

Peppermill Lake District News

August 2021

Annual Meeting Issue

Highlights:

- Budget hearing/Annual Meeting
- Voting
- Budget Detail
- Agenda

Your Board of Directors

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One year later and COVID-19 is still a concern and will present the same challenges for our upcoming annual meeting, as it did at our last annual meeting.

Because lake district elections, by state law, must be conducted by secret ballot and must be done in person in case a recount is demanded, holding the annual meeting via Zoom will not be an option for voting purposes.

We'll do our best to provide a ZOOM connection for listening purposes but street traffic noise may be problematic if we hold the meeting outside.

The annual meeting is designed to be the district members' meeting, meaning that all votes taken at the meeting are done by those attending instead of the Board casting all votes as normally done at the quarterly meetings.

So if you want to vote on the budget and for the

nominees for the two open positions you must attend in person.

While the Town Hall no longer has a mask mandate, we are considering holding the meeting outdoors again, weather permitting. Adams County still has a low vaccination rate and with the delta variant of COVID-19 still a factor in Wisconsin, we'll try to be as socially distanced as possible.

At the July quarterly Board meeting it was agreed that we would put on the agenda the creation of a harvesting committee to revisit the cost/benefits of acquiring our own aquatic plant harvester. Committee members will be selected at the Annual Meeting and the new committee will do its factfinding independent of the Board and bring back its findings at a later date. If you are interested in participating in the Committee and cannot attend the meeting, let us know. Harvesting Committee meetings will be open to the

public.

The proposed 2022 budget shows an increase in aquatic plant management costs to give us additional flexibility to add a fifth harvesting if needed. But, otherwise, no significant changes are anticipated.

At the meeting, an update on grant expenditures and progress report will be given.

Two Board positions are open this year. Bob Cropp indicated he would not be running again after 13 years on the Board. The Board would like to thank Bob for all his dedication, water sampling, and agricultural wisdom over the years. In all those years, he at most missed one meeting.

So, thank you again, Bob, for everything you've done for Peppermill Lake.

In the meantime, the Board hopes everyone is well and safe. See you on Sept. 4.

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 12/22/2019 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.

Elections for commissioners shall be conducted by secret ballot. Anyone can request a recount. Ballot counts and recounts must be done at the meeting. Other votes are not

conducted in secret.

Act 275 of 2004 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.

2022 Budget Income Projections

Income	2020 (B)	2020 (A)	2021 (B)	2021 (A)	2021 projected	2022 proposed
Taxes-General Property	\$32,500	\$ 32,500	\$ 28,700	\$ 20,260	\$ 28,700	\$ 27,900
Special Charges	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Taxes	\$32,500	\$ 32,500	\$ 28,700	\$ 20,260	\$ 28,700	\$ 27,900
Grants				7,028	3,000	-
Interest	15	18	15	5	15	15
Miscellaneous	345	131		261	261	550
Income Total	\$32,860	\$ 32,649	\$ 28,715	\$ 27,554	\$ 31,976	\$ 28,465
	\$19,130	\$19,130		\$19,130	\$19,130	\$19,130
Prior Year Ending Balance	\$17,410	\$ 19,211	\$ 25,488	\$ 27,279	\$ 27,279	\$ 17,012
Net Income(loss) and Prior Year	\$ 20	\$ 27,299	\$ 83	\$ 48,811	\$ 17,012	\$ 547

Proposed 2021 Budget and Budget Performance

Annual Meeting

	2020 budget	2020 Actual	2021 Budget	06 30 2021 Actual	2021 Projected Actual	2022 Proposed Budget
Expense						
Aeration						
Electric	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,435	\$ 2,000	\$ 808	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Aerator Repair & Other	300	-	300	205	400	300
Pump replacement				-	-	-
bouy	1,000	972	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 3,300	\$ 2,407	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,013	\$ 2,400	\$ 2,300
Aquatic Plant Management						
Harvesting Permits	\$ -	\$ -		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Acquatic plant survey	-	-	2,690	682	700	2,500
Harvesting	22,000	17,700	24,000	-	24,000	30,000
EWMF Treatment	-	-		-	-	-
Barley Straw	500	497	500	365	365	400
Grant Applications	-	-		-	-	-
Other	-	-		-	-	-
Total	\$22,500	\$ 18,197	\$ 27,190	\$ 1,047	\$ 25,065	\$ 32,900
Communications						
Newsletters, Mailings, Postage,Supplies	\$ 900	\$ 665	\$ 900	\$ 526	\$ 1,052	\$ 1,100
Website	600	847	600	-	600	400
Other-Wal convention-zoom costs	-	-	180	-	180	180
Total	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,512	\$ 1,680	\$ 526	\$ 1,832	\$ 1,680
Insurance						
General Liability	<u>\$ 1,850</u>	<u>\$ 1,841</u>	<u>\$ 1,850</u>	<u>\$1,842</u>	<u>\$1,842</u>	\$ 1,900
Workers' Compensation	250	254	250	254	254	275
Total	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,095	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,096	\$ 2,096	\$ 2,175
Lake Monitoring Services & Supplies						
Monitoring Services-water testing	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Grant	15,000	\$ -	15,000	1,340	10,000	-
Total	\$15,500	\$ -	\$ 15,500	\$ 1,340	\$ 10,500	\$ 500
Miscellaneous						
Wisconsin Lake \$ Dues	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 375
	-	-		-	-	-
Total	\$ 350	\$ 350		\$ -	\$ 350	\$ 375
Contingency Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
Expense Total	\$50,250	\$ 24,561	\$ 54,120	\$ 6,022	\$ 42,243	\$ 44,930

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Proposed Agenda – 2022 Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting - 9:30 AM Sept. 4, 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 - Grant, Harvesting, Audit committee

New Business

- Discuss/Act on Harvesting Committee and mission

- Nominations for two Board Positions
- Paper ballot election of two Board member
- Discuss and vote on 2022 budget
- Discuss and vote on budget funding mechanism

Unfinished business—Website roll out

Announcements/Correspondence

County Update

Town of Jackson update (ATV's, garbage pick up)

Calendar update — Next meeting(s)—Adjourn

Organizational meeting to immediately follow to select officers