

**CLAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
August 26, 2017 Government Center, Room 165, Siren, WI**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jon Schoepke, Board members present: John Carlson, Bob Gideo, Jim Lang, and Tom Stoffel.

SECRETARY REPORT: was distributed to all landowners attending meeting, motion was made by David Thiets and seconded by Barb Grueschow to accept Secretary Report as printed. Motion carried.

TREASURER REPORT: was distributed to all landowners attending the meeting, motion was made by Roger Durbahn and seconded by John Hager to accept Treasurer Report as printed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Last year at the annual meeting it was discussed if we bought a new harvester would we buy it with funds we have or finance it. In regard to replacing one of our cutters it was determined in discussions with Spooner Machine that the best approach would be to keep our current cutter and rebuild it from the barge up. The reason for this decision was it would cost approximately \$174,000 for a new cutter and \$100,000 to rebuild current cutter. Board member Jim Lang has been working on a grant from the DNR to offset some of that cost. We are eligible for a grant of up to 35% of cost. As part of the grant we need to have a resolution that we have the ability to pay for our project. After a short discussion on future handling of harvesting it was decided to table the resolution for later in the meeting. The machine would be ready for spring.

Chair Schoepke stated it's been determined by the DNR that Clam Lakes will be "fishery lakes". This decision was made due to the Lake Management Plan that was completed a few years ago by SEH. The St. Croix Chippewa Tribe is constantly working on the lakes to stay aware of what is happening in regard to fish population and water quality.

Long discussion was held regarding the weeds and the process to get the permit and where to harvest. The decision on where to harvest is made in a cooperative effort between the DNR and the St. Croix Tribe.

A decision was made to also have a spring meeting. The meeting will be held the last Saturday of April, which is April 28, 2018, so everybody is able to stay current with matters pertaining to the lakes. As the discussion continued it was determined that we need to have better communication with the DNR, whether we deal with Mark Sundeen or somebody above him. It was also suggested that we build up the relationship with the St. Croix Tribe because they seem to have a big influence with the DNR concerning lakes issues.

An important point was brought up regarding the retrofit cutter. In years past we had a cutter called "Big Red", the cutting head had been modified so that the angle of the cutting head could be adjusted. This important modification could hopefully be used on the southeast shoreline which is so hard to cut due to the type of the grassy weed in that area. This modification will be added to the current design of the new cutter.

Statement was made by Chair Schoepke that board members want to be on the watercraft with Mark Sundeen and Jeremy Blomquist when it goes out on the lake to look at potential cutting areas.

Motion by Roger Durbahn to go ahead with the grant for the remodel of our current cutter with the modified cutting head. Seconded by David Thiets. Motion passed.

Question was asked should we retrofit our older machine in the near future so both machines have the adjustable cutting head, landowners agreed.

The plan is to cut the areas on the two lakes that we just received permission from Mark Sundeen to cut. We will cut the areas in Upper Clam where the cutter and conveyor are located now; move the cutter and conveyor to Lower Clam and cut those two areas and take the cutter and conveyor out of the lakes.

Short discussion was held regarding the purchase of a newer truck that we are badly in need of. A truck has been located that will serve our purposes at Blue Collar in Siren. Purchase price is \$5000, motion made by Bill Johnson to purchase and seconded by Roger Durbahn. Motion carried.

Electricity at the shed was discussed. The estimate from Polk Burnett to bring a line from the street to our shed is approximately \$6000. Landowner said we could rent a ditch witch and put in ourselves. Landowner (??) said he would do the work. **WOULD THIS LAND OWNER PLEASE CALL 715-349-5725.** After a short discussion a motion was made by Roger Burbahn, seconded by Barb Grueschow to use this approach. Motion carried.

Back to resolution that was tabled earlier in meeting: Jim Lang represented the resolution discussed earlier in meeting. Motion was made by Mike Moser to go ahead with the resolution, seconded by Tom Bergstrom, motion carried.

BUDGET: For the last number of years our budget has been based on a levy of ¼ of a mil. Some discussion was held whether we needed to raise the levy because of the cost of the retrofit of the cutter, the purchase of the truck, and the electricity to the shed along with the payroll expense for employees cutting next summer. Tom offered that in addition to the monies we have now we will be getting payments from the two townships for our taxes paid on July 31st and the taxes we will pay in January 2018. Tom suggested that the levy continue at ¼ of a mil unless our grant request is rejected. If

that would happen he suggested we go to a ½ mil with the board's recommendation. A motion to that affect was made by Mike Moser and seconded by Tom Bergstrom, motion carried.

No elections were held this year.

MEETINGS IN 2018:

April 28, 2018 – location to be determined

August 25, 2018 - location to be determined

Craig Dittel made a motion to adjourn and seconded by all present to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.

Respectfully,

Tom Stoffel, Secretary/Treasurer