

MUD HEN LAKE REHABILITATION DISTRICT MEETING

3/13/2021

Meeting was called to order at the Daniels Town Hall on Saturday, 3/13/2021 at 10:00 am by Mike Huber with 12 members in attendance.

A. Secretary's Report was read. Balance correction from previous notes was corrected as info stated by Kandy Unger.

B. Treasurer Report - Treasurer's report was read by Kandy Unger.

Current balances: Checking: of 1,541.28 Savings: 11,024.63 Total of \$12,565.91

Motion was made to approve Treasurer's report by Chuck Awe. Motion was seconded by Lonnie Pearson. Motion carried.

C. Old Business

1. Lake Update –

a. ILIDS Report is recorded on a google document. See the link below for viewing summaries.

b. Lake Monitoring - Steve Hoffman will be taking over and Mike Huber offered up help as needed.

Info on water quality is also listed on the website under community section. Tyler PrahI offered to assist Steve as well.

2. Committee Reports:

a. Lake Level Committee - Lake level updates by Grant Wilhelm. Dam removed the following Wednesday after meeting with DNR. The recommendation by the DNR was to buy a longer dock or dredge with a permit. A lower lake level is expected until something changes. Chuck Awe asked about legal options and dredging and what the criteria was. Mike H stated that 65% participation needed to begin exploring options and 100% support from watershed (158 parcel properties/owners) to continue and move forward. DNR very rough idea for a structure was around 400k after all surveying and other avenues had been covered. Chuck Awe asked about watershed vs lake owners and who would be held accountable for their share of the funding. A question was brought up about non lake level committee members and if there could be any assistance. It was mentioned that any questions should be brought to the lake representative from your side of the lake. A comment was made that the lake was 15" below agreed upon level but that the acceptable level that the association have agreed upon and the DNR acceptable level might be different. Low precipitation this past winter will directly affect the lake level this spring. Property values and tax base

questions were brought up and a question was raised about approaching the county with decreased values. Mike Huber found an email back from 2007 from the county and DNR to remove dam structures and discuss replacement options. Grant W. asked for a copy of that letter. A question about the Sportsmen's club taking ownership of a structure was raised and stated they do not have tax liability whereas the rehab district and/or township do. Chuck Awe stated that Clam Lake purchased a weed harvester and that we could look in to doing the same with dredging equipment and procedures.

b. Aquatic Plant Management - Aquatic plant management plan is good until 2023.

c. Purple Loosestrife - Dan Heintz is heading the committee and we will plan on setting a date on June 12th for the August weed abatement.

D. New Business

1. Tom Boisvert sent out the aquatic invasive species report.
2. The ILIDS camera was addressed in the annual budget and hook up for summer months will be looked in to.
3. Questions about landing and concrete slabs were brought up and it was stated that they were removed for the winter and will be re-installed and additional slabs could be obtained if needed and were relatively cost effective.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

****Minutes taken by Ryan Tjader**

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Sagstetter

Secretary

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Upcoming Meetings: June 12, 2021 / Sept. 2021 / Oct. 2021

Reports online:

2020 MUD HEN LAKE ILIDS (lake camera) report located at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Iz90HhMwn6pzHvrueN8Q430MsKnJBhw1fqF5BUJTdoE/edit?usp=sharing>

MUDHEN Aquatic Plant Management Plan: 2018 – 2023:

<https://www.burnettcounty.com/DocumentCenter/View/7374>

Mud Hen Lake Rehab District Meeting Minutes:

<https://townofdaniels.com/mudhen-lake-rehab-district/>

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The dam was not authorized therefore not legal to be in place. I estimated that the dam was in place for a couple of years. I have learned that there has been beaver dams on this outlet that has held the lake higher. The lake, over time will seek its normal level which I would assume will be lower than what the people on the lake have been used to but the dam was not legal.

I have talked with members of the lake district and explained that an option would be to pursue a dam permit to raise the water level. I have sent the forms and information to the lake District pres. As I explained to him all the lake residents need to get together to see if they want to pursue the dam option. The permit for dams are complicated and can be costly to engineer so all the lake residents need to be in favor of the project before moving ahead.

Can this help explain what happened and please call me if you have questions. My number is 715-635-4097.

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