

## **Spring Meeting**

**April 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tim Hickey

Roll Call; All board members were present with the exceptions of the Burnet County appointed land conservation office member Roger Noe.

Chairman Tim Hickey started off by encouraging all interested parties to visit the Clam Lake PRD website because a great deal of information has been posted on the website since our last meeting. He then spoke about the meeting held last October with the Wisconsin DNR and the St. Croix Tribe. The purpose of the meeting was to ask both bodies about their future plans for Clam Lake. The minutes of that meeting and our take-a-ways from the meeting, are posted on our website. In addition, he asked that everyone email him with their email address so he can put them on a master list. He will communicate through email on future issues for Clam Lake.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Tom Stoffel gave the treasurer's report. The report is attached at the end of these minutes.

#### **Old Business**

Jim Lang spoke on the current conditions of the weed cutting equipment. We currently have 2 trucks in working order, 2 elevators in working order and 2 weed harvesters in working order. The board made the decision to have the one of the old elevators refurbished, at a reduced price, to ensure we had 2 elevators available for the cutting this season. We did apply, and receive, the grant money of \$11,200 to purchase a new elevator but it was not in time to have the elevator built for this cutting season. We purchased a replacement truck for hauling weeds and had it serviced by Blue Collar Garage. Jim confirmed we have 3 locations to haul our weeds to this summer. We received a weed cutting permit from the DNR for approximately 50 acres with the possibility of expanding the acreage, like last year, if the DNR sees fit. A copy of the permit, and the area we can start cutting, is posted on the website. We are looking for people interested in helping with the weed cutting operations. If you are email Tim Hickey or contact Jim Lang. The board is considering allowing the lake residents to purchase a time slot to have the weed cutter come to your lake shore and allow the resident to shovel their lake weeds onto the elevator. The cost would be \$20 per property owner and would be available both week days and weekends. This would help with people that either don't have a place to dump weeds and or that don't want to haul them off their shore line. That discussion is ongoing so if it sounds like something you would be interested in contact Tim through the website. Jim stated it is illegal to dump your weeds in the ditch.

#### **New Business**

Rick Peterson spoke on two events we are considering to improve social involvement. The first one is having a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade. We will hold it on July 6<sup>th</sup> this year. A flier is posted on

the website. Additional information will be emailed and posted on the website, as it becomes available. The second event is hosting a fishing tournament that would replace the DB Fishing Tournament that ended last year. Due to the timing this year, there are two options; have a late summer date, September 14<sup>th</sup>, or wait until next year with an early summer date. Again, we will post more information, as it comes available, on the website.

Tim Hickey spoke on the plan to develop a new Aquatic Plant Management Plan. These are required to be done every five years to receive a Weed Cutting Permit. There are two parts to developing a plan. The first step is having a Point Intercept Survey completed. We have contracted Matt Berg to complete the survey this summer. The second part is the APMP itself. There will be several activities the lake association will be required to complete for the APMP, including a survey of property owners. We are currently talking with two firms about developing the plan. The last APMP is posted on the website.

Tim Hickey brought up the concern expressed by the Clam Falls Flowage residents about the possibility of their dam being removed. The Clam Falls Flowage dam is approximately 12 miles upstream, on Clam River, from Upper Clam Lake. The company that owns the dam want to remove it or have Polk County take it over. It needs to be either repaired or removed. The Clam Falls Flowage residents want us to support their efforts to have Polk County repair and keep the dam. It had been suggested that removing the dam would improve our water quality. Tim contacted Craig Roberts from the WDNR and asked his opinion on whether keeping the dam would be a good thing or a bad thing for Clam Lake. Craig stated that if there were to be an improvement to our water quality it would be minimal and it would take many years for it to happen. Clam Falls Flowage has a website <https://saveclamfallsflowage.com/> if you want to support their efforts.

Tim Hickey was contacted by a Clam River resident and wanted him to remind all boaters to adhere to the No Wake ordinance on Clam River.

Tim Hickey brought up a conversation he had with Craig Roberts about changing our bag limit for Blue Gills from the current 25 to 10-15 as a way to control our Carp population. A healthy Blue Gills population is one of the best natural ways to control the Carp population because they feed on the Carp larvae. Craig stated it was about a 12-month process but that he would support it if we wanted to request it.

#### Question and Answers session

Mark Lucas – Do we have any concern about the Asian Carp infesting our lake?

Jim Lang – No, they would have to get up the St. Croix Dam first.

Ken Schwebach – Asked about the possibility of dumping weeds at the end of Lone Star Landing?

Bob Gideo – We did at one time but we need to talk to the St. Croix Tribe because they own that land.

Dan Mitchel – What are the negatives of removing the dam?

Tim Hickey – My understanding is there is no down side to Clam Lake by removing the dam.

The obvious downside is to the Clam Falls Flowage residents.

Bill Johnson – Bill observed that with the dam being left open right now, due to high water, the Carp will be allowed to come upstream. He also reiterated about the No Wake Zone on the river.

Tim Hickey - I talked to Craig Roberts about the possibility of preventing the Carp from coming over the dam. Craig stated there is no practical solution because anything that might work would be too expensive.

Julie – Asked about the impact removing the Clam Falls Flowage dam would have on the lake.  
Tim Hickey – There is some confusion about the fact that there are two dams that control our lake water level. There is one up stream in Clam Falls and another one is about 2 miles downstream at Clam Dam Park. The one being discussed for removal is the one upstream in Clam Falls.

Jim – Can you elaborate more on the meeting last October with the WDNR and the St. Croix Tribe?

Tim Hickey -The meeting minutes are posted on the website under 2018 Winter Quarterly Meeting.

Mark Lucas – What kind of questions will be on the survey?

Tim Hickey – We are in the process of putting together the survey. There are several types used by other lake associations. Some are 10 questions and others are much more elaborate with 50 questions. We will put together the questionnaire and get it out to property owners.

Nancy Kolb – What was that boat late at night with all the lights on it

Tim Hickey – The boat was Bowfishing for Carp

Mark Westling – What is the update on the repair shed being broken into a year or so ago?

Bob Gideo – We put a reinforced service door in and put a new electric overhead door in so you need a code to get in. We put many of the tools in a locked compartment in one of the trucks and backed that up against the wall so no one could get in there.

Gary Mathews – He supports changing the bag limit from 25 to 15. He also would support having the weed harvester come to my property and taking the weeds away. What is the possibility of restricting the boat motor size on the lake?

Tim Hickey – We will include a question to that effect on the survey.

Bob Gustin – He applauds the board for creating a survey to engage the members and suggests that we add a question asking whether the person is a property owner or not.

Sue Kreger – Are we supposed to vote on our support for the Clam Fall Flowage dam today?

Tim Hickey – No there is nothing imminent right now. We will decide how to move forward.

Jim Lang motioned to adjourn the meeting, Barb Grueschow seconded, motion carried.

# CLAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

## Financial Statement August 1, 2018 through April 22, 2019

### BALANCE FORWARD:

Checkbook Balance	\$ 27,310.19
Money Market Account	\$ 5,264.12
Edward Jones Account	\$ 68,710.60
	<u>\$101,284.91</u>

### INCOME:

Meenon Township	\$ 13,643.05
Siren Township	\$ 15,823.49
Interest Money Market	\$ .90
Interest Edward Jones	\$ 143.75
DNR	\$ 8,767.00
Insurance Refund	\$ 672.00
	<u>\$ 39,035.19</u>

### EXPENSES:

Payroll	\$ 12,001.13
Insurance	\$ 4,233.00
Maintenance and Repair	\$ 3,184.71
Federal & State Taxes	\$ 3,876.52
Office	\$ 625.95
Purchase of Truck	\$ 10,500
Harvester Rehab/2018	\$ 25,050.00
Harvester Repair/2019	\$ 3269.90
Conveyor Rehab/2019	\$ 7,603.35
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,445.21
	<u>\$71,789.77</u>

### ACTUAL CASH ON HAND

Checking Account	\$ 14,520.63
Money Market Account	\$ 9,032.23
Edward Jones Account	\$ 44,696.36
	<u>\$68,249.22</u>