

## **MINUTES**

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

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

**Saturday, April 2, 2022 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 in Amery Free Press and posted online. Board members present were Roland Peterson, Angie Johnson, Paul Isakson, and Billie Jo Schleusner. Dave Schleusner and Derek Carlson were also present.
2. The Minutes of the Board of Commissioners' Meeting on July 24, 2021 were approved.
3. The Treasurer's Report was approved. Bank balance as of April 2, 2022 is \$42,388.54. To date, income from taxes is \$37,782.91 and from grants is \$8,222.90. Expenses included \$3,358.22 for insurance, \$578 for Workman's Compensation, and \$7,598.65 for the harvester payment.
4. The Audit Committee report for July 1, 2021-December 21, 2021 was approved; Audit Committee was Derek Carlson and Erin Schleusner.
5. Reports:
  - a. Dave Schleusner reported on harvesting plans. The newer harvester will start in the south end and the old harvester will start at North Park around May 15 to harvest the early Curly Leaf Pondweed. Insurance has been obtained for all equipment. Operators are lined up. The cost of fuel is up so they will adjust as needed.
  - b. Grant Applications were approved.
    1. The Clean Boats/Clean Water grant for 2022 was approved, and Isaac Wieczorek will be in charge. One senior high school student will be trained. Other volunteers will help to make the required hours of approximately 13-14 hours per week at Lincoln Landing.
    2. The Weed Harvesting Permit was approved.
    3. The Aquatic Plant Management Plan Update has been approved, and Matt Berg will conduct the weed survey in late spring/early summer. Once that report is in, Harmony Environmental will guide us in the final update process in 2023.
6. New Business:
  - a. The Board approved the nomination of Roland Peterson to serve as Chair for 2023-25.
  - b. The Board discussed ARPRD's finances and will watch how inflation and the rising fuel costs are affecting the budget.
  - c. The Board approved to continue using Carlson CV for payroll.
  - d. Water quality testing in 2022 will be conducted by Tom Scheffel.
  - e. The Dale Richardson Memorial Sign will be installed at the Lincoln Landing this spring.
  - f. The Board discussed the request by Mark Lamkin on King Lake to use the harvester to harvest Curly Leaf Pondweed for several days. After harvesting, the harvester would be thoroughly cleaned. The Board approved that upon the DNR harvesting approval for King Lake, it will allow the use of the old harvester for no more than 2 days at a cost of \$350 per operating hour, not to interfere with regular APRPRD harvesting.
7. The date for the next Board of Commissioners' Meeting is July 16, 2022 at Amery City Hall, and the date for the ARPRD Annual Meeting is August 20, 2022 at Amery City Hall.
8. One positive point discussed was that overall taxes were lower this year for \$60,000 or a \$10,000 increase. Chairman Peterson said his taxes increased on his property by about \$46.
9. The meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Angie Johnson, Secretary