**McDill Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District**

 **Annual Meeting Minutes 6:30 pm Thursday October 19, 2017**

 **Ben Franklin Junior High School Library**

**Board of Commissioners Present:** Krista Olson, Joe Blonigen, Dave Enerson, Bob Gifford, Gary Hurm, Mike Phillips and Marv Van Kekerix.

Krista called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting:** The Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting were posted to the McDill website and provided at the meeting for review. Mike Phillips moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes and they be approved as written. The motion was seconded by Bob Gifford and approved by all of the Lake District Members present.

**Nomination and vote for Member at Large Commissioner Position:** Mike Phillips nominated Gary Hurm for the Commissioner at Large position. He was the interim Commissioner that finished Carrie Freeberg’s term. The Members were asked to vote in writing on Gary Hurm, as Commissioner. 17 Members voted for Gary Hurm as Commissioner at Large. No one opposed.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer,Marv Van Kekerix presented the September 30, 2017 YTD Treasurer report. There were no questions asked about the report. Gary Hurm moved for approval of the Treasurer Report. Dave Enerson second the motion and all of the Members present approved the Treasurer Report.

**Report from the Audit Committee:** Krista asked for volunteers to serve on an Audit Committee to review McDill’s financial records and report their finding in the December Quarterly Meeting. Bernie Landerman, Carl Rasmussen and Marv Van Kekerix volunteered to be on the Committee.

**2017 Fall Aquatic Plant Survey and 2018 Recommendations:** Krista stated that she was not happy with the report of the fall aquatic plant survey received from Clean Lakes Midwest. Clean Lakes agreed to provide a complete survey and report in the spring of 2018. Clean Lakes also provided 3 estimates for chemical treatment varying by the number of acres treated. The treatment of about 21 acres was estimated at about $21,000, 63.5 acres for about $25,000 and 100 acres for about $30,000. Jack Negaard commented that the treatment of 100 acres for about $30,000 appears to be the best option. He also suggested that the chemical treatment be applied closer to shore in some of the shallow bays where the weed harvesters are not allowed to operate. Aquatic plant material have been accumulating in these areas and producing a smell. If approved to treat those areas it was recommended that the harvesters be allowed to pick up the treated plant material, instead of leaving them in the pond to decompose. Krista stated we are operating under the current permit for weed harvesting and that it is not up for renewal, but will ask Scott at the DNR.

Mike Phillips asked why we do not use granular form of chemicals for treatment. Krista stated that granular applications are slower release, take longer for contact with plants and are not as effective in areas of faster water flow. It was suggested that application of granular chemicals maybe more effective in back water shallow bays. Krista said she will check with Clean Waters regarding the use of granular chemicals in those areas. It was stated that chemical treatment is more effective in controlling aquatic weeds than harvesting.

**Options for Trucking of Aquatic Weeds:**  Krista reported that the truck currently provided by the city is filled from one load from a weed harvester and there is a concern on the need for the operators to climb the back of the truck using pitchforks to move the weeds in place to fill the truck. That we are looking at options to more efficiently load and transport the aquatic weeds harvested. Rick Beggs and others from the Lake District traveled to Roche-A-Crie to view their use of a trailer for hauling aquatic weeds. There is a concern that the length of the truck and trailer together may require a Class A CDL for the driver. Dave Enerson said he is aware of a company that could build something to meet our needs. Bernie asked if the city could provide a larger truck. Mike Phillips said all of the larger trucks are in use, so not available. Rick reported on trying a garbage truck for loading and transportation of weeds harvested. The weeds can be compacted with a garbage truck, so would have more capacity than the dump truck currently in use and easier to load. Mike Phillips said the city would be willing to purchase a garbage truck and maintain it, if the Lake District would reimburse for the purchase of the truck. It was asked what the savings would be in pursuing other options to transport the weeds. It was suggested that options be considered, as well as any potential savings and report back to the Lake District for consideration.

**Review of engineering firm proposals for dredging of the silt trap:** Krista showeda bathymetric map from 2008 which still had a majority of the depths from the 2001-2003 dredging. Then the latest map from April of 2017 showing the silt trap is filling in. The silt trap dredged was thought to have a life of about 15 years. The dredge completed in 2003 costed $474,713 and was paid for from a State of Wisconsin grant, City of Stevens Point Room Tax and sale of the dredged sand. Use of the Stevens Point Room Tax is thought not to be available for a future dredging project. The city however is willing to allow an area of the Disc Golf Course near McDill for dumping and storing the dredged material, until used. The DNR will also require analysis of core samples of the area to be dredged before approach of a permit. Bernie asked if it made sense to obtain core samples before paying a firm to produce an engineering report. Krista provided estimates from 3 engineering firms ranging from $8,500 to $28,000 for engineering reports. SEH was used for the previous dredging project, so would most likely update the past report, therefore providing the lower estimate. Krista said an engineering report would need to be paid upfront by the Lake District, but would included in the total cost of the project that could be covered by a 50/50 grant. Jack suggested that any engineering report be contingent on approval of the project. Bernie asked that copies of the proposals by the 3 engineering firms be provided to the Lake District Members for review. Krista said she will post the proposals to the McDill website and provide Bernie with copies to be reviewed. It was also asked whether the city would provide their expertise in engineering. Jack said the city was a financial partner, but did not provide any engineering resources in the last project. Mike Phillips moved that any decision to pursue an engineering report be postponed to the December Quarterly Meeting to allow time for Members to review the proposals. The motion was seconded by Lori Beggs and approved by all of the Lake District Members present.

**2017-2018 Budget Review and Approval:** Marv shared a proposedBudget for the next fiscal year. The proposed Budget was based on an assessment of $290 per parcel vs. $275 for the past year, an increase of payroll to $15,250 to hire weed harvester operators at a competitive level, an increase for chemical treatment to $25,000 and fuel for the weed harvesters at $2,500. The negative net operating income would be covered by the carryover of the net operating for the previous years. Bernie expressed a concern about the accumulation from chemical treatments applied annually in the Pond. Jack moved that the Budget for Chemical Treatment be increased to $30,000. The Motion was seconded by Tom Patterson, approved by 20 Members present and opposed by one. Rick Beggs moved that the Annual Assessment be increased to $300 to cover for the increase in Chemical Treatment. The Motion was seconded by Joe Blonigen, approved by 20 Members present and opposed by one. Lori Beggs moved for approval of the 2017-2018 Budget with the 2 amendments approved. The Motion was seconded by Dave Enerson, approved by 20 Lake District Members present and opposed by one.

The next Annual Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 PM on October 18, 2018 at the Ben Franklin School Library.

As a reminder the next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for 6:30 pm on December 7, 2017 at the Ben Franklin School Library. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joe Blonigen Secretary.