

**Lake Mason Management District
Annual Membership Meeting
Minutes
Saturday, September 5, 2015**

Budget Meeting

Chairman Bob Krause call the Budget Meeting to order.

Treasurer Bob Demmert presented the budget report with 2015 YTD Revenues of \$36,940.86 and Expenses of \$7,117.84. The Proposed budget amounts for 2016 were anticipated revenues of \$35,075.00 from special charges and a carry over of approximately \$12,000 for a total budget of \$47,125.00.

Anticipated expenses were estimated at \$18,440.00. John Konkel made a motion to approve the 2016 Budget. Karren Alden seconded, and the motion pass.

Charles Newling made a motion to adjourn the Budget Meeting and defer to the Annual Meeting. Sally Danke seconded, and the motion passed.

Annual Membership Meeting

Chairman Bob Krause call the Annual Meeting to order.

Bob Krause asked if the meeting was in compliance with Open Meeting Law. Secretary Dave Ditter stated we were.

Bob Krause requested everyone stand and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of officers present: Secretary Dave Ditter, Adams Co. Rep. Mark Hamburg, Commissioner Karren Alden, Chairman Bob Krause, Treasurer Bob Demmert, Commissioner Curt Van Schoyck, and Town of Douglas Rep. Jim Brancel.

Bob Demmert made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Sally Danke seconded and the motion passed.

Bob Krause asked if there were any corrections to the minutes to the May 23, 2015 Special Meeting. Bob Demmert stated the word "Agenda" should be changed to "Minutes" and that there was a correction to the term expiration of Bob Zurawicz's term, now filled by Karren Alden. The expiration should read 2016, not 2015. Bob Demmert made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Paul Kusinski seconded and the motion passed.

Bob Demmert presented the Treasurer's Report. It was a 2 part report. A spreadsheet listing all expenses and revenues YTD by category for each of the district's 3 accounts, and a summary sheet listing all account activity by date and invoice. The Primary Checking account has a current balance of \$29,503.02. The Matching Grant Fund has a current balance of \$182,537.49. The Riparian account has a current balance of \$90.10. Bob state a complete review of the financial books and procedures from Jan. 2012 to Sept. 2015 was still in progress by MBE CPA's of Baraboo. He will present their findings to the membership at the Special Meeting next May.

Bonny Demmert Made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Sally Danke seconded and the motion passed.

Bob Demmert presented the outstanding bills for approval: Treasurer for \$23.97 for printer ink; Dave Ditter for \$114.99 for printing postcards, postage and labels; and Capital Times for \$24.81 for posting newspaper notice. Charlie Newling made a motion to approve the payment of the bills. Chris Krause seconded and the motion passed.

Bob Demmert made a motion to move up item 1 of New Business ahead of Old Business to accommodate guest speaker, State Representative Joan Ballweg. Dave Ditter seconded and the motion passed. Bob Krause turned over the meeting to Rep. Ballweg.

Rep. Ballweg introduced herself and indicated she was contacted by Tory Wolfram of the Town of New Haven and Bob Krause and spoke at length with Reesa Evans of Adams Co. LWCD about the plight of Lake Mason and the lack responsiveness by the DNR. She indicated Bob Krause has also contacted State Senator Luther Olson and she is coordinating with Senator Olson to have a face-to-face meeting with herself, Senator Olson, the Lake District, the DNR, Adams and Marquette Co. LWCDs to discuss ways to move forward with action to improve the lake. She indicated that experience has shown that by involving state government representation, the DNR will change priorities and move our issues up. Rep. Ballweg indicated she will stay involved and will solicit agenda items from the board on specifics that need to be addressed at the meeting.

As a followup to Rep. Ballweg, Bob Krause stated he had contacted Tory Wolfram to get clarification on the impact of poor water quality to assessed property values. As an example of stonewalling by the DNR, he indicated the DNR had blocked a request by Bob Krause to allow test netting for carp at no cost to the district or DNR.

Old Business

1. Buoys installed and Pier Repaired - Bob Demmert stated the Buoys that were on back order have been install. A quick consensus of the membership was not to have lights on the buoys. Also, the North Shore Boat Launch pier that was damage by fishermen launching boats at night has been repaired. The brackets connecting each section have been replaced with heavier duty "L" brackets.

2. Big Spring Fish Farm Testing - Bob Krause stated there has been no water testing of the discharge of the Big Spring fish farm this year. The conditional use permit requires monthly testing. Mark Hamburg stated that Adams Co. has sent notification to that affect to Mr. Atkinson. If Mr. Atkinson does not provide testing results, the county will take action, but the process can be slow. Mark said the district needs to be patient.

3. 2015 State Budget on Buffer Zone - Dave Ditter confirmed that the 2015 State Budget includes wording that restricts counties from creating shoreland ordinances that are more restrictive than the state NR115. At this time Adams Co. will need to evaluate their ordinance to determine if changes are required.

4. Northern Stocking - Dave Ditter said the stocking will happen in mid Sept. They are getting 750 13" northerns for a little over \$5,000.00. Dave said he talked with Jennifer Bergman of the DNR who said stocking should continue for at least several more years. Jennifer also suggested increasing the size limit from 26" to 32". It was not voted on because it was included as an agenda item.

5. Carp & Shad Problem - Dave Ditter and Curt Van Schoyck stated the DNR did test shocking in mid June. Preliminary results indicate a large increase in the carp population. The Bass population continues to look healthy.

6. Clay Mining Approved - Curt Van Schoyck reported the clay mining has been approved off of Golden Ave. He said after the mining is completed over several years the property would have an approximately 26 acre pond and probably several smaller ponds.

7. Boat Parade - Sally Danke reported the biggest ever participation in the parade. She also noted people started decorating their piers. Way to go!

New Business

1. Meeting with Rep. J. Ballweg and Senator L. Olson - Moved ahead of Old Business

2. Election nominations for 2 board members. - Bob Krause & Curt Van Schoyck positions were up for election. Bob Demmert nominated Bob Krause, Dorothy Pokrywka seconded. Dave Ditter nominated Curt Van Schoyck, Steve Kessenich seconded. Chris Krause nominated Charlie Newling, John Konkel seconded. Bob Krause won the 3 year term with 11 votes. In a runoff election Charlie Newling won the 2 year term 16 to 9 against Curt Van Schoyck.

3. Discuss future stocking of Northerns in the lake - Bob Demmert made a motion to ask the DNR for cost sharing Chris Krause seconded and the motion passed. Dennis Flannery made a motion to approve up to \$6,500.00 per year for 2 years for northern stocking, seconded by John Konkel. The motion passed.

4. Hydraulic dam failure - Jim Brancel reported a pressure gauge failure releasing hydraulic fluid which caused the gate to drop about 2 ft.. The lake level dropped about 10 inches before the gate was raised and the gauge and fluid replaced. It was found the warning light which didn't come on was never wired in. The wiring has been completed and plans to add a siren will be implemented. Also, 2 more people are being trained on the dam operation.

Going forward Jim indicated the need for "Stop Logs" to allow for future maintenance of the dam such as replacement of hydraulic fluid. Stop logs will cost about \$15,000. Jim is proposing that the Lake District should on an ongoing basis pay 50% of all dam expenses. Jim stated he was not speaking for the Town of Douglas.

Open Comments

Mark Hamburg asked, on an informational basis, if the Lake District would consider assuming ownership of the county park as a cost saving initiative by the county. He said this was a fact finding question and not under consideration by the county. Bob Demmert stated the District would have to hire an employee or contract a maintenance company. Plus liability insurance would certainly increase.

Dave Ditter made a motion to adjourn and defer to the Board Meeting. Sally Danke seconded and the motion passed.