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

 **6:30 PM Thursday April 19, 2018 at Ben Franklin Junior High School Library**

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

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

**Minutes of the 1st Quarter 2018 Commissioners Meeting held on January 11, 2019:** The Minutesof the meeting were posted to the McDill website and available at the meeting for review. Mike Phillips moved that to dispense with reading of the Minutes and they be approved as written. The motion was 2nd by Dave and approved by all of the Lake District Members present.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer, Marv Van Kekerix provided an update of financial activity and balances as of April 18, 2018. One bill is higher than budget as the website maintenance has been billed for the first quarter higher than the total year amount that was budgeted off the amount quoted by the provider. Marv will check into the billing. Rick Beggs moved for approval of the Treasurer Report, 2nd by Dave Enerson and approved by all of the District Members present.

**Misc Announcements:** The Osprey was found injured during the storm on the shore of Diane Schufeldt. After many calls Rick Beggs and Greg Olson rescued the bird and handed her over to Dino of Nature’s Niche. She was transported to Raptor Education Group which is now caring for her. It is hoped that she will recover and be returned to McDill. There is also plans underway to organize a group to clean up Riverwoods park and place a trail through to the water for local fisherman. The trail will be planned with the help of the Rasmussens to avoid placing it over the rare wildflowers.

**2018 Chemical Treatment Map and Plans:** The Chemical treatment map was shared, which covers the majority of the main waterbody. The permit was filed with the DNR, and the legal notice placed in the Portage County Gazette the week before. Once the ice is off Clean Lakes Midwest will be able to complete the spring mapping and have a more accurate map. The new chemical ProCor that targets specifically EWM and needs less exposure time is awaiting DNR approval may not be available in time, and Diquat may still be used. Once an updated map is available the spring newsletter with Chemical Treatment notice will be mailed to all homeowners.

**Report back on Aeration Findings:** Last Fall Clean Lakes Midwest provided the lake district with a quote for an aeration system from Vertex Systems. The issue discovered when working through the quote is the hoses used for the aerators are flexible plastic tubing, and can’t handle the force of the harvesters driving over them. This would result in the areas with aeration not being able to be harvested. Clean Lakes Midwest also felt that McDill would require a longer burn time as the water turns over and releases Phosphorus in the sediment, resulting in more algae and plant growth in the short term. Instead it was suggested that homeowners can still aerate at their own dock as long as the aeration unit is attached to the dock per the DNR. If the unit is not attached to the dock a permit is required. After discussion it was decided to see if there is interest by homeowners to do their own aeration at their docks instead, and leave it up to each homeowner.

**Request to add City of Stevens Point to Insurance Certificate:** Due to changes since last summer with the City’s insurance, the city needs to now be added to McDill’s insurance certificate to cover each other. City staff works on harvesting equipment rented or owned by McDill, and McDill at times needs to remove fallen trees on city property that fall into the waterway or are blocking the harvester landing such as what occurred last summer during the major storm. The cross coverage of insurance certificate is a standard practice as noted by our insurance carrier. The city also asked that we provide a list of staff and volunteers that may be assisting on McDill. Named include: Chris and Amy Meyer Family, Tom and Lisa Patterson, Lori Beggs, Alyssa Olson, Greg Friese and family, Chris Thompson, Carl and Lynn Rasmussen, Joe Senn and Carrie Freeberg. Motion to approve adding the city to certificate and list of volunteers was made by Rick Beggs and seconded by Marv Van Kekerix, and approved unanimously.

**Harvesting Staffing:** Harvesting staff for the season include Rick Beggs, Dennis Barden, Larry Busse (Fill in), Ben Stertz, Greg Olson and Jon Olson. Krista Olson excused herself from the room during discussion. The motion made was to approve all harvesting staff with a standardized wage of Primary CDL Driver $16/hr, Harvesters $12/hr, and Student Assistant $10/hr. Motion made by Rick Beggs and seconded by Mike Phillips, approved unanimously with 1 abstain.

**Report from Dredging Committee:** GEI developed more detailed drawings of the dredging area, with new estimations of the material to remove 22,000 cubic yards of material. There are two different dredging options they will propose, one following the exact of the 2001 plan, the other widening the area with more contouring. They will also separate out the estimates for each area to help determine project scope. They will also be submitting a project pre plan application to the DNR for determining sediment analysis needs. Once a permit is submitted a grant application thru the recreational boating facilities grant can be submitted. The question on if dredging of Iverson park’s silt trap will be separately submitted will be sent to GEI. The question was asked if the water levels will be lowered and the plan is to hydraulically dredge which needs full water levels. Dredging Committee will call a meeting once paperwork is more finalized by GEI.

**Update on options for trucking of aquatic weeds:**  Rick Beggs asked whether the City would be able to provide a pickup truck capable of towing a trailer to haul aquatic weeds harvested. Mike said he was not aware of a pickup being available from the City. He said the City is watching for the availability of a used garbage truck to be purchased. A garbage truck is thought to have more capacity and easier to load than the dump truck that been used. The cost of a garbage truck is thought to run $40,000 - $50,000.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. Next Meeting scheduled for Thur Sept 13 6:30 pm Ben Franklin Jr High.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Krista Olson.