

# AGENDA

## **ARPRD Annual Business Meeting Bremer Bank Community Room 10:00 a.m. August 25<sup>th</sup> 2012**

1. Welcome
2. Call to Order/ Set the Agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting
4. Approval of the Audit Committees Report
5. Approval of the Treasurers Report
6. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Report on the Weed Harvester Equipment purchased:

a. Harvester 1- HM-420 Aquatic Plant Harvester.....	\$114,600.00
b. Trailer 1- TR-23 Standard Trailer.....	\$ 13,030.00
c. Conveyor 1- S/C-23 Shoreline Conveyor.....	\$ 25,950.00
Total.....	\$153,580.00

d. Truck.....	\$ 5,200.00
Total.....	\$158,780.00

2. Report on the Harvester Operations

- \* Operators
- \* Unloading sites
- \* Weed disposal sites
- \* Site preparations (Above the Hwy 46 bridge area)

3. Review the Board of Commissioners action to not accept the lowest bid. (The Board did not exceed the lowest bid by 20%...in fact the bid accepted was only about 7.5% above the lowest bid, therefore the board was well within the low bid rule of the bylaws) However, the board did want to share the reasons they decided **Not** to accept the lowest bid.

**The Purchasing Committee recommended a slightly higher bid than the lowest bid for the following reasons (note 2 members also visited the manufacturing sites of the 2 lowest bids)**

1. **Aquarius Systems is a well-established, very reputable company with a long history in manufacturing weed harvesting equipment. The site is very orderly, and the firm continually seeks ways to be more efficient and serve their customers well. They are selling and have sold equipment all across the USA as well as many countries in the world. They have a very strong reputation.**
2. **This was the only bidder that provided some assistance with duckweed harvesting. (None of the other bidding companies have that ability)**

3. They carry a full supply of repair parts and have daily deliveries if needed.
4. All contacts with this company by other customers reported they have not experienced problems.
5. The machines does have 2 unique features if obstacles are hit during operations: First, there is some spring-loaded release at the cutter bar; and, Second, there is also a spring-loaded release of the entire cutter bar assembly if objects are encountered.
6. The equipment will be delivered within 90 days of the order, which is about mid-July to early August depending on the exact date of the order.

4. Update on the "Water Quality Project" which ARPRD is cooperating with ht Polk County Land and Water Resources Dept. Jeremy

- \* Survey responses to date

- \* Results found to date

- \* Activities coming..."Shoreline Assessments" Other educational meetings (please sign-up to participate in these important activities)

5. Receive a report from Bob Strobush on his continuing findings

6. Update on the "Clean Boats? Clean Water" AIS grant....Steve

- \* 2012 activities

- \* 2013 activities

7. Update on the procedures for corridor cleanup...ARPRD Design Team

8. Election of a new Treasurer.... Billie Jo Schluesner recommended

9. Approval of the 2013 budget (see handout)

10. Recognition of Deb Lein for 8 years of service as Treasurer

11. Recognition of members who have served in many capacities

**Dale Richardson...Purchasing Team...**Tom Dunn, Richard Goulet, Doug Greene, Doug Johnson, John Dressen

**John Dressen ...Operations Team...**John Hays, Gale Tappe, Dave Schluesner, Jim Johnson, Doug Johnson, Dale Richardson

**Gale Tappe..ARPRD Design Team...**Dave Schluesner

12. Recognition of others who have given much help and support

Cheryl Clemens/ Jeremy Williamson and Katelin Holm Polk County LWRD/ Steve Schieffer

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15. Thank you to the Apple River Association (ARA) for their \$5,000 donation on the Weed Harvester purchase. Peter Henry President

16. Thank you to all ARPRD residents for your interest and support...hopefully we can begin a plan to manage the weed growth in the flowage in a responsible manner. Hope you all have a great year.

7. Adjournment