

Peppermill Lake District News

August 2019

Annual Meeting Issue

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Wading into 2020

The weather continues to be the story of the year, here. The first fifteen days of this month has already brought over 4 inches of rain to Peppermill Lake. A climatologist that spoke to an angry crowd in the Town of Big Flats, just north of us, told them that May 2018 to the end of April, 2019, was the wettest year in the last 124 years in Wisconsin. The Hancock Agricultural Research Station, near Plover, recorded the highest groundwater levels ever.

Here, our water levels remain high but manageable. We have had two aquatic plant harvests so far and the third is scheduled for the week of 8/19. The Chara mounds continue to pop up and the harvester will be busy that week scooping up the algal stepping stones.

In the coming weeks, volunteers will be going out to measure water temperatures at 50 locations on the lake to identify likely sources of water in-flow from

springs. Once identified, interns from UW Stevens Point will be measuring the in-flow rate, using mini-piezometers, at the cold locations and take water samples to measure nitrogen coming into our lake. This effort will help us with our grant application which will be submitted later this year.

Our revised lake management plan is progressing. Revisions have been returned to us from the Adams County Land & Water Conservation Department and are being reviewed. We hope to have the plan polished, waxed, and waterproofed by sometime in September.

The revised management plan will help us with our grant application. At the Annual Meeting, we'll talk about the grant application and what we want to do and why.

You'll see in the budget a line item for the initial cost of the grant. We'll eventually get

reimbursed for at least 50% of the grant cost, but we have to pay for the full cost of the grant up front, first.

We have two positions on the Board opening up. If you are interested, information about the nomination process and voting process is on the next page. The Board works hard to be good stewards of the lake and of your money but new ideas and approaches are always welcome. We have many new residents and new blood is good.

The important thing to remember is that you have to be present to vote. So come to the meeting.

One last thing we'll talk about is increasing meeting participation by dialing/logging in. Are people interested in attending board meetings remotely? Since most folks here aren't full time residents and can't always make it to Board meetings on Saturday mornings are you interested in calling in?

In the meantime, we hope to see you on the 31st!

Your Right to Vote

Join the Board!

There are two open positions to vote on this year. Each is a three-year term.

Anyone interested can submit his or her name to Bill Pegler or Jeff Ranous to be placed on the ballot.

By law, nominations can be taken from the floor at the time of the meeting.

Once elections are completed, an organizational meeting will be held immediately after the Annual meeting to select officers.

First and foremost, under all circumstances below, you must be present to vote. Act 275 of 2004 specifically states that proxies and absentee ballots are not permissible.

A single property owner whose name appears on the tax rolls as of 12/22/2015 gets one vote.

If the property is in the name of two or more people, then the names listed on the tax rolls are entitled to one vote each. For example, if the tax rolls show that a property is in the name of Paul and Jane Bowles, then both Paul and Jane get one vote each. If the tax rolls state John Burdett, et al, then John Burdett and all the names flagged by et al, get one vote each.

If the property is in the name of a living trust, only one vote is possible. For example, if the tax rolls state that your property is in the name of Thomas Pynchon Living Trust, only Thomas Pynchon can vote. If the

Trust is in multiple names a single representative must be selected.

If the property is in the name of a Corporation, only one vote is permitted. The resident agent stated in the Articles of Incorporation, may cast the vote.

Full time residents may vote, also. For example, if there were an apartment complex on this lake, the owner would be entitled to vote as would all full time residents of the complex. Another example includes a full time live-in relative. Proof of fulltime residence must be offered at the meeting, in order to vote. Examples of proof include current driver's license or utility bill showing an address within the district. Voting procedure There are two open board positions. Each is a three year term.

Elections for commissioners shall be conducted by secret ballot. Other votes are not conducted in secret.

Act 275 of 2004 now permits electors and property owners at the annual meeting to consider and vote on amendments to the annual budget.

Act 275 of 2004 clarifies that proxies and absentee ballots are prohibited.

"Vote by a majority a tax on upon all taxable property within the District," is also specified.

Act 275 specifies that special charges (assessments made in addition to the tax levy) may not exceed \$2.50 per \$1000 of assessed value, as with the general mill levy.

Nominations can be made from the floor.

2020 Budget Income Projections

Income						
Taxes-General Property	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,000	\$15,039	\$ 22,000	\$ 24,000
Special Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Taxes	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,000	\$15,039	\$ 22,000	\$ 24,000
Grants	-	-	-			
Interest	35	26	35	7	15	15
Miscellaneous	-	130	-	345	345	345
Income Total	\$ 25,035	\$ 25,156	\$ 22,035	\$15,391	\$ 22,360	\$ 24,360
				\$19,130	\$19,130	\$19,130
Prior Year Ending Balance	\$ 12,000	\$ 19,130	\$ 19,000	\$17,968	\$ 17,968	\$ 26,553
	\$15,000			\$17,968	\$17,968	\$17,968
Net Income (loss) and Prior Year	\$ 936	\$ 17,968	\$ 1,985	\$29,259	\$ 8,585	\$ 663

Proposed 2020 Budget and Budget Performance

Annual Meeting

Expense	2018 budget	2018 actual	2019 budget	2019 actual .	2019 actual estimate	2020 budget
Aeration						
Electric	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,349	\$ 1,800	\$ 932	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,000
Aerator Repair & Other	600	94	600	142	300	300
Pump replacement		-				
bouy	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Total	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,443	\$ 2,400	\$ 1,074	\$ 2,200	\$ 3,300
Aquatic Plant Management						
Harvesting Permits	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EWMF Chemical Treatment Permits	-	-	-	-	-	-
Harvesting	25,000	19,299	25,000	-	22,000	22,000
EWMF Treatment	-	-	-	-	-	-
Barley Straw	500	462	500	497	497	500
Grant Applications	-	-	300	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 25,500	\$ 19,761	\$ 25,800	\$ 497	\$ 22,497	\$ 22,500
Clean Boats / Clean Water						
Contract Workers	\$ -	\$ -				
Real Estate tax	21	20	-	-	-	
Total	\$ 21	\$ 20	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communications						
Newsletters, Mailings, Postage,Supplies	\$ 1,000	\$ 868	\$ 1,000	\$ 370	\$ 1,000	\$ 900
Website	600	829	600	63	600	600
Other-Wal convention	1,200	840	1,200	-	-	-
Total	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,537	\$ 2,800	\$ 433	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,500
Insurance						
General Liability	<u>\$ 1,749</u>	<u>\$ 1,590</u>	<u>\$ 1,900</u>	<u>\$ 1,846</u>	<u>\$ 1,846</u>	<u>\$ 1,850</u>
Workers' Compensation	564	508	300	250	250	250
Total	\$ 2,313	\$ 2,098	\$ 2,200	\$ 2,096	\$ 2,096	\$ 2,100
Lake Monitoring Services & Supplies						
Monitoring Services-water testing	\$ 500	\$ 72	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Other-legal-easments - GRANT	-	37	-	-	-	15,000
Total	\$ 500	\$ 109	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 15,500
Miscellaneous						
Wisconsin Lakes Adams Dues	\$ 265	\$ 250	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 350
LWDC & Other	300	100	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 565	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 350
Contingency Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
Expense Total	\$ 39,099	\$ 26,318	\$ 39,050	\$ 4,100	\$ 31,743	\$ 50,250

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Proposed Agenda – 2020 Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting - 9 :30 AM Aug. 31, Jackson Town Hall, Hwy 82 and 4th Ave.

Budget Hearing—9:30 AM

Annual Meeting - Immediately following Budget Hearing

Call to order—Proper Meeting Notice notification—Approval of Agenda—Approval of Minutes—Treasurer's Report
Citizen Comment

Reports - Lake Management Plan, Harvesting, Audit committee

Unfinished Business

- Update on Lake Study Grant proposal

New Business

- **Discuss/Act on teleconferencing options for meetings**
- Nominations for two Board Positions
- Paper ballot election of two Board members
- Discuss and vote on 2020 budget
- Discuss and vote on budget funding mechanism

Announcements/Correspondence

County Update

Town of Jackson update

Calendar update — Next meeting(s)—Adjourn