

LITTLE ST. GERMAIN LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT SAINT GERMAIN, WI

Elected Commissioners
Paul Abbott Chairman
Thomas Schwartz Treasurer
Cheryl Kelsey Secretary

Appointed Commissioners
Marv Anderson Town of Saint Germain
Mary Kim Black County of Vilas

Budget Hearing 9-2-12

9:00 am Hearing was called to order by Chairman Paul Abbott.

Introduction of Board of Commissioners

Tom Schwartz presented the 2011 year end financial report, the 2012 budget and expense report along with the proposed budget and levy for 2013. (Copies distributed) Schwartz reviewed line items on each report. There were no questions. Budget hearing closed at 9:15 am.

2012 Annual Meeting

Annual meeting called to order by Paul Abbott at 9:16 am. Commissioners introduced.

Motion to approve agenda, by John Lempke, 2nd by Barb Steinhilber, motion passed.

Minutes of the 2011 annual meeting were read by Paul Abbott. Motion by Dick Kenney to accept the minutes, 2nd by Jim Kelsey, motion passed.

Reports:

1. Shoreline Restoration Update – Lou Mirek

The DNR completed the work this summer. In addition to the restoration, other actions taken were to collect water samples from rainfall/runoff and monitor its effect on the lake, bird surveys, and survey on mice to check for ticks and lime disease being carried by the mice. The Shoreline Restoration Grant expires at the end of this year. The program came in under budget.

2. Muskellunge Creek Study & Beaver Control Update – Paul Abbott

The USGS monitoring of phosphorus from Muskellunge Creek concludes this fall, and a detailed summary of the results will be provided to the district in 2013. The beaver control program continued this year, but there was no evidence of any new dams and no beavers have been removed so far this year.

3. Invasive Review – Lou Mirek

The treated acreage was less than proposed based on the spring survey by Onterra. Fewer colonies were noted at the spring survey vs. last year's fall survey. Results of the treatment will not be known until Onterra completes the fall survey. Reviewed native weeds. The early ice out along with a warmer than normal summer resulted in an abundance of native weeds this year. In particular, Elodea was noted in abundance 2 weeks after the 4th of July. We did not harvest weeds this year, as a vendor was not available. Native weeds have not been harvested since 2007. The membership discussed whether weed cutting should be a part of the treatment plan next year. Concerns about the water quality after cutting along with disposal of the weeds were noted. Steve Gilbert commented that plants are good for water clarity. He recognized the need for cutting for

navigational purposes, but noted that plants can improve the water quality by using up the phosphorus that has accumulated in the lake bed. It was decided that weed harvesting should remain an option for next year's treatment, as determined by the Board. The Board will try to incorporate a weed harvesting bid into the invasive weed control bids next year. The decision as to when to turn the aerator off was discussed. It was decided that the Board should be in control of the process and that the optimal time to turn off the aerator is just before ice out.

4. Fishery Update

Steve Gilbert updated the DNR stocking of the lake. Several thousand walleye fry were planted by the state in the spring of 2011, and a later survey found that there was little if any natural reproduction. The District will be planting larger fingerlings this fall with Funds from the District and the Sayner-St Germain Fish and Wildlife Club.

Action Items:

1. Authorize Board to apply for new DNR Grant for invasive weed control:

Motion made by Colin Pietz that the Board should apply for another grant from the DNR for invasive weed control, 2nd by Tom Groth. Motion passed.

2. Approval 2013 Budget

Motion to approve budget by Dick Kenney, 2nd by Erv Steimke. Erv questioned raising the insurance budget \$2700. Erv made a motion to raise to \$2700 the insurance budget and total budget to \$123,700, 2nd by Bonnie Hamm. Motion to raise the tax levy to \$62,700 by Bob Mc Williams, 2nd by John Lempke, motion passed. Budget and levy was passed by unanimous consent.

4. Election of Commissioner for expiring term of Lou Mirek:

Cheryl Kelsey volunteered to take the position. Ted Ritter made motion to close the nominations, 2nd by Paul Abbott, motion passed. The membership cast a unanimous vote for Cheryl as Secretary. Paul Abbott thanked Lou Mirek for his years of service.

5. Set date & time of 2013 Annual Meeting:

Time and Date for 2013 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting – Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 1, 2013 at 9 am at the St Germain Community Center.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lou Mirek