

## **MINUTES**

### **ARPRD Board of Commissioners Meeting**

**Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 9:00a.m.**

**Ellie's Ice Cream Parlor, Back Room, Amery, WI**

1. Chairman Roland Peterson called the meeting to order, set the agenda, and verified the official notice twice in the Amery Free Press.
2. Board members present were Roland Peterson, Angie Johnson, Jay Luke, Dave Myers, and Billie Jo Schleusner.

Others present were Dale Richardson, Dave Schleusner, Dale Koehler, Joe Sattre, and Derrick Carlson. Dale Koehler presented information regarding the Amery Fire Department's purchase of an air boat for rescues and the reasons an air boat was selected for its ability to access difficult areas, safety for the rescuers, and all-season use.

3. The February 20, 2016 meeting minutes were approved.
4. The Treasurer's Report with the bank balance as of July 23, 2016 as \$45,210.63 was approved. The income to date from Jan. 1-July 23, 2016 was \$31,916.87. The expenses to date from Jan. 1-July 23, 2016 were \$22,486.58.
5. Action Items:
  - a. Dave Schleusner reported that the Weed Harvesting loads are down 2 loads from the previous year. The river has been harvested twice, and the third harvesting is underway. Coontail is picking up so the drivers are averaging 8-10 loads. More breakdowns have occurred this year as the machine has 1800 hours and is 5 years old. The old truck will also need repairs at the end of the season. Dale Richardson is unable to be insured to drive the truck as he has a Florida driver's license. We have had 5-6 harvesting drivers.
  - b. Derrick Carlson reported on the Clean Boats Clean Water grant. Colin Bursik is running the crew checking the landing. They are scheduled during weekdays as well as weekends and can go up to 230 hours. Because the students are also working for the City of Amery, the billing needs to be checked as errors have occurred. Derrick has 20 volunteer hours so far and has documented Chinese Mystery snails. A suspected Carp turned out to be a white sucker fish, which is native.
  - c. Dave Schleusner reported that the 2016 Healthy Lakes Projects include 4 shoreline buffer strips at residences this year and are going well. Dave has 4 interested residents for shoreline buffer projects next year.
  - d. The Board approved the proposed 2017 budget of \$59,560.55 expenses, income of extra \$228.70, leaving a carryover balance of \$31,020.989. The last payment of \$4,893.65 for the harvester will be made in August 2017.
  - e. The Board unanimously endorsed Roland Peterson for the nomination of Board Chairman for the 2017-2019 term.
  - f. The Board approved the appointment of Derrick Carlson, John Dressen, and Jack Hayak for the Audit Committee.

- g. The Annual ARPRD Meeting date was set for August 20, 2016 at 10 a.m. in the Amery City Hall and the agenda was approved.
  - h. The Aquatic Plant survey data collection in the summer of 2016 by Matt Berg has been completed and information will be included at the annual meeting. We must update the Aquatic Plant Management Plan in 2017, using the survey results.
  - i. A newsletter of the ARPRD activities will be included in the mailing notice of the Annual Meeting in August.
  - e. Other items discussed included how the City of Amery could assist such as more boat landings in the city at the park, which would be especially useful for the Music on the River events. Dave Myers will explore if there is an extra city dump truck to use if ours breaks down. Another helpful action would be a way to keep the ARPRD and the City of Amery landing inspection bills straight.
5. The meeting adjourned at 11.15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Johnson, Secretary