**Minutes of the McDill Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Quarterly Meeting**

 **6:30 PM Thursday September 22, 2016 Ben Franklin Junior High School Library**

**Board Members Present:** Krista Olson, Joe Blonigen, Dave Enerson, David Quick, Marv Van Kekrerix, Bob Gifford and Mike Phillips.

President Krista Olson called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM.

The minutes of the May 12, 2016 Special Voters meeting were read by Secretary, Joe Blonigen. The minutes were moved for approval by Rick Beggs, seconded by Mike Phillips and approved by all of the Lake District members present.

Krista reported that $192.50 was raised from the Poker Run, to be used by the Lake District for repair of bird houses. She received a quote of $16,000 per acre for removal of EWM from DASH. This quote is considerably higher than what the Lake District has paid for past treatment of EWM, so it will not be pursued. She also received an Inspection Report on the dam, which will be posted to the District website for review.

**Update on dredging of the silt trap:** Dave Enerson reported that the dredging occurred on time and within budget. The dredging material is still where deposited, but is expected to be removed soon. Krista said that a Bathymetric Survey is on the schedule to be completed.

**Aeration update:** Krista and Marv had discussion with two vendors of aeration systems and asked for recommendations on areas in McDill that could benefit from such systems. The breakdown of nitrogen is a benefit from the use of aeration systems. Soil sampling and Bathymetric mapping are required to provide recommendations for placement of aeration systems. Results from soil sampling is expect in about two months from UWSP and the Bathymetric Survey is scheduled to be performed, which then can be shared.

**Update on the Business 51 Causeway Project:** Krista reported that the DOT said the water level of McDill Pond will need to be lowered by at least 3 feet starting in the fall of 2018 through May 1, 2019 for construction of the causeway. The DOT is flexible on lowering the water level further to allow for dredging and/or freezing of EWM, while not affecting the fishery in the Pond. Tom Meronek from the DNR will be consulted on the maximum amount of the drawdown that could occur without affecting the Pond’s fishery. Also it was questioned how a drawdown could affect the structure of the dam and that a slow drawdown be performed. It was recommended that an inspection be performed on the dam, after completion of the project. Mike Phillips also suggested that we look into the placement of a culvert through Della Street from the South Channel to the Pond paid for by the DOT during the drawdown, which should improve the flow of the North and South Channels. This is expected to require approval by the City of Stevens Point. A deicer is needed to be placed by the DOT near the dam, operating during the winter of the drawdown. It was suggested the DOT be approach for purchase of the deicer, at a reasonable price for use by the Lake District.

**Plant Management Update:** Rick Beggs reported that weed harvesting has been discontinued for the season and the weed harvesters are scheduled to be removed by the city, Tuesday morning September 27th. The Meyer family has volunteered to assist in removing the docks at the harvester landing on Saturday October 1st. Krista reported that the Lake District did not receive any violations regarding weed harvesting during 2016 and also receiving approval from the DNR for skimming of McDill in the future. The GPS maps will need to be updated to remove sharp angles that are difficult for the weed harvesters to follow and add areas for future weed harvesting. There will be the need for additional staff in 2017 for weed harvesting, especially with a CDL license to drive the dump truck. It’s found that such staffing can be hard to find, especially during crop harvesting times, when the wages to attract them is very competitive. It was also noted for the need to mark shallow areas in the Pond to alert boaters and operators of the weed harvesters. McDill Pond is not mapped for depth to be placed on the GPS units. Tom Patterson offered to contact Navionics, a company that perform lake depth maps, to determine how McDill could be mapped.

**Chemical Treatment Update:** Krista reported the success of areas treated chemically this summer varied based on where the chemical drifted. A survey on amount of weed growth and types will be performed this fall. Clean Lakes will be performing the survey, at a lower price. We received a proposal from them for chemical treatment, with several options to be considered depending on the results of the survey. They use a deep water approach for chemical treatment which is thought to be more effective than applying on the surface. Their proposal also appears to more cost effective, than Schmidt Aquatics. The use of a granular form on chemical was questioned for treatment. It was noted that a longer contact time with a longer drawdown period is required for granular chemical treatment to be effective. It was also noted that McDill contains more hybrid and/or Northern Milfoil, than EWM. Clean Lakes will provide a recommendation on chemical treatment, based on the results of the plant survey.

**YTD Treasurer and 2016/2017 Proposed Budget Report:** TreasurerDavid Quick provided a report on 10/01/15-09/22/16 YTD actual expenses compared to the Budget and a proposal for the next fiscal year. One more payroll is to be made before year end, but is expected to be well within the Budget. The major expenditures were $32,908 for the silt trap dredging project, $11,835 for equipment, consisting primarily from the purchase of the GPS units and trailer, all which were taken from Reserves. David provided a proposed zero balance budget for 10/1/16 to 9/30/17, based on actual expenses for the past year, less the cost for the dredging project and the cost of equipment not normally incurred. David asked for any recommends on the proposed budget. It was suggested that additional reserves be accumulated for dredging of the silt trap. The silt trap is hoped to have an 8 year expected life before needing to be dredged again.

**Nutrient Load Study:** Krista reported that a Nutrient Load Study is being performed on McDill Pond and we invite Dr. Hermann of UWSP to a future meeting to share the results of the study and possible solutions to reduce the nutrient load in McDill.

**Candidates up for Election:** Krista report that the terms for Dave Enerson and David Quick will be up. Dave Enerson said he would continue serving on the Board, but David Quick, who has been serving as Treasurer for the past 15 years, decided to retire from the Board. Therefore the Lake District is in need for the nomination of a new Board member to replace David Quick. The Lake District may need to hire someone for the handling of payroll, payment of invoices, etc. if not able to find a volunteer for those services.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Thursday, December 8, 2016.

The Annual Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Blonigen, Secretary.