

DATE: Saturday, Feb 22, 2020

TIME: 8:30 AM

LOCATION: Irish Blessing



MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order

- **Directors Names:**

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

- **Directors Not Present:** Rex Osterbauer, Gene Kovacs

- **Visitor:** Craig Mueller, Aquatic Solutions of MN

Meeting called to order at 8:33 by Kathleen, Rex and Gene out of town.

Visitor Craig Mueller from Aquatic Solutions gives presentation. The LID is looking for a lake management company and plan. We have invited Craig to tell us about his company. In business for 24 years. Does this part time but has a full time job. Does individual home treatments. Did a couple treatments last year. Must control curly leaf. First must control curly leaf before any major treatment and long-term plan. Seeds of curly leaf last 3 to 10 years so they produce seeds. Estimates 15 billion seeds produced just last season on mink and summer. 38 acres on mink and 19 acres on summers.

\$50,000 for sonar treatment which is applied in fall and bump in spring. Need to do it every year. Very expensive and safe. After first year treatment we can apply treatment ourselves.

Craig doesn't do long term lake management plans, he is weed treatment guy. Said we have a lot of phosphorous in the water. Mink is worse than somers. Lots of biomass on the bottom on the lakes but everyone believes its hard-bottom underneath. The boats run around and stir up the bottom and feeds the algae growth. Craig states this is beyond his expertise and can't comment. He recommends not spending money on channel spraying cause the curly leaf will die off anyway. Claims we will only get an extra week or two if we spray the channels.

If we would treat 15% (max amount) the total cost would be \$11,000 for Mink and \$6,000 for somers at 1 part per million. If did 2.7 parts per million is the same amount as the sonar treatment. But with Sonar only 10 gallons total and if we did other it would hundreds of gallons. We need a point intercept survey before being able to do lake wide spraying. We have applied for the grant to do the survey.

Recommends doing the sonar treatment for several years of treatment. MN DNR doesn't allow the use of Sonar and especially in this region. Our lakes are an ideal candidate for using Sonar. It's a lot of money and DNR not on board to use it.

Craig doesn't do lake surveys but can recommend someone. We will need to come up with a lake management company and work with Craig to do the treatments only. Craig says it is cheaper because it is a one company. Does 15 lakes currently (10) in Wright County.

Much discussion about what company would be best for our lakes. Everyone had a chance to give their opinion. Steve makes a motion to go with LimoPro out of St Cloud for the point intercept portion. Stan will second and all voted in favor. We will get LimoPro to come back out and tell us more about the management plan and also maximizing our spraying. March 10th afternoon or evening meeting to get up to date.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from last meeting (Oct) approved as corrected. Motion made by Steve and second by Gene. All in favor. Pass

Minutes from the Nov meeting approved. Motion made by Doug and second by Steve to accept. All in favor. Pass

Treasures Reports

Steve gives detailed report of costs and balances for the past months. Jan \$22,122.82 after paying Jan bills. Steve has a stack of papers to show all the costs for 2019.

There is now supported paperwork for all expenses.

Stan comments that Steve is doing an amazing job and our budget has never been so well documented.

Gene moves to approve and Doug seconds and all votes in favor. Pass

Unfinished Business

New Business

No new business.

Old Business

Aeration shows that Mink Lake needed. Oxygen levels stayed the same so no panic.

They will check again next week and we will be on standby waiting to see if we need to jump into action to get the pumps out and running.

Feed lot bay testing this winter. The county has requested that soil and water do all the testing this winter and summer. Needs to be done by Soil in Water to be legal.

The over head netting has been taking down on 5 of the pheasant enclosures. The pens were to be removed by the end of Feb.

TAM would like to split the cost of Web site, Liability Ins (Event insurance) and news letter. Doug makes the motion that we split the cost and Gene seconds. All voted in favor. Pass

Announcements

none

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjured by Kathleen second by Gene. Done with meeting at 10:25 am. All approved.

SECRETARY APPROVAL:

(Signature & Date)
