

MINUTES

Apple River Protection and Rehabilitation District (ARPRD)

Board of Commissioners' Meeting

Date: Saturday, July 21, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Location: Amery Library, Amery, WI

1. Chairman Roland Peterson called the meeting to order, set the agenda, and recognized the official notice of the meeting was published twice in the Amery Free Press.
2. Members present were Roland Peterson, Angie Johnson, Billie Jo Schleusner, and Paul Isakson. Others present were Derrick Carlson, Dave Schleusner, and Dale Richardson.
3. The Minutes of the February 17, 2018 meeting were approved.
4. The Treasurer's Report was approved.
 - a. Income to date January 1 through July 21, 2018 was \$32,800.90.
 - b. Expenses to date January 1 through July 21, 2018 were \$13,285.67.
 - c. Bank balance as of July 21, 2018 was \$45,347.93.
5. Dale Richardson provided an update on the 2018 Weed Harvesting Operations and said it has been a weird year. Harvesting began May 21 on the north end; they harvested all day with only one load compared to many loads in previous years. The harvester was parked for a week, and there was only one load again when harvesting again on May 29. The May total was only 15 loads. In June, the total loads were 82 (4 loads a day), which is down 50% from the year before, which was down 50% from the year before that. Operators are seeing the same lower load numbers in July. Yesterday, there was only one load. The north end channel is currently still open. It appears the harvesting is making a difference, and the river looks good. On Monday, the harvester will be pulled out for maintenance and then it will harvest up north again. The equipment and truck are doing well. A leak in the fuel tank was fixed. Dale built a new walkway and step for the trailer for safety.
6. Roland Peterson reported that Sam Schieffer is leading the Clean Boats Clean Water boat inspections at the Lincoln Landing with students doing the inspections. Students are paid \$12 an hour. Discussion indicated it would be good to have the students at the landing earlier in the mornings on weekends.
7. Dave Schleusner reported that there are 5 Healthy Lakes Projects scheduled for 2018. Dragonfly Nursery will provide someone to help with the projects on August 27-28.
8. Roland Peterson and Dave Schleusner reported on their presentation about ARPRD at the N.W. Wisconsin Lakes Conference on June 22, 2018 in Spooner. They provided a copy of their handout, which included details about the flowage, the Aquatic Plant Management Plans, Lake Management Plan, harvesting, and the Healthy Lakes Projects.
9. Roland Peterson reported the payroll work by Carlson SV is going well and that we have an Employer Identification Number. The Workman's Compensation Insurance is in place.
10. Dale Richardson and Dave Schleusner reported from the PCALR'S meeting on June 20, 2018, where information was provided about alum treatment; however, it does not work for rivers.
11. The Board endorsed Billie Jo Schleusner for the nomination of ARPRD Treasurer for 2019, 2020, and 2021.
12. The appointment of an Audit Committee for 2018 was approved, and it includes Derrick Carlson, Erin Schleusner, and Mrs. Utech.
13. The proposed ARPRD budget for 2019 was approved.
14. The agenda for the 2018 Annual Meeting proposed for August 18, 2018 was approved.
15. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Angie Johnson, Secretary