



**Waterford Waterway Management District  
Additional Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday May 31, 2022 6PM**

***This meeting was held via Zoom***

1. Call to Order 6:03 pm. Commissioners Greg Horeth, Grant Horn, Dan Schultz, Bill McCormick, Margaret Shoptaw, Scott Uhler, and Alex Abendschein present.
2. Review and act on:
  - a. Review and act on possible sale of the Eco Harvester
    - i. Greg presented an overview of the problems we have had with the Eco Harvester.
    - ii. **Greg motions to proceed with the offer to sell the Eco Harvester as received from Weeders Digest based on the terminology that was put in by their offer. Bill seconded. Approved 7-0**
      1. Dan asked if this is a maintenance or performance issue.
        - a. Bill both. Not doing its advertised job of pulling weeds. Listed its many maintenance failures and lack of support from the manufacturer.
      2. Margaret question on our shallow bay capability.
        - a. Bill: We can get into the bays with the cutter we are using.
      3. Greg: We had early on issues with Eco Harvesters and they have been less than impressive with customer service since. Without support, it is going to make it very difficult to continue to operate. There is a potential to buy a smaller harvester for shallow bays with a DNR grant. This is a fair deal vs. lawsuits.
      4. Bill: It became more difficult to pull weeds with the eco harvester in the fall.
      5. Owning equipment has proved to be the better option vs. leasing.
3. **Greg motions to allow the Chairman to sign the agreement with Weeders Digest for the sale transaction as presented subject to any requested changes by Weeders Digest to be reviewed by the Chair and with legal council approval. Margaret seconded. Approved 7-0.**
  - a. Margaret wanted to make sure the release was looked over by Scott or Mary Beth. Scott stated it is standard terminology and it looks ok.
4. Review of Cutter Bids from open bidding process
  - a. Two bids: 296k Aquarius, 240k Inland Lake Harvester.
  - b. We have \$56880 in the budget for leased harvester.
  - c. Both bidders will provide comparable equipment.
  - d. Lead time for Aquarius is 12-18 months from order date, Inland Lake Harvesters is 12 months.
  - e. Aquarius will zero out cost for leasing the harvester this year and next year if we buy from them.
  - f. Grant: Are we obligated to the lowest bid? Scott. No. It is the best value.

- g. Grant: Clarification on where the manufacturers are located. Burlington and North Prairie.
  - h. Margaret: Clarification on grant from DNR. Is it half or a fixed amount? Will look for clarification.
  - i. Greg. We will come out ahead financially with Aquarius considering the leasing standpoint.
  - j. Bill: Considering scaling back on options, which will bring cost down lead time on manufacturing, and reduce maintenance delays.
  - k. **Bill motion to APM chair be authorized to enter into contract with Aquarius Sytems for construction of a new weed harvester not to exceed 296k. Grant seconded. Approved 7-0.**
- 5. June meeting date.
    - a. Meeting will be June 29
  - 6. **Dan motions that the WWMD apply ProcelaCOR to Island View Bay, Elm Island Bay, and Fowlers Bay for the 2022 season. Grant seconded. Approved 7-0.**
  - 7. Bill explained options for other shallow water harvester leasing for this year.
  - 8. Meeting Adjourned. 6:58pm.



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4. June meeting date
5. Meeting Adjourned

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