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**Lawrence Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Regular Meeting of Board of Commissioners
Westfield Town Hall, Westfield, WI
January 13, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 5:08 p.m.

Board of Directors Present:

Jim Brossman, Treasurer
Sharon Galonski, Acting Chair/Secretary
John Bennett, Marquette County Board Supervisor
Patrick Hamilton, Westfield Township Board Supervisor

District Members present: Lorrie and Richard Reeck, Mark Ferge (by invitation) and Mike Helminski, Habitat Committee Chair.

The first order of business addressed the resignation of Chair Ray Kolak received via email on January 4, 2022. A brief discussion followed. Pat Hamilton motioned and Jim Brossman seconded to accept the resignation. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Acting Chair Sharon Galonski nominated Mark Ferge to fill the position vacated by Ray Kolak. Mark accepted the nomination. A discussion followed wherein Mark provided information on his residency and personal/professional background. The Commissioners present voted unanimously to appoint Mark Ferge to the position of Chair through the next Annual Meeting.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the October 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting were submitted by Sharon Galonski. Pat Hamilton motioned for approval. John Bennett seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes as presented.

Further discussion followed in connection with legal posting of regular meeting minutes on the website in light of inquiries from District Members. Sharon Galonski discussed guidelines according to Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised 12th Edition, Sec. 48:9. In particular, she discussed the fact that formal approval of minutes does not occur until the next quarterly regular meeting. In an effort to provide full disclosure to its members the Board agreed that posting an "informally approved" copy by the Board might be used with a disclaimer.

Mark Ferge opened the floor to District Members Richard and Lorrie Reeck. Their question about posting meeting minutes had previously been discussed. They indicated that Thursday night meetings were inconvenient to District Members living out of town. Discussion followed during which they were informed that meetings are scheduled to fit Board Member schedules and that the remaining meetings were all scheduled for Saturday mornings. They also wanted to discuss the Board holding face-time meetings. The Board explained the reasons that this was not an option.

Mark Ferge acknowledged District Member Mike Helminski to join in a discussion with the Board in connection with feedback from members regarding tax bills and the new mill rate assessment versus the former special assessment method.

John Bennett provided an update in connection with erosion of the land on both sides of the dam. He spoke with Hanna Johnson from the WDNR Land & Water Conservation Department and met with Brian, the Commissioner of Marquette County Highway Maintenance. The type of repair needed is considered normal maintenance and all that will be required by the WDNR is a general plan/description of the work to be done. Brian presented a proposal including the placement of fabric, rip rap, larger round rocks and shelf rock. The repairs would be completed in the spring. The estimated cost for the repairs was \$2,000. Further discussion followed. Mark Ferge made a motion to budget \$2,000 for the necessary repairs to the dam. A question arose as to the amount allocated through the motion due to the fact that \$2,000 was an estimate and not a final number. After brief discussion, Jim Brossman amended the motion to read that no more than \$2,500 be budgeted for the necessary repairs to the dam. Patrick Hamilton seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion as amended.

Sharon Galonski provided the dam maintenance reports prepared by Bob Weiss for the months of September through December to Mark Ferge for review.

Jim Brossman presented proposals from four website design companies for the Board's review. After much discussion, the Board decided to go with Town Web for the District's website redesign. Sharon Galonski suggested that our current website administrator, Mark Kranzer, be invited to continue as administrator of the new website. Assuming Mark accepts the position, both he and Sharon Galonski will participate in training. A motion was made by John Bennett and seconded by Patrick Hamilton to allow up to \$1,500 for the website redesign by Town Web along with renewal maintenance fees of approximately \$500 for each of the second and third years. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

Mike Helminski, Chair of the Habitat Committee provided an update on current members of the Committee and what had transpired at their January 12, 2022 meeting. A list of potential projects for the Committee was presented along with potential new ideas. Mike reported that the *Larry Lake* newsletter will continue on a quarterly basis. There was extensive discussion involving the Board and District Members present in connection with the Committee's proposed projects. The Board authorized the Committee to move forward with its research on launch fees, buoy placement, solar-powered aquatic plant monitoring at boat launches and

educational programs. Other potential tasks for the Committee were briefly reviewed but not acted on as there was some overlap of matters already being addressed by the Board.

Sharon Galonski provided a brief report on the Lake Watch Committee and the difficulties in coming up with a schedule for a small handful of volunteers to cover both boat landings during the fishing season. This discussion coincided with the Habitat Committee Report.

Sharon Galonski addressed the Board in connection with several agenda items posted by the former Chair Ray Kolak. Having no information supplied by Ray, the topics of support of governmental institutions and district permanent records were not discussed.

Brief discussion occurred in connection with commissioner training, recognition of outgoing board members and involved district members, and Wis. Stat 33 – Public Inland Waters, which governs our District and Bylaws. Sharon Galonski reported that a revised issue of Wis. Stat. 33 was just published on January 5, 2022 that needed to be reviewed for changes. Mark Ferge will follow up. Jim Brossman discussed recognition awards and the failure of the previous Board to recognize Bill Lundy and Richard Reeck. The posting of a plaque of names was not a viable option. Jim Brossman noted that an article in the next *Larry Lake* newsletter or posting a note of appreciation on the District website have been discussed during previous Board meetings.

In connection with District Commissioner training, Jim indicated that the “Extension Lakes Program” provides some training. He attended training for new District Treasurers at a Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers conference several years ago. This year the conference is planned for April 6-8 in Stevens Point. At the time of this meeting, an agenda had not been finalized.

Jim Brossman reported on his discussion with WDNR Scott Bundy in connection with the fish habitat of Lawrence Lake. He presented a copy of a WDNR Lawrence Pond Fisheries Survey Summary Report conducted in 2014. Another survey is scheduled to be conducted by the WDNR in late 2022 or 2023. A comparison of the results will be reviewed by the Board at that time.

John Bennett (and Char) discussed a Marquette County Lakes Association Grant Application for Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Prevention/Control. The Association provides grants of up to \$500 to Association Members in Wisconsin. Jim Brossman confirmed that the District is a member. A motion was made by Sharon Galonski to move forward with the grant application. Patrick Hamilton seconded. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board. Jim Brossman will complete the grant application form and will submit it on behalf of our District.

Sharon Galonski revisited her proposal that the District donate funds to the Ethel Everhard Memorial Library to assist with renovations that include the purchase of new desks, chairs and tables. She noted that the Library allows the District to hold meetings there at no cost. A brief discussion followed. A motion was made by Sharon Galonski and seconded by Pat Hamilton to donate \$250.00 to the Ethel Everhard Memorial Library to assist with renovations that might include the purchase of new desks, chairs and tables. The motion was passed unanimously by the Board.

The Board addressed the Lake Management Plan and future herbicide treatment for aquatic invasive species in 2022. Discussion followed. The WDNR and/or Clarke Aquatic Services will be contacted by Mark Ferge to conduct a pre-treatment survey and to determine what the WDNR will approve for treatment in 2022.

Mark Ferge began a brief discussion on the silt matter. It was agreed that he would make a formal report and presentation of costs based upon his research at the next Board Meeting.

A motion was made by Jim Brossman and seconded by John Bennett to adjourn. The motion was unanimously approved by the Board. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Sharon L. Galonski, Secretary