

## **MINUTES**

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

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

**Saturday, July 16, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.**

#### **Amery City Hall Council Room**

1. Chairman Roland Peterson called the meeting to order, set the agenda, and verified that the official notices were published in Amery Free Press and posted online.
2. Board Members present were Roland Peterson, Angie Johnson, Denise L'Allier-Pray, and Billie Jo Schleusner. Dave Schleusner was also present.
3. Reports:
  - a. The Minutes of the April 2, 2022, meeting were approved.
  - b. The Treasurer's Report was approved:
    1. Checking Account Balance as of July 16, 2022, was \$ 27,331.49.
    2. Carryover funds from 2021 were \$8,368.06.
  - c. Dave Schleusner reported that the Clean Boats Clean Water Inspections led by Isaac Wiczorek with the help of Allison Schleusner at the Lincoln Landing are going well and will cover the required 200 hours by the end of the season.
  - d. Dave Schleusner reported that Weed Harvesting is going well with no harvester breakdowns. The old GPS needed to be rebuilt, which Dave was able to do. The new truck needs a sensor from GM. They started harvesting this year May 24 and have approximately 5 weeks left to harvest. There are less weeds this year, not as much Coontail and Duckweed. Loads are down, and it takes longer to fill them. Floaters from upstream where we can't harvest have been noted. Only a few days were missed because of windy conditions. The fuel costs have been up with \$2,991.74 spent on fuel to date.
  - e. An updated 2022 Polk County Shoreland Property Owner Handbook has been published, which includes information about aquatic invasive species. An online version is available at [co.polk.wi.us/landwater](http://co.polk.wi.us/landwater).
  - f. Water testing is currently being conducted by Tom Scheffel.
  - g. The APM Plan Aquatic Plant Survey, conducted by Matt Berg, has been completed. The first samples were taken in May and the second samples taken in early July. A detailed report will be received.
4. Action Items
  - a. The Board approved Roland Peterson as a nominee for position of Chair for 2023-25.
  - b. The Audit Committee for 2022 of Derrick Carlson, Erin Schleusner, and Allison Schleusner was approved.
  - c. The Aquatic Plant Management Plan is underway with the Plant Survey completed. In 2023, we must have the updated plan completed. The estimated total cost will be \$14,080. The Plant Survey will cost \$7,900. The Counseling Services will cost \$5,700. Travel and Training volunteer services will be \$480. The State's share is 67%, \$9443.60 paid in 2022 as an advance, and the rest paid in 2023 when the plan is completed.
  - d. The Board approved action for DNR grant to continue the Clean Boats Clean Water (Boat Inspections) project for 2023.

- e. The Board approved the Proposed 2023 Budget, which includes the \$10,000 tax increase which began in 2022 with the provision it would be reviewed annually. The DNR proposal to increase the cost of the harvesting permit from \$300 to \$2,500 was discussed. The \$2,500 would be for a 5-year permit, payable the first year, and each subsequent year for the next four years would cost \$1,250. Final public comments are due August 3.
  - f. The Board approved the agenda for the ARPRD Annual Meeting for August 20, 2022, at Amery City Hall.
5. The Board thanked Dave Schleusner for his harvesting work.
  6. The meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angie Johnson, Secretary