

MINUTES

ARPRD Board of Commissioners' Meeting

Date: Saturday July 22, 2017 8:00 a.m.

Location: Ida Mae's Restaurant "Back Room" Amery, WI

1. Chairman Roland Peterson called the meeting to order, set the agenda and verified the official notice published twice in the Amery Free Press.
2. Members Present: Angie Johnson, Billie Jo Schleusner, Jay Luke, Sharon Paulson, and Roland Peterson
Others Present: Derrick Carlson, Dave Schleusner, and Dale Richardson
3. Minutes of the Feb. 18th, 2017 Board of Commissioners' meeting were approved.
4. The Treasurer's Report with a bank balance of \$20,031.78 as of July 19, 2017 subject to audit was approved. The last payment of the harvester loan, \$5,853.17, has been paid. An amount of \$79.30 was saved with the early loan payoff.
5. Action Items:
 - a. Dale Richardson and Dave Schleusner gave an update on the 2017 weed harvesting operation, indicating that the weeds have been much less this year, and Curly Leaf Pondweed is almost non-existent with only 2-3 loads a day on some days. As a result, operations have been cut back, running with 30% less man-hours and fuel as of today. As to the reason why, it may be that the harvesting is making a difference such as other lakes that have harvested for several years have seen or perhaps the water temperatures of 2-3 degrees colder this year have had an effect. Coontail, which is normally thick at this time, is only a blob here and there with some floating. The clarity of the water is also better. The deep hole is normally 4-5 ft. visibility, but this year it has been 6 ft. and then 9 ft. eight days ago. There have been no major breakdowns of equipment. The new GPS demo model, obtained at a reduced price, has a bigger screen and better accuracy.
 - b. Roland Peterson read an update on the 2017 AIS "Clean Boats/Clean Water" boat inspections by Colin Bursik: six inspectors have been working with a total of 134 ½ hours and 123 boats checked to date. They are on track to finish with 200 hours by the first weekend in August. All boats have been willing to answer questions with almost all boats being clean. Derrick Carlson reported on other activities. He has trained in Balsam Lake and received a new AIS kit and sampler plates for zebra mussels check. He is monitoring with no Zebra Mussels or Eurasian Watermilfoil found as in other area lakes.
 - c. Dave Schleusner provided an update on the 2017 "Healthy Lakes Project's" 6 buffer strips. One owner is going to build but has not built yet so Dave will check on that.
 - d. The Board endorsed Angie Johnson for the nomination of ARPRD Secretary for 2018, 2019, and 2020.
 - e. Appointment of an Audit Committee (3 members needed) was discussed with Derrick Carlson, Erin Schleusner, and Jack Hayak, who helped several years ago, approved. Jack will be contacted to ask for his assistance.

- f. The Board approved recommending the proposed updated Aquatic Plant Management Plan for final approval at the ARPRD Annual Meeting. Matters such as clarified plans and goals and clarity as to what owners can do around their docks were discussed. The notice for comments will be published in the Amery Free Press.
- g. The Board approved the proposed 2018 ARPRD budget with needed adjustments and the establishment of a capital improvement fund.
- h. Chairman Peterson reviewed the administration of the ARPRD payroll for 2018 as acted on by the Amery City Council. Workman's Compensation, insurance, and costs to hire Carlson Highland Management were discussed. Amery City Council should get back to us after the Finance Committee meets with a final decision.
- i. The agenda for the 2017 ARPRD Annual meeting scheduled for Aug. 19th, 2017 at 10 a.m. at Amery City Hall Council Room was approved.
- j. Concerns about the north shore access in the future were discussed.

6. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Johnson, Secretary