of Commissioners: Greg Foster, Tim Dahlstrand; Joe Slezak; Everett Eckstein, Rob Adams

Guests in the audience: Glen Christiansen, Hal Neitzel;

Denis Sutton was not in attendance due to illness.

### **Secretary's Report: Joe Slezak**

Read and accepted as presented for the special meeting on December 3 and the March 3 regular Commissioner's meetings.

### **Treasurer's Report**

It was a quiet period with minimal expenditures and cash expenditures.

Biggest expenditure was our annual lease payment to Adeline Robbins for the weed harvesting shelter and equipment maintenance site.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted.

### **Proposed Budget numbers were presented for 2012 – 2013**

Need more detailed information for the weed harvesting labor costs to complete budget. Joe Slezak to supply an analysis of the harvester costs to complete its budget.

We can keep our District expense level at current levels, and maybe keep a flat to a slight decrease in the District levy due to a decrease in anticipated expenses. We have the cash to cover the AIS treatment plan in 2013 if not grant money is available.

### **Wisconsin Lakes Convention Report: Hal Neitzel:**

It was a good convention. The theme was "Partnering" and presentations were based on explain about how to work with other agencies, clubs, not just shoreline owners. Much was talked about the watershed in the lakes, and the rivers and streams that flow into the lake how it affects AIS; Clean Boats, Clean waters program was explained; The program has been expanded quite a bit, and focused on the southern part of the state. There is a need for a volunteer network to support the CBCW programs. Questions: Hire high school kids at minimal wage to function as CBCW monitors? Can we partner with the We Care fishing Club to learn how they conduct their tournament and inspect their boats.

Hal attended the high capacity wells workshops. There are plans to put in a high capacity well in the land adjacent to the Mt. Morris watershed in the farm fields on Highway S and Hwy 152. These are called central pivot wells. There are currently no strong regulations concerning these wells that govern withdrawal capacity.

Shore land rehabilitation was discussed... buffer zones, etc. NR 115 has been postponed. The NR 115 was written as a minimum standard, and this recent session states that by 2017 there will be mandatory compliance that will be no more stringent than NR 115.

Bob and Deb Jozwowski, Hal Neitzel, Rob, Tim and two other members are part of the Lake Management Advisory Committee.

### **Rob Adams: AIS & Lake Management**

EWM treatment will occur on Monday, May 7. We may go to 3 parts per million. Water sampling may occur in conjunction with the treatment.

**Records Retention: Denis Sutton**

Continuing to log in materials and discuss storage options.

**Website development: Joe Slezak**

Discussion: Initial contacts with Wautoma administrator.

Town is acceptable to MMLMD linking to their site.

Continuing to pursue further with Wautoma's webmaster; May need to allocate \$500 for the transition, \$100 per month for administration and update costs.

**ENDOWMENT FUND PROPOSAL: Tim Dahlstrand**

Tim researched the lakes endowment concept through the National Resources Foundation of Wisconsin and presented a document describing how we can enact this program. As a Lake District, we can set this up as an opportunity to plan our future. We are committed to significant costs in the future to maintain the lake. We do not know if we will continue to get grants, and the responsibilities that we have will require raising funds for the care and preservation of the Lakes. An endowment fund is professionally managed. We will do a short presentation at the annual meeting and establish a working committee to research the feasibility of doing this from a broader view of the membership. There are people who would like to donate money and this is a good vehicle to ensure the long term quality of our lake. Current, Tim has enlisted Paul Brinkman to be on the Endowment Exploration Committee.

**Everett Eckstein, Waushara County Representative**

Elections concluded, some committee changes may occur, and Everett plans to maintain his representation on the Mt. Morris Lakes Management District Board.

**Town of Mt. Morris: Paul Jarvis, Town Representative**

The Town has applied for a grant for erosion control at the town park. Ed Hernandez is the key contact to address the issue. There is a Betty Mueller memorial fund. Kirk Farming and land transition is occurring. Investing in the community center... there will be new carpeting and walls painted. There were extra costs to the town because of the extra elections. Signage upgrade has to include marking the portage path and a cross walk.

**Annual Meeting: July 21, 2012**

Canadian Geese is a topic: Mike Jones, Wildlife Biologist for the USDA will speak at the annual meeting. Commissioner terms: Rob Adams will run for his position. Newsletter in June

Greg will do the water sampling and will get equipment from the DNR to do this. We are at the high end of the water level at 5.9 inches. Our highest level was at 6.1. We are losing 1.2 inches per 12 hours at this time to control the high water at the lake.

**Adjournment:** 10:30 am