

## **Mudhen Lake Rehabilitation District Meeting**

**March 11, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at Daniels Town Hall at 8:00 AM by Mitchell Otterson on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There were seven members in attendance at the town hall.

**I. Secretary's Report** - Mike Orlikowski read secretary's report. Chuck asked for clarification of the lines that read: "Current lake level committee were identified. Question was asked if the current committee would stand going forward." Mike Orlikowski suggested adding "APM" so that it reads: "Current lake level committee were identified. Question was asked if the current **APM** committee would stand going forward."

Motion was made to approve amended secretary's report by Mitch Otterson. Mike Huber seconded and the motion carried.

**II. Treasurers Report** - Mike Orlikowski reported that he has access to the bank account at U.S. bank and no other updates. Request was made for future meetings to provide beginning and ending balances and expenditures as part of report. Mike Orlikowski agreed and will report in meetings going forward. Request was made by member in attendance to post beginning and ending balances in future meeting minutes.

### **III. Old Business**

**A. ILIDS Report** - Mitchell Otterson shared the eyelids camera report. Mitchell reported 4773 video and 4058 launches during 2022 and 4058 launches. Discussion took place on value of ILIDS report observations since it is the largest expenditure for the district. Mike Huber believes ILIDS is wrapped into Aquatic Plant Management (APM). ILIDS is in budget for 2023 and we will continue collecting data. Mitchell Otterson is going to investigate grants for ILIDS so that it will not need to be paid for by the district's budget.

**B. Lake Monitoring** - Steve Hoffman reported that they are updating and upgrading the SWIMS program. He will start taking measurements when ice is out.

**C. Purple Loosestrife** – No report, Dan Heinz was not in attendance.

**D. Mudhen Lake Outlet discussion**- Mitchell Otterson reported that feasibility and engineering studies will need to be done to move forward. Costs of the studies can be in the 10's of thousands of dollars. Mitchell has been looking at opportunities for grant applications that have a May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for submission. Mitch has the 1981 lake feasibility report. After reviewing it, he would like to request grants for the actions identified as part of the study.

**E. Aquatic Plant Management (APM)** – APM will need to move to 2024. Mitch will apply for grants to help pay for the APM. Some initial conversations Mitch had with the new person overseeing the APM indicated that the costs may be greater than the district was budgeting for. Additional discussion with the new person will be needed to better understand the cost.

#### **IV. New Business**

**A. ILIDS Camera Discussion** - Mitch will work with provider to identify areas of improvement in reporting.

**B. Grant Writing Discussion** – Mitch is looking for volunteers who have prior experience writing grants to assist him in writing for lake grants. He will look to apply to the lake surface management grants with the intent of having studies done this year and into next year. The studies will provide information needed to identify paths forward and help separate facts from opinions. Mitch would like to see an updated feasibility study done with recommendations to improve and maintain the health of the lake. Mike Huber asked if Ayers would continue their study and Mitch stated that it is a possibility. Goal is to complete the grant writing by end of April and share with the committee. A meeting will be scheduled if further discussion is required. Chuck commented that the committee needs to ensure we are observing Wisconsin open meeting law.

Meeting was adjourned by Mitchell Otterson at 8:58.

Respectfully Submitted by Mike Orlikowski in Mary Sagstetter's absence.

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#### **Reports On-line:**

2021 MUDHEN LAKE ILIDS (lake camera) report located at:

To Be Determined for 2023

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>

Upcoming Mudhen Lake Rehab District Board Meetings:

June 10, 2023/ Annual Meeting August 12, 2023

All meetings are held at 8 AM at Daniels Town Hall