**Minutes of the McDill Lake District Special Voters Meeting**

**6:30 PM Thursday May 12, 2016 Ben Franklin Library**

**Board Members Present:** Krista Olson, Joe Blonigen, Dave Enerson, David Quick, Marv Van Kekrerix and Mike Phillps. Krista informed the group that there is a new representative, Bob Gifford for Portage County, who must be from the Conservation Committee.

President Krista Olson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

The minutes from the April 7, 2016 Quarterly meeting were read by Secretary Joe Blonigen. Bernie Landerman requested that the minutes state the specific motion, who made the motion, second it and the number of votes for or opposed. The Lake District agreed with the request for future Minutes. The Minutes of the April 7th meeting were moved for approval by Rick Beggs, seconded by Dr. Shaw and approved by 22 Lake District Members present and one opposed.

Bernie Landerman requested that correspondence received by the Lake District be shared in Lake District meetings. He then read a letter to the McDill Lake District regarding areas discussed at the April 7th meeting not to be chemically treated to stay within the $16,000 budgeted and given we did not receive the $4,000 grant, especially Bonney Bay. Krista stated that subject was tabled until receipt and review of an updated survey for the presence of EWM, at the next meeting.

Krista then read the conditions of the Weed Harvesting Permit received from the DNR. The Permit will be scanned and posted to the McDill Pond website.

**Treasurers Report:** David Quick reviewed the Treasurers Report as of May 12, 2016 provided at the meeting. The primary variance is in the actual amount spent for Pond Maintenance and Equipment totaling $10,403.99, were for $7,600 on the GPS units and $2,800 for the storage trailer. The cost of the trailer was less than the $3,800 total budgeted for fencing and storage unit. Rick Beggs donated a fence and lockable gate mounted on the pier.

Krista shared a proposed designation of unallocated reserves to be considered in the next Budget. She recommended $50,000 for Dam Operation Contingency, $20,000 for Dam Repairs and $50,000 for Annual Operational Contingency .

**Harvester Landing Update:**  Krista and Mike Phillips reported that the Stevens Point City Planning Commission approved the ability for the McDill Lake District to have a storage trailer, pier and lockable gate on the pier at the landing where the weed harvesters are located. Bernie Landerman asked if there is going to be a lease or purchase agreement with the city to guarantee access to the site. Mike Phillips said there will be an agreement with the city for access to the site for the weed harvesters. There is no need to purchase the site, as the storage trailer and pier will be allowed during the weed harvesting season and be removed each fall.

**AIS Training for Homeowners:** Krista reportedthat aquatic plant identification training, including AIS species present in McDill Pond, will be held at the Koziczikowski Park Shelter at 6 PM on May 17th.

**Business 51 Corridor Meeting with WI DOT:** Krista and Marv met with the WI DOT on May 4th regarding the improvements to the Business 51 Causeway, along McDill Pond. Marv presented a drawing of the proposed causeway. Moving the boat landing was determined not feasible because of the cost involved, however the bridge will be one foot higher to allow for more distance from the water for boats to pass under. There is a pathway planned from the bridge along the causeway, which will allow access for fishing. The construction is proposed for 2018. They are also considering taking dead trees from Koziczikowski Park and anchoring them in McDill Pond along the causeway for fish habitat.

**Approval of the McDill Lake Management Plan:** Krista shared the McDill Lake Management Plan, which needs to be approved by the Lake District. Dr. Shaw made the motion for approval of the plan, which was seconded by Greg Olson and approved unanimously by the 23 members present.

**Discussion and Vote on the Spring 2016 Chemical Treatment:** Krista presented the Point Intersect Survey performed by Schmidt Aquatic. Approximately 50 acres of McDill Pond is found to contain EWM and Curly Leaf Pond Weed. Spring Slough is a designated special resource area, which is not included in the approximately 50 acres, as it cannot be chemically treated. There was a discussion on the use of Diquot for the chemical treatment, with concerns of accumulation of the chemical in aquatic wildlife and lakebed shown in studies. It was recommended that the Lake District look into alternatives to chemical treatment for management of aquatic AIS. Bob Landerman expressed an interest into looking into alternatives for control of AIS for our next permit. Heather Pezewski moved that the Lake District spend the $20,000 estimated to treat the 50.6 acres of EWM and Curly Leaf Pond Weed in the areas shown on the Point Intersect Survey. The motion was seconded by Dave Enerson. The motion was approved by 22 Lake District Members and opposed by one.

**Presentation and vote for dredging of the silt trap:** Dave Enerson briefed the members on the dredging of the silt trap in McDill Pond. The original approach was foundto costin the area of $400,000. They have since looked into removal of up to 2100 cubic yards by crane and be trucked to near the Disc Golf area for storage, until used. The project is thought to take about one week and the sand expected to be hauled away in about 3 months. The cost of the project is estimated to be about $36,000. A Permit for the dredging was obtained from the DNR and the city of Stevens Point approved the deposit of the dredging material on the site. Krista Olson made the motion for approval of the dredging project as presented, which was seconded by Dr. Shaw, approved by 22 members and opposed by one.

Mike Phillips moved that the funding of the dredging project come from the Lake District Reserves, which was seconded by Dave Enerson, approved by 22 Lake District members and opposed by one.

August 6, 2016 Paddlin’ for the Pond Day Event: Krista proposed that Junk Boat Races be held with a $25 entrance fee, where 50% of the proceeds go toward prizes and 50% to projects for McDill. There also could be food sales, where excess funds go to projects benefiting McDill.

**Other Items:** Krista reminded us of the ability to remove aquatic vegetation within your 30 foot riparian area. Tom Patterson recognized two for paddling and cleaning up shoreline along McDill Pond for about 2 days. David Quick asked for confirmation that the $7,600 spend on the GPS units are designated as taken out of the Lake District Reserves.

The meeting for the 3rd quarter 2016 is scheduled for Thursday September 15th, at 6:30 PM. The preliminary next budget will be a focus in that meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Blonigen, Secretary.