

Peppermill Lake District News

August 2022

Annual Meeting Issue

Highlights:

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

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We have many new residents on the lake so, for those of you who are new, welcome! The upcoming annual meeting is your chance to help shape the budget and the Board.

This is the one meeting where the Board steps back and the residents of the district make all the votes.

It's been 20 years since the first official annual meeting of the Peppermill Lake District. An organizational meeting was held in 2002 to select a temporary Board but the first real annual meeting was in 2003.

This is year, we'll be giving an update on the data we have collected through the grant we were awarded . This will include results of the survey we sent out early this year and data about the lake as we work toward developing a nutrient budget for our lake.

A fish population survey was done earlier this year, too, Hopefully we will have those results in time for the

meeting.

Two recent items will be on the agenda. A property owner on the north shore is offering to donate a parcel of land to the Lake District.

And Adams County has held informational meetings for two committees about alternatives to county ownership of the nine dams it owns, including Peppermill Lake Dam. So an overview of that will be given. If the county is serious about changing ownership of the dam, several meetings/ hearings will likely be held in the coming months. So far, Adams County leadership has not formally considered anything—other than to listen to one presentation.

For the proposed 2023 budget, the only major change proposed is a reduction in money needed for aquatic plant harvesting. Because of an unusually cool spring and some vendor challenges we are projecting a surplus in plant management

costs, meaning we can lower the budgeted amount and still have sufficient funds for aggressive harvesting in 2023, if needed, due to the carryover from this year. This means we are projecting a reduction in the mill levy for 2023.

This is all subject to your approval, of course.

Two Board positions are open this year. Each position is a three-year term. There are five elected positions in all with staggered terms and then two appointed seats, one for the county and one for the Town of Jackson.

Generally, the Board meets four times a year plus the annual meeting.

Lake District law is unique in that non-residents of Wisconsin can hold elected office as long as you own land in the District. At least one Board member should be a full-time resident of the Lake District. We are governed by Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

We hope you can come to the meeting!

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 12/22/2021 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 or roommate. 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.

2023 Budget Income Projections

Income	2022 Budget	2022 Actual 6/30/22	2022 projected actual	2023 proposed
Taxes-General Property	\$ 27,900	\$ 19,789	\$ 27,900	\$ 25,000
Special Charges		-	-	-
Total Taxes	\$ 27,900	\$ 19,789	\$ 27,900	\$ 25,000
Grants		-	-	-
Interest	15	2	15	15
Miscellaneous	550	1	500	550
Income Total	\$ 28,465	\$ 19,792	\$ 28,415	\$ 25,565
		\$19,130	\$19,130	\$19,130
Prior Year Ending Balance	\$ 27,246	\$ 32,278	\$ 32,278	\$ 34,486
		\$27,279	\$17,968	\$17,968
Net Income(loss) and Prior Year Balance	\$ 13,281	\$ 43,296	\$ 34,486	\$ 16,126

Proposed 2023 Budget and Budget Performance

Annual Meeting

	2022 Budget	06 30 2022 Actual	2022 Projected Actual	2023 Proposed Budget
Expense				
Aeration				
Electric	\$ 2,000	\$ 928	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,400
Aerator Repair & Other	300	-	300	300
Pump replacement	-	-	-	-
bouy	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ 2,300	\$ 928	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,700
Aquatic Plant Management				
Harvesting Permits - 5yr permit		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300
Aquatic plant survey	-	-	-	-
Harvesting	30,000	2,880	16,000	30,000
EWMF Treatment		-	-	-
Barley Straw	400	438	438	450
Grant Applications		-	-	-
Other		-	-	-
Total	\$ 30,400	\$ 3,318	\$ 16,438	\$ 30,750
Communications				
Newsletters, Mailings, Postage,Supplies	\$ 1,100	\$ 821	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,300
Website	400	133	500	500
Other-Wal convention-zoom costs	180	-	200	400
Total	\$ 1,680	\$ 954	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,200
Insurance				
General Liability	<u>\$ 1,900</u>	<u>\$1,840</u>	<u>\$1,840</u>	\$ 2,000
Workers' Compensation	275	254	254	400
Total	\$ 2,175	\$ 2,094	\$ 2,094	\$ 2,400
Lake Monitoring Services & Supplies				
Monitoring Services- water testing	\$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500
Grant	-	1,480	-	-
Total	\$ 500	\$ 1,480	\$ 500	\$ 500
Miscellaneous				
Wisconsin Lake \$ Dues	\$ 375	\$ -	\$ 375	\$ 375
		-	-	-
Total		\$ -	\$ 375	\$ 375
Contingency Fund	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,000
Expense Total	\$ 42,430	\$ 8,774	\$ 26,207	\$ 43,925

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Proposed Agenda – 2023 Budget Hearing & Annual Meeting - 9:00 AM Sept. 3, Jackson Town Hall, Hwy 82 and 4th Ave.

Budget Hearing—9:00 AM (Zoom invite info will be provided at our website for informational purposes only)

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 possible land donation— Parcel 12-490-500
- Discuss County ownership of dam
- Nominations for two Board Positions
- Paper ballot election of two Board member
- Discuss and vote on 2023 budget
- Discuss and vote on budget funding mechanism

Unfinished business—None

Announcements/Correspondence

County Update

Town of Jackson update (new town hall)

Calendar update — Next meeting(s)—Adjourn