

**DATE:** Sat, May 22, 2021

**TIME:** 8:30 AM

**LOCATION:** Zoom Meeting



## MEETING MINUTES

### Call to Order

- **Directors Names:**

- Stan Tekiela Secretary, Steve Huesman, Kathleen Poate, Gene Kovacs, Gene McLain, Greg Swenson
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- **Directors Not Present:** None

- **Visitor:** Dan from LimnoPro

Meeting called to order at 8:30 by Kathleen on Zoom.

### Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from April were accepted with no objections. Steve moved to approve and second by Gene. All in favor.

### Treasures Reports

April Balance \$28,007.19

One expense for our PO Box at \$56 per year. No other expenses and no other income. Gene K moved to approve and second by Steve. All approved.

### Unfinished Business

### Old Business

Dan from Limnopro gave presentation. They went out to treat the three bay in Mink Lake and the navigation channels. Chemicals were applied with no issues. Lots of curly leaf reported. The curly leaf was younger and just starting to get to the surface this year compared to last year. It took longer for water to warm up this year. If we want, we are authorized in nav channels to do another treatment (not in bays) later in summer (mid July). The channels are treated up to 50 feet wide.

Dan thinks it would be worth for DNR to come out and look and write up a lake vegetation management plan. The curly leaf pond weed is the worse Dan has seen in any lake. Just so the DNR can see firsthand what we are dealing with. Sommer doesn't have much curly leaf. Mostly on Mink Lake.

Dan thinks it would be good to get DNR to come out. Invasive species side of things on the DNR. Just asking for them to come out and see. Not asking for anything. This would be initial step to get variance to treat more than just 15% of lake. Dan from LimnoPro will contact. Long term goal is to reduce curly leaf just enough to be able to recreate in the lake and allow for more native plants to grow.

Three objectives

1. Sonar survey. Come out twice to do sonar survey because the plant communities change through the summer. We want to see what is happening later in the year which has more native plants.
2. Invite DNR to come out and hope to get a Lake Vegetation management plan (LVMP). This is MN law that only the DNR can write and present so we can treat more than just 15% of the lake. This is just first step to see if our lake would warrant getting the LVMP.
3. Keep an eye on the nav channels to see if they get worse or can we live with just chemical treatment.

By the second week of July we need to check channels to see if we need treatment again.

We need to go out to boat launch to check for starry stonewort because this needs to be treated ASAP.

Gene K made motion to accept and move forward on the three steps that LimnoPro will do next. It was second by Steve and all voted in favor. No objections.

Steve reported that Tom S is going testing of the lake. Disk test for clarity. For the month of May it was extra clear. Water sampling at 6 feet below the surface. He brings to wright county and results are on the web page of the company that does the testing. RMB company has the information. An email with a link to the web page has been sent out and will check to see if a link is on our website.

Covert testing: Greg reports that Alisha will be testing starting in June to test for the bird farm discharge.

Updates on limestone filter: Gene had no success at contacting Alisha and reports that their phone at Wright County where not working. Steve reports that he has seen that prior to rain this week very minimal water coming in. Water was coming in and it appears that all water was going through the limestone filter.

Managing the Lake Level: Gene M and Gene K are working on this. Gene K submitted report to board members. Gene K feels that our outlet is a natural structure. He visited the site with member of Wenck engineering. Gene feels that what is in place seems to be working. He is proposing to visit every other month to take a look and see what is going on.

Steve C the landowner says he has picture and evidence of the past changes by individuals that wanted the lake level at their own desires. Gene K wants to emphasize that no one is allowed to raise or lower the lake by law. We can only maintain the current level. Steve C says the ice ridge of pushed up soil next to the lake should be removed to allow more water to escape if we get back to back 5 inch rains which are coming more frequently now.

Gene M says he spent last summer working on this issue. He states that lake levels can't be changed unless everyone on the lake agrees. He said that the ice ridge is a different issue from changing the outlet. We cannot change the wetland but we can remove the ice ridge.

Kathleen wants to find a resolution to all of this discussion. Gene K wants someone to monitor the outlet and interval that everyone agrees upon, for example once a month. Gene M proposed to work with Steve the land owner to come up with a plan to bring back to the board. Gene K wants to do it this year while wetland is dry

and we can get in and do the work. Based on the engineers suggest and working with the landowner Gene M wants to put together a plan to address the ice ridge and outlet. Stan makes motion to charge Gene M to work with landowner to come up with plan. Gene K seconds. All voted in favor.

Dan H (visitor) wants to know about the culvert testing (not feed lot testing). Where is the board on this issue? Dan N from soil and water hasn't heard from anyone on the board about testing the culverts. Dan is concerned about keeping the nutrient load from coming into the lake. Wants testing of culverts and drain tile. Dan wants to know if they ever fixed ditch 20? It collapsed in several places and it will back up water if we get large rain fall.

Stan proposed that we add these two topics to next months and ongoing agenda.

No wake list. Apparently, there is a list of lakes where no wakes are allowed. Terry with Wright County Water Patrol to get on the list of lakes with no wakes. This would help with erosion control along shoreline.

Individual property testing on June 21. It will cost \$16 per resident. Need to figure out how to put together this option. Greg was going to take day off to collect the samples and deliver the samples.

Monitor gate.

Storage building. Tim C wants to resolve the shed issue. Stan say he wouldn't mind but wants a better looking shed. Tams might be able to purchase a shed to put on Stan's property. Stan proposed to that he might be able to purchase a shed and rent back the space. Steve was thinking that perhaps move the shed to the landing but board rejected due to vandalism. Steve wants to do inventory of the equipment and find out what equipment is there and what is needed. Steve and Doug L will go and look to do the inventory.

Gene K thinks the idea of renting the building is a good idea.

## **New Business**

Elections are in Aug and Kathleen will take care of elections for this year. The two Gene's are up for election. Discussion about the length of terms and how many terms they can serve.

Steve wants to talk about the invoice from LimnoPro. Steve wants to process the invoice in the amounts of \$9208.34 for channel spraying in May. Gene K made motion to make payment. Second made by Stan and vote all in favor.

## **Adjournment**

Kathleen makes motion to conclude the meeting at 10;10 am. Motion to adjourn by Steve H and second by Greg.

**SECRETARY APPROVAL:**  
(Signature & Date)

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