

2016 Minutes
**Annual Meeting Minutes
Lake Pulaski Improvement District**

Draft

August 16th, 2016, 7:00pm
Huikko's Bowling Center Meeting Room
1207 Highway 25 North, Buffalo, MN, 55313

Present: Jon Tank
Bill Jundt
Tom Marr
Jill Murphy
Brooke Cebulla

The meeting was called to order by Jon Tank.

Jon Tank introduced everyone on the LID Board.

Jon Tank made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2015 annual meeting posted on the website, asking for any changes or corrections. Motion was seconded by Dave Tauscher, motion passed.

Lake Weed Update:

Presented by Lake Restoration

Jon Tank introduced Mike Norton from Lake Restoration. Lake Restoration has been in business for 39 years. In 2016 they worked on over fifty Aquatic Invasive Species projects. They have seven treatment boats, one inspection boat. Lake Pulaski is treated for curly leaf pondweed, and Eurasian watermilfoil, covering 16.9 acres.

Lake Restoration applies for grant money on behalf of Lake Pulaski. In 2016 we were awarded around \$6500.

A question was asked to Mike Norton, where do you treat, and how do you choose?

Mike Norton explained that the DNR decided the highest traffic areas, highest density areas, and the most nuisance. Lake Restoration can recommend areas based on their findings, but the DNR makes all final decisions. Maps have to be sent from Lake Restoration to the DNR to prove what areas were treated and the homeowner has the option not to have their property treated and would need to make this request to the LID.

A question was asked about homeowners that treat their own beaches/lakeshore? Is that area taken out of the total acreage that is treated?

Mike Norton answered that if homeowners get their own treatments done, that area is taken out of the total that the DNR will treat.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) – boat inspections

Presented by Anchor Dock

Chip Parcell from Anchor Dock was in attendance to speak about the inspections being done at Griffing Park boat landing.

The City of Buffalo helps the LID pay for the inspectors. The City pitched in \$10,000 towards the cost of the inspections. The City employs surveyors, Anchor Dock employs level one inspectors, and the DNR employs level one inspectors also. When the DNR inspectors are present at the same time as Anchor Dock inspectors, we have double staffing at the landing.

The issue of zebra mussels was brought up. Chip mentioned that there are lakes in our area that do already have zebra mussels. A few mentioned were Lake John, Lake Sylvania, and Clearwater Lake. There have been no instances on Pulaski this year. Chip mentioned that there is a public wash station in Annandale that people can use.

A question was asked how do the inspectors physically check the boats?

Chip answered that the inspectors are trained to check every spot possible, and can ask the boat owner to get into their boat for further inspection.

A question was asked if there is any progress in the elimination of zebra mussels?

Chip said there is none at this time.

Financial Update & Budget

Presented by Schlenner Wenner & Co

Jill Murphy informed everyone that last year the LID approved to hire a private accountant to handle all finances. She introduced John Archer from Schlenner Wenner & Co to present updated budget and financial details.

John Archer went back through 2014 records to make sure those were reported to the state. 2015 records have now been submitted. Financial reporting is completely caught up.

2015: Income - \$42,148.00
Expenses - \$36,660.00
Ending balance - \$63,989.16

2016: Income - \$47,021.00
Expenses - \$37,660.00
Current balance - \$73,350.84 (projecting an additional \$40,000 in expenses for 2016 which reduces the balance to roughly \$30,000. In November the LID has \$40,000 of projected property tax income which puts the 2016 ending balance at roughly \$80,000).

2017 Projection: \$92,525.00

A question was asked about what is Wenck Engineering? Jon Tank replied that the LID is putting together a proposal to the DNR to pump Lake Pulaski when Buffalo is in outflow, so we are looking to change the current pumping regulations.

A question was asked concerning the budget if something would happen to the pumps? Bill Jundt responded that Olson Electric checks pumps annually and does any repairs of wear and tear to the pumps that may arise. There is also a backup pump ready to go if anything should happen.

An open discussion began regarding possibly setting aside money now, in the event that Lake Pulaski would get zebra mussels. Or do the residents want to come up with the money all at once when/if we do get them.

The question of if adding a screen to the pumps would work in preventing zebra mussels from traveling to Buffalo Lake?

Bill Jundt explained that the screen is very fine to prevent the zebra mussels from to Buffalo Lake. Lake Sylvania's screen was \$500,000, an estimate of \$150,000 for Pulaski, and the City of Buffalo would help pay, but have not stated an amount they could give.

The LID board reminded everyone that the board cannot spend over \$10,000 without holding a meeting and a vote. It's in the by-laws.

In adding it to the budget, it will be labeled, Potential Zebra Mussel Infestation/Screens.

Two homeowners voiced that we should start a fund now for zebra mussels. To keep staffing to try and prevent them from Lake Pulaski. The cost would break down to around \$5.00 per homeowner per year to start saving now, or it will end up costing a lot more out of pocket if we get them and are not prepared.

One homeowner made a motion for \$20,000 per year for two years. Motion was seconded by another homeowner, motion passed.

Current Lake Level Update

Bill Jundt

Lake Pulaski currently at 966.01

Buffalo is currently at 915.5 as of 8/16/16. We are ready to start pumping as soon as we get the reading from Buffalo Lake.

Water clarity is currently 20 feet 3 inches, was at 21 feet 6 inches before the storm.

There will be a notice going out by mail to all lake residents and will be posted on our website regarding an open house on September 13th at the City Hall chambers at 7pm.

The meeting is to propose to change pump regulations to pump into Buffalo Lake. The LID mentioned a huge thank you to Tami Diehm for all her hard work on this project.

Voting & LID election:

Bill Jundt's term is up for nomination. Jon Tank asked if there are any nominations for the position. Bill Jundt was nominated to run for another term. The floor was closed for nominations, motion was seconded, motion closed.

Votes were counted and the results read: 31 votes in favor of Bill Jundt to be on the board for another term.

Jon Tank made a motion to adjourn at 8:35pm. Mr. Allen seconded, meeting adjourned.