

# Lake Mason Management District

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Monday, November 2, 2015**

Chairman Charlie Newling called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Bob Demmert stated they were in compliance of Open Meeting Laws. Roll Call of Officers - Present: Chairman Charlie Newling, Treasurer Bob Demmert, Commissioner Bob Krause, and Town of Douglas Rep. Jim Brancel. Absent: Adams Co. Rep. Mark Hamburg. Also participating at the meeting was Karen Wampler, Town of Douglas Chairperson. Those present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Bob Krause made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Bob Demmert seconded the motion and was passed without discussion. Charlie Newling stated that the minutes of the August 21, 2015 Board Meeting still needed to be approved. Bob Demmert stated the audio of that meeting was deleted from the recorder so he agreed to remove the disputed lines by Mark Hamburg. Bob Demmert made a motion to approve the amended minutes. Bob Krause seconded and the motion passed. Charlie Newling requested a motion to approve the October 13, 2015 Board Meeting Minutes. Bob Krause made the motion. Bob Demmert seconded and the motion passed without discussion. Bob Demmert presented the Treasurer's Report. He stated that he had gone to the Bank of Wisconsin Dells who refused to drop the \$10.00 monthly charge for two signatures on the Matching Grant Fund. There were no outstanding bills. Bob Krause made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Charlie Newling seconded and the motion passed.

### Old Business

1. Solidify topics for cover with the DNR at the November meeting. -

Charlie asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda as discussed at previous board meeting. There were no changes. The agenda items:

Improving Water Quality; short/ long term

Improving Fishery, i.e. reduce/control carp and shad populations; short/ long term

Reducing sediment, nutrient, contaminant input from the upstream watershed

Reducing sediment at boat landings

Maintaining Dam

2. Appointment of commissioners to fill 2 vacated positions. -

Bob Krause stated he had talked with Rocco Terranova who indicated he wished to be considered for the Board. Bob indicated Rocco is currently president of the Chicago Sheet Metal Union and is eminently qualified. Bob also stated Rocco is very concerned about the lake and wants to help.

Charlie Newling made a motion to appoint Rocco Terranova to the Board of Commissioners to fill the longer vacant term (expires September 2, 2017). Bob Demmert seconded, and the appointment passed. Charlie indicated he wanted to talk with George Payne and Phil Anderson before making an appointment for the other vacant position. He will try to do that this week.

3. Set date and place for meeting with Rep. Ballweg, Sen. Olsen, and DNR. -

Charlie stated the meeting will be at the Town of New Haven Hall, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM

### New Business

1. Documentation of past LMMD payments to Town of Douglas for Dam Repair and Maintenance. -

Charlie Newling cited the document from February, 1993, signed by the Towns of Douglas and New

Haven, stating that after the cost sharing of the dam replacement, the Town of Douglas would retain

complete ownership and control of the dam and be responsible for all future costs.

Bob Demmert stated that at the Annual Meeting in 2013, the membership, agreed to a one time reimbursement to the Town of Douglas for 50% of the cost of a dam inspection that year (\$643.00).

2. LMMD response to Towns of Douglas and New Haven on cost sharing of current dam expenses.

According to Jim Brancel, Treasurer of the Town of Douglas, the cost for the "Stop Logs" that are required to perform maintenance of the dam's hydraulic system will be just under \$11,000, not including installation. Jim Brancel stated the average annual maintenance costs for the dam are just under \$3,000 plus \$1,287.00 every other year for inspections. Charlie Newling brought up the joint meeting between Douglas, New Haven and the District. New Haven and Douglas agreed to 25% each cost sharing with the District paying the remaining 50%. The District made no commitment at that meeting. Bob Demmert stated that approximately 45% of the equalized valuation of New Haven was within the District. Jim Brancel stated he thought that only about 5% of the valuation of Douglas was within the District. At those figures Bob Demmert stated the real cost burden on the District members would be closer to 63-65%. There was a lengthy discussion on ownership and who would have a voice in controlling the dam. Jim Brancel stated that Douglas would retain 100% ownership. Karen Wampler, stated New Haven and the District would have a

say

in the control of the dam and its expenses, but not 50% control. This was a major concern for Bob Demmert. Charlie Newling stated he was not prepared to make any long term commitment without consulting the membership. However, he thought the board could consider one time cost sharing of immediate expenses. Jim Brancel said he would be receiving actual costs from General Engineering sometime in about a week.

3. LMMD membership referendum on long term cost sharing and/or ownership of dam. -

Charlie Newling stated he would like to send out a referendum to the general membership on cost sharing and/or ownership of the dam. It would be a multiple choice type of vote. Charlie suggested as possible choices: of 25/25/50 cost sharing and 1/3 1/3 1/3 cost sharing; Bob Krause said 30/30/40 cost sharing; Bob Demmert suggested 100% ownership. Bob Krause said if you ask people how much they're willing to pay, they'll check the smallest dollar amount. Jim Brancel cautioned that he had to convince the Douglas Town Board to go with 25/25/50. Anything less and the board will go with abandoning the dam. Bob Krause added if Douglas abandoned the dam should the district take it over.

4. Options for contingency fund for emergency dam expenses and how to disburse such funds. -

Charlie asked Bob Demmert how the District could fund an Emergency Dam Fund of \$7,000 - \$10,000. Bob stated that a portion of the year-end surplus that normally would go to the Matching Grant Fund could be earmarked for an Emergency Dam Fund, say \$5,000 a year for 2 years to cover emergency maintenance of the dam if we committed to cost sharing or owned the dam outright. Bob Demmert stated the District would not need to open another account with the bank. We would only need to separate the money in our bookkeeping and keep it in the "Matching Grant Fund" checking account.

5. Letter to Rep. Joan Ballweg in response to her amendment to AB 372.

Bob Demmert read Rep. Joan Ballweg's amendment to AB 372. Since the bill will pass the assembly before a letter could be drafted, the board agreed to drop the matter.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Bob Krause made a motion to adjourn. Bob Demmert seconded and the motion passed.

Bob Demmert, acting Secretary