

MINUTES
2019 ANNUAL MEETING
THE DISTRICT OF CLAM LAKE

Clam Lake PRD Fishing Contest – Rick Peterson

- Will be sponsored by the Clam Lake PRD going forward.
- Will be held next Memorial Day weekend, Saturday May 23, 2020.
- Will follow the DB Fishing Contest format.
- Jed’s will be the official weigh-in site.
- Looking for volunteers to help.

Lake Level – Rick Peterson

- We recognize that 2019 has seen greater fluctuation in lake levels than some years past.
- We also recognize above normal rainfall to date impacting Dam operations.
- Important to note the Clam Lake Dam is operated by Burnett County and not by the Clam Lake PRD.
- We are however partnering with the County Dam operations to better understand possible options and provide better communications with Clam lake property owners.

Understanding Our Weed Harvesting Permit – Tim Hickey

- The current weed harvesting permit allows for maintaining lake navigational channels ONLY.
- Harvesters are required to cut 100 feet from shorelines with limited exceptions to cut “spokes” for property owners to gain access to navigational channels.
- We are NOT allowed to cut an entire bay.
- Harvesters may not cut in water less than 3 feet – this is significant as some areas are less than 3 feet in depth up to 100 feet from shoreline.
- Harvesters may not cut more than half the water column depth or disturb the bottom of the lake.
- Lastly, the current permit limits cutting to approximately 80 acres on Upper and Lower Clam combined. The PRD is working with the DNR to understand potential options to expand cutting to additional areas.

For more information please reference the 2019 Weed Harvesting permit on <http://www.clamlakeprd.com> in the Current Events tab.

Weed Harvesting Update – Jim Lang

- High lake levels did impact the start of cutting operations as compared to prior years.
- Harvesters and elevators were deployed early June and cutting operations began on Upper Clam concentrating on areas where Curly Broadleaf were present.
- Late June cutting began on Lower Clam concentrating on the permit areas of Sunfish, Hideaway and Lonestar Bay.
- We continue to monitor the lake and harvesting continues as lake conditions warrant.
- 2019 was closer to a typical year, but we do understand the wide range of weed density over the past several years – from nearly nothing in 2015/16 to the 2018 explosion.
- As a comparison, in 2018 a cutter would fill with weeds in ~8 minutes as compared to approximately ~6 hours this year for 3 complete loads.

The weed cutting crew consists of Bob Gideo, Jim Lang, John Hager and Tim Hickey (big **Thank You** for these folks!).

Weed Harvesting Q/A:

- Q: Will we consider cutting Lonestar Bay again in 2020?
- A: It is our intention to request the entire lake shoreline be included in the harvesting permit in 2020.
- Q: Do we have any control of seeding wild rice on Clam Lake?
- A: The PRD cannot specifically answer this. We do however understand that the St. Croix Chippewa Tribe has the right to restoration of 300 acres of wild rice in the south end of Lower Clam.
- Q: Why are the lake levels fluctuating more this year than in previous years?
- A: Lake levels are monitored daily and Burnett County is attempting to maintain the negotiated level of 950.2 feet. We recognize this year has seen larger fluctuations and the PRD is getting involved to see how we can help this situation.
- Q: What happened to the process where a property owner could request (by placing a flag on their dock) a cutter clear around the dock and lift?
- A: The harvesting permit no longer allows for this process. Furthermore, we must remain at least 100 feet from the shoreline and follow the 3 feet water level restriction.

Treasury's Report – Tom Stoffel

- No questions were raised concerning the Treasury report.
- Tom Stoffel requested a motion to accept the 2019 budget.

- Jon Schoepke motioned to accept the 2019 budget and John Hager seconded.
- Motion was passed.

Weed Cutting Equipment Update – Jim Lang

- Both Weed Cutters worked well for this season.
- Did have minor issues with each Elevator but repairs we made to maintain operations.
- We received grant from the DNR for a 3rd elevator and are currently working through bids and the procurement process.

Aquatic Plant Management Plan and Point Intercept Update – Tim Hickey

- To obtain a Weed Harvesting permit, we must have an updated Aquatic Plant Management (APM) plan every 5 years. We are currently up against this deadline.
- A Point Intercept which is part of the APM plan and is now complete and ready for our review.
- Reviewed proposals for completion of the Aquatic Plant Management plan and have decided to use Dave Bulmer. The cost for his proposal was significantly less than others due to his familiarity of Clam Lake and past experience with our previous Aquatic Plan Management Plan.
- Also part the APM plan is a property owners survey that was requested which property owners completed prior to leaving the meeting.
- The cost of the proposal from Dave Bulmer however is impacted on whether we request a grant from the DNR (\$1500 with grant v. \$5000-\$6000 without grant).
- The grant process will require boat landing inspections and specific seminars that will cost money and require time.
- A vote was requested to forego the DNR grant process and complete the process through the Clam Lake District funds.
- After a brief discussion Jon Schoepke made a motion to forego the DNR process and the motion was seconded and approved.

Carp Removal – Tim Hickey

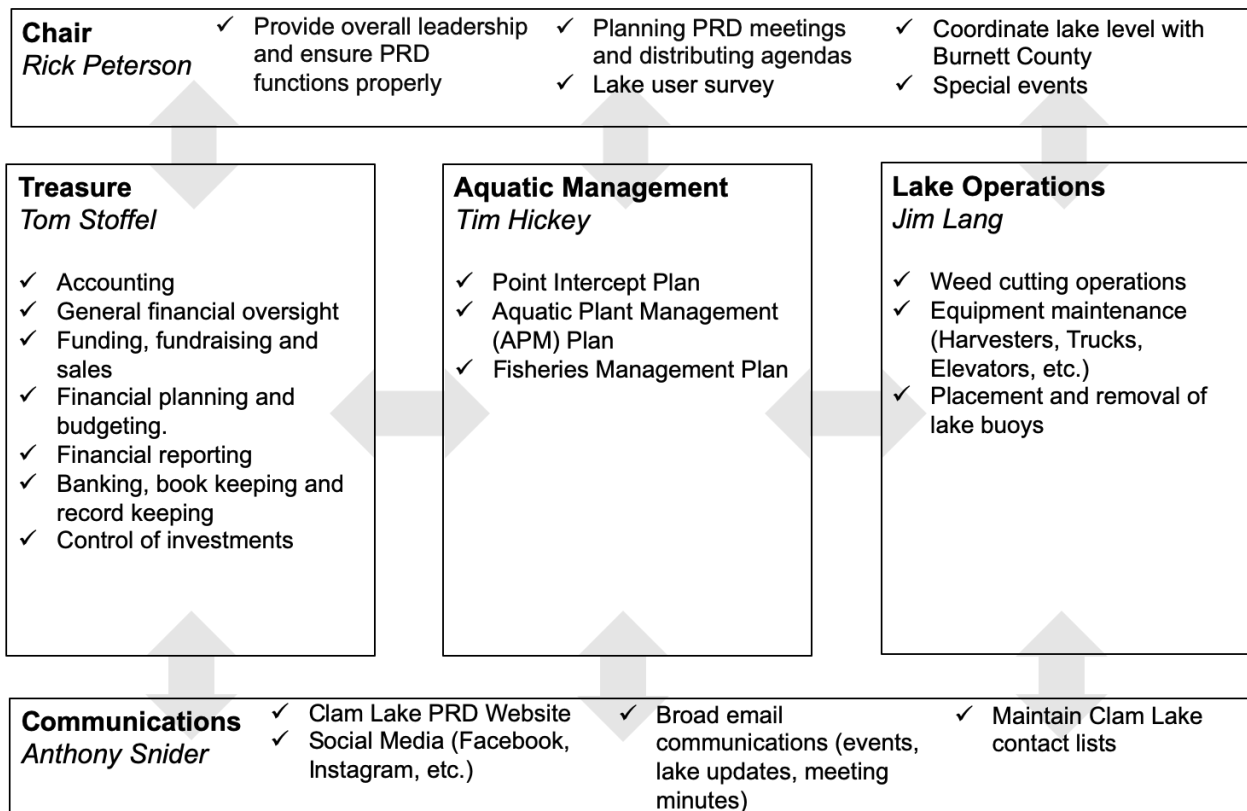
- The St Croix Tribe has recently received a grant to harvest carp and are waiting for the permit from the DNR.
- The permit is currently under review and at this time is unclear if this process will be complete to remove Carp this winter season.
- We have confirmed if the permit process does complete in time, the St Croix Tribe intend to remove Carp this season.

Budget – Tom Stoffel

- Tom Stoffel requested a motion to accept the proposal to maintain the current .5 mill tax rate for 2019.
- After a brief discussion Jon Schoepke made a motion to accept the .5 mill rate proposal and it was seconded.
- The motion was passed.

Board Member Elections – Tim Hickey

- 2 board member positions were up for elections.
- Positions are for 3 years.
- Anthony Snider and Tom Stoffel were nominated for board member positions
- Tom Wallace made a motion to accept nominations without vote. Mike Moser seconded the motion.
- Anthony and Tom were elected to the board.
- New structure through August 2020:



**Next Clam Lake PRD meeting will be Saturday April 25th, 2020
Location and Time TBD**

CLAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Financial Statement July 31, 2018 through July 3, 2019

BALANCE FORWARD:	Checkbook Balance	\$ 27,310.19	
	Money Market Account	\$ 5,264.12	
	Edward Jones Account	\$ 68,710.60	
			\$101,284.91
INCOME:	Meenon Township	\$ 13,643.05	
	Siren Township	\$ 15,824.03	
	Interest Money Market	\$ 3.21	
	Interest Edward Jones	\$ 335.07	
	DNR	\$ 14,367.00	
	Insurance Refund	\$ 657.00	
	Truck Sold	\$ 500.00	
	State of Wisconsin	\$ 16.96	
			\$45,246.32
EXPENSES:	Payroll	\$ 15,501.24	
	Insurance	\$ 5,047.25	
	Maintenance and Repair		\$ 17,662.74
	Federal and State Taxes		\$ 3,856.34
	Office	\$ 690.95	
	Purchase of Truck	\$ 10,500.00	
	Harvester Rehab	\$ 25,050.00	
	Miscellaneous	\$ 1,692.98	
	Bank Charges	\$ 60.00	
			\$80,061.50
ACTUAL CASH ON HAND:	Checking Account	\$ 6,298.86	
	Money Market Account	\$ 15,134.05	
	Edward Jones Account	\$ 44,792.04	
			\$66,224.97