

DATE: Saturday, Oct 19, 2019

TIME: 8:25 AM

LOCATION: Irish Blessing



MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

- **Directors Names:**

- Stan Tekiela Secretary, Rex Osterbauer, Steve Huesman, Kathleen Poate, Gene McLain, Doug Lawman, Gene Kovacs

- **Directors Not Present:**

- **Visitor:**

Meeting called to order at 8:25 by Kathleen

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from last meeting minutes approved with no changes. Doug moved and Rex Second. All in favor.

Treasures Reports

Printed report of the balance sheet. Went through the details of the printed budget balance. New balance after several small expenditures. Now balance \$16,886.73. No questions and the budget was approved by all.

Steve said there are some expenditures for next month and will be processed.

\$17 per outlet per month to keep the electric outlet live all year to aerate the lake. On-going cost.

Unfinished Business

Wright County Soil and Water, Conversations that Kathleen had and is thinking about and helping to prepare our budget for the future.

Water testing for the feed lot discharge. Kathleen brought in the sample and apparently, they put it in the wrong spot and they didn't send it out so the sample needs to be taken again. Kathleen will take sample again.

Testing needs to continue well into winter if possible. Testing cost \$15 per time.

Budget and Levy, Trying to decide what the levy will be if we move forward on it. If we choose to increase we can make this decision by Dec 2019. Kathleen is leaning towards increasing the levy to improve the lake quality projects. We didn't have all the info in our Aug meeting so premature to not go for the levy. Now we have a proposed budget showing both with a levy increase or not. Gene M said we had a vote to not have a levy increase at the last meeting and to put off to 2020. Gene M has problem with bringing this up again. The

group wants to look at it again. Kathleen thinks it was premature that we voted last time to not move forward with the levy. With hindsight it was premature and that we need to discuss this again and re-approach the subject of increasing the levy.

Need to have a new point intercept because ours is old. Recommended that it be done every 5 years. This will give us a plan for spraying for the future.

Water and Soil take our culverts survey and test them this coming spring and continue to test each spring to track what is coming into the lake. Testing 7 culverts to each year at \$15 per test.

Continue the rebate program into the future. It is recommended that we bring up reimbursement to \$100 to incentivize homeowners to spray.

Steve passed out a Past/Current/future anticipated Expense outlining 2017-18-19-20. Gene K had problem with the Weed Treatment in Channels number which is projected at \$25k. Steve explained this includes the new point intercept lake assessment. Gene M was worried that we are not allowed to have a budget surplus. Rex explained that we actually don't have the money just access to the money so its not a problem to have a surplus. The big added cost is in weed control and we all agreed we wanted Clarke company to come back. Much discussion about if the rebate is a good pathway to get the job done or to have the LID to take over all spraying and do it in one spraying.

If we increase (to \$25k up from \$16k) the levy it would take care of the proposed budget and pay for the new point intercept and lake improvement plan. Payment for a new lake improvement plan is key for a pathway forward. This plan would come from a company such as Clarke. What we need is a good management plan. The lake management plan will spell out the amount we would need to spend to get the management plan. Gene K will support an increase in the levy just one step. The levy hasn't been increased in 16 years of the history of the LID. Kathleen supports the increase because she is mostly concerned because she wants a cleaner lake. The sooner we get going on this the sooner we get the lake cleaned up.

Rex feels that a levy one step increase won't bring the results that everyone wants but feels like the 2 step increase would and help to increase the property values. Rex felt that in the past many people had just a shell or cabin (non winter) but now people with more money are coming in and the property values are increasing. Doug agrees. We need to get the word out that we haven't increased in 16 years and its about time. Much discussion about the actually budget.

Kathleen is suggests that we increase the levy up 2 levels for a special meeting at Corinna Township hall for the homeowners at Nov meeting. Rex makes a motion to have a meeting in Nov and increase 2 levels and Steve second. All voted in favor except for Gene M. Gene M believed that if we took the money are using for the rebates and turn it into the LID spraying would actually be getting something done. He believes that the survey would be done next summer and we won't see any improvement. With the Lake Management plan we can go to the homeowners with the plan and then ask for the levy increase. So he wants to the rebate money to pay for the lake management plan so we can go to the home owners with the plan in hand and that is why we need a levy increase.

Now the concern is how will we notify the homeowners of the special meeting in Nov with an explanation. It will be Nov 23rd at 9 am. All agreed of this date and time.

Would need to have two budget plans one with the increased levy and one without the increase but shows that what will be eliminated and what the homeowners will not be getting. The Nov board meeting will go over the budgets.

Notifications of the meeting will be sent out.

New Business

The annual report hasn't been done in 2 years and the county would like it done.

We will own the past 2 years and this year also for a total of 3 years.

Guy V did it in the past and we need someone to do it now. There are a number of items that need to be covered in the annual report. We have an outline of how to write this annual report.

Lake spraying. Kathleen would like to see a joint meeting with the ebay people that sprayed and the LID to see if there is a pathway forward so we don't reach the max area spraying on the lake. We need to have the groups working together. Laura (visitor) suggests that they homeowners won't be spraying again this coming year.

Most of the homeowners didn't understand. They just wanted to see what would happen if they sprayed. Laura (visitor) thought there were some good results but isn't planning on going about doing this again for the future.

She wants a lake management plan. She claims that many of the long term residents just don't care about the lake quality anymore. Kathleen wants to have just one company spraying and treat the lake as one element and not having homeowners trying to do their own thing. Kathleen would like to see us work with Clarke because we have a long history. Doug, has 2 companies coming to meetings to pitch a lake management plan so we can make a decision on which company we will be going with in the future. Third company isn't responding to requests. The companies will be at the Nov 16th board meeting.

Kathleen wants to send out an survey to the homeowners asking what they want for the lake.

Old Business

Aeration shed and equipment will stay until spring and will move in spring 2020. Will be moved to Tekiela property with the power pole.

We need to designate an official paper for announcements. The Drummer is a free paper and could work. Everyone seems to get the Drummer more often. The Maple Lake Messenger needs to be paid for subscription. We will designate the Maple Lake Messenger as our official paper. Gene K moved to approve this paper and Rex Second vote all in favor except for Steve who thinks the Messenger.

Announcements

none

Other Business

Adjournment

Meeting adjured by Kathleen second by Rex. Done with meeting at 9:50 am. All approved.

SECRETARY APPROVAL:
(Signature & Date)
