

**MT. MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING – March 1, 2014**

Present: Tim Dahlstrand, Dennis Sutton, Greg Foster, Rob Adams, Everett Eckstein, Paul Jarvis

Secretary's Report: Joe Slezak

Secretary Minutes of the December 2013 meeting were read, corrected, and accepted

Treasurer's Report: Greg Foster

Levy was collected two weeks ago; Money market account \$66,657.85; CD will be rolled over again
Treasurer's Report Accepted

Rob Adams: AIS Treatment Report

We will be treating the same acreage for CLP this spring and adding EWM treatment. We currently have EWM and Hybrid Milfoil patches in Lake C. We had good success last year in killing of CLP on Lakes C and in the Lake C-D channels seem to have a lot of CLP. Rob overviewed the 2013 DNR report on our Lake which indicated a high water quality with little deterioration over that past few years. Morris Lakes are classified as being in a Mesotrophic state.

Greg asked about what kind of data should be collected in addition to the tube dip samples. We need data when the lake turns over to track the phosphorous spike. We are doing Phosphorous and Chlorine. A spike in the PH level usually will indicate when the turnover has taken place. Rob will ask Ed Hernandez about additional data that might be needed. We need to keep track of the historic data.

Cost for treatment this year is \$24,000 - \$25,000 range.

Motion put forth to allow contracting. Stantec will change their labor rate, but not the chemical rate. We could contract for multi-year contract. We should get a bid for a multi-year contract to 2016 when our grant expires. A motion was made to authorize Rob Adams to negotiate a contract with Stantec for this year and to get one for a multi-year. Motion was passed.

Rob suggested that we think about an alum treatment should the PH levels increase.

Tim Dahlstrand: Waushara County Land Conservation: Letter to Ed Hernandez.

We are on the low priority list for a lake planning grant review since we have already implemented ours. We will add that Denis report on the minutes and proceedings of the watershed council. Greg wants to make sure that the watershed council is looking out for us as an individual lake interest. We need a voice to represent us on the watershed council.

Tim reviewed the Comprehensive Management Plan goals. We need to test for perchlorate... a by-product of fireworks. We can do a before and after test after some of the July 4 fireworks celebrations. It would be \$155 per test to. This is in our comprehensive plan and we have not done this testing yet.

We are also obligated to continue work on our AIS control and monitor water quality. We should seek how to increase the District's capacity to communicate with District Stakeholders as another objective.

Tim Dahlstrand: Clean Boat Clean Waters Inspection

There is a DNR guidance document that specifies an alternative equivalent program for lakes with limited boat landing usage. This has been available since July 2011.

Instead of the CBCW program, with inspectors, we could display good signage, enact part-time volunteer surveillance, identify the primary outside users of the landings and provide them with direct communication. There are now trained CBCW stewards who can monitor the landing.

We will work with Ted Johnson to resolve the DNR concerns on CBCW monitoring on our lake as part of our lake management grant conditions. We are doing reasonable education for the needs of our lake. There is a consensus that we will hold off on the CBCW program for our lake.

Lake Endowment Fund Committee: Tim Dahlstrand

No action has been taken. A conference call is being planned to identify foundations that can service us. We might have something in place by the annual meeting time.

Dennis Sutton: Document Control

Dennis checked with Northern Micrographics... estimate of \$1700-\$1800 to enter 2500 pages, 500 documents. Dennis was commended by the Board for having brought us to the point where we have the right documents identified for archiving. Steven Point is where the documents would be sent. The State Historical society could go into our website and pull out the documents they need to keep everything updated. The motion was made that we move forward with taking the documents that the Historical Society wants and giving us a digital copy, and budget for this in 2014-2015 budget.

We are proposing an amount of \$2,000 for the budget.

Dennis had inventoried the documents, now we need to decide what is important to save. The effort would be a multi-year project to digitize the documents from each commissioner.

Canada Geese Round-up: Dennis Sutton

We are working on the permit for the round-up. It appears that the ice will go out late, and we may not need a round-up if the ice goes out late. We need to have 125 birds as a cost effective level for our permit. The round up occurs between the 14th of June and the end of the month, which is when the geese molting season occurs.

Website Status: Joe Slezak

The site has been completely edited. We have standard tabs to insert for information needed by the District stakeholders. It was pointed out that the site should only be an information site. Primary information will be the minutes of the meetings, boating rules... only strict information about the District without any graphic enhancements that might attract unnecessary public attention to the Lake District. The Board agreed that the website should be just a plain informational for the purposes of communicating information to District property owners.

Paul Jarvis: Town Board Report

Dan Nowak has been appointed Chairman to fill the rest of Wayne Mentink's term, who passed away. There will be some tree trimming to do in the County and accelerated road repair. There are a few changes in mowing spots.

Everett Eckstein

He is following the high capacity water well issues in the area. Everett will be teaching class in gardening without soil.

NEW BUSINESS

We contributed \$100 Land Conservation Field Conservation Day. We will do the same for this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am