

## **MINUTES**

### **Apple River Protection and Rehabilitation District (ARPRD)**

#### **Board of Commissioners' Meeting**

**Saturday, July 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**

#### **Amery City Hall, Amery, WI**

1. Chairman Roland Peterson called the meeting to order, set the agenda, and verified that the official notice was published twice in Amery Free Press.
2. Board members present were Roland Peterson, Angie Johnson, Paul Isakson, Billie Jo Schleusner, and Fran Duncanson. Others present were Dave Schleusner and Jim Leadholm from Leadholm Insurance, who presented information about insurance costs and recommended additional insurance.
3. Reports:
  - a. The Minutes of the Board of Commissioners' Meeting on May 30, 2020 were approved.
  - b. The Treasurer's Report was approved:
    1. Bank balance on bank balance as of July 13, 2020 was \$132,859.29; after the \$110,000 loan payment, the amount will be \$22,859.29.
    2. Total income for 2019 was \$54,719.91.
  - c. Roland Peterson reported that the Clean Boats/Clean Water inspection team has been inspecting boats at the Lincoln Landing, and all is going well.
  - d. Dave Schleusner reported that 3 Healthy Lakes Projects are expected. Four projects were approved: one is completed, one is scheduled to be planted this week, one owner is uncertain, and one has backed out. The grant was extended to December 31, 2020.
  - e. Dave Schleusner reported on harvesting. The Coontail is heavy right now. They are running the harvester 8 hours a day for 8 hours. Lately, they have been getting 9-10 loads a day, which is ahead of other years. There were 70 loads in city of Amery area and the bay. He believes the new harvester will help harvest more with reduced travel time and residents will notice a difference next July. One repair was needed on a blown hub, but Dave was able to get the part and fix it. Harvester and the truck are working well.
  - f. Workman compensation claim was paid for an injury with no loss of time from the injury.
  - g. Payroll with Carlson SV is going well.
  - h. Paul Isakson has been working with the DNR on the No Wake Zone application and reported that the City of Amery plans to pass an ordinance for a No Wake Zone for the narrow area north of North Park as requested by residents for safety and to prevent further significant loss of the shoreline. Dave Schleusner has an extra buoy for the area so it won't need to be purchased. Fran Duncanson reported the Polk County Recreational Officer can be requested to be on the river during expected heavy boat traffic days for visibility to encourage compliance with No Wake Zones.
  - i. Roland Peterson reported on the loan and harvester manufacturing. The harvester loan has been signed for \$110,000 for eight years with payments due August 24 and February 24 each year. The first payment to Inland has been paid, and they will ask for the \$73,775.99 payment mid-July this year. We will receive the other half of the harvester grant when we show payment has been made. The harvester is expected to be completed by this fall.
4. Action Items
  - a. The Board approved the nomination of Angie Johnson to serve as Secretary for 2021-23.
  - b. The Audit Committee for 2020 is Derrick Carlson, Erin Schleusner, and Rosemary Scheffel.
  - c. The proposed Budget for 2021 was discussed and approved.
  - d. The agenda for the ARPRD Annual meeting on August 22, 2020 at Lincoln Town Hall

at 10 a.m. was discussed and approved. The Lincoln Town Hall will allow for social distancing of chairs 6 feet for participants' safety. Participants will be asked to wear masks. Other COVID 19 safety recommendations for group meetings by Polk County Health Director, CDC, and WEDC will be followed. Remote access will also be set up for participants.

- e. Changes to the Bylaws Section 2 for Annual Meeting notices and the Section 6 Annual Budget and Tax date were discussed. It was decided to revisit this next year, which will allow for more time for wording changes and to ensure compliance with Wisconsin Chapter 33.

5. The meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Johnson  
Secretary