

## **Lake Mason Management District**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, December 7, 2015 – 6:00 PM**

Chairman Charlie Newling called the meeting to order at 6:03 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, Town of Douglas Rep. Jim Brancel, and Adams Co. Rep. Mark Hamburg. Also in attendance was Peter Curran, attorney for the Lake District. 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. Bob Demmert made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 2 Board Meeting. Bob Krause seconded and the motion passed. Bob Demmert presented the Treasurer's Report. There is an additional column on the Summary recommended by the CPAs that reviewed the finances. It provides who the checks are written to or received from. There were four new bills: MBE CPAs for \$1000.00 for review of finances; Curran, Hollenbeck & Orton for \$540.00 for fees associated with dam cost sharing; Hometown Community Insurance Agency for \$234.00 for Public Official Bond renewal; and Deano Dock & Lift for \$860.00 for annual removal of bouys and pier. Bob Krause made a motion to approve the payments. Mark Hamburg thought the cost of bouy and pier removal was a little excessive and suggested in the future we should seek bids. He did not wish to hold up payment though. Charlie Newling seconded the motion and it passed.

### **Old Business**

1. LMMD response to Towns of Douglas and New Haven on cost sharing of current dam expenses - Peter Curran gave a report on his discussions with the Karen Wampler of Town of Douglas and the his view of possible options which basicly boil down to: A)Accept the 50/25/25 proposed cost sharing or B) Negotiate cost sharing or C) Assume ownership and all expenses. He indicated Town of Douglas was not interested in negotiating percentages.
2. LMMD membership referendum on long term cost sharing and/or ownership of dam - Charlie Newling presented a draft letter and draft survey he wishes to send to membership. Peter Curran suggested multiple choice. Bob Demmert suggested removing request for name, address, and email to shorten. Jim Brancel suggested choices should be take the proposal or Douglas will abandon dam and Lake District will have to take over ownership. Bob Krause and Bob Demmert suggested requiring independent engineering company inspect dam prior to any potential decision to assume ownership of dam. It was agreed by everyone that it was important to inform the membership on potential costs of ownership. Karen Wampler indicated to Peter that fixed dollar amounts would not be acceptable. Jim Brancel said grant money was not acceptable because of the budget. Bob Krause made a motion to have Charlie Newling send out a questionnaire as discussed to get feedback from the membership. Bob Demmert seconded and the motion passed without further dicussion. It would be non binding.
3. LMMD letter to membership – Covered in above discussion

### **New Business**

1. Response from legal counsel. – Covered by Peter under “New Bussiness”.
2. LMMD letter to membership. - Covered by Charlie Newling under “New Bussiness”.
3. Application for grant to fund social science study; request to authorize support ≤\$2,000. - Adams and Marquette LWCDs are going to do a door to door study. According to Charlie and Mark Hamburg, no request for money needed at this time. In the future a possible mix of cash and volunteer labor.
4. Discussion on WI DNR fish study results and subsequent actons. -  
Charlie gave report on future changes in fish size and numbers limits. We can post voluntary limits in the mean time. DNR has started process to allow carp netting.
5. Results of MBE CPAs review of financials. Bob Demmert gave overview of results. Bob agreed with  
most of suggestions for procedures. All monies for 2012 -2015 are accounted for accurately.
6. Mail & Financials while Treasurer is in Florida (Jan. - Mar.) - Charlie will handle.

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