

**Lake Keesus Management District
2014 Annual Meeting
September 4, 2014
Merton Town Hall, North Lake, WI**

Commissioners Present: Craig Musbach, Chair; Judy Reinders, treasurer; Dick Morris; (Sue Sesolak commissioner Emeritus acting secretary for Kenn Belter).

1. The 2014 LKMD Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. on Thursday, September 4, 2014, at the Merton Town Hall by Craig Musbach.
2. Confirmation of Postings: Sesolak confirmed that the meeting had been posted with the Town of Merton, Town Library, LKMD boat launch on 8/19/14, and all riparian owners were sent a first class mailing containing the agenda of the Annual Meeting; the minutes of the 2013 annual meeting, and the 2015 proposed budget.
3. Musbach calls for an approval of the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes.
4. Point of order called by B. Carrera noting a correction to the minutes, claiming a “lack of quorum as citing statute 33.283 requirement for 3 commissioners to be present. This point of order was left out of the 2013 minutes. (Carrera submitted the following statement to be included in these minute as a noted correction to the 2013 minutes:

“Point of order:

Correction to the minutes of the 2013 LKMD Annual Meeting: Barbara Carrera made a point of order with regard to the lack of quorum at the annual meeting. Per Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 33.28 (3): ***Three commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.*** There were only two commissioners present. The commissioners present did not follow the state statutes.

Kenn Belter had indicated verbally, at that time, that he was going to make note of this point of order. This point of order was left out of the minutes sent to the lake residents. “

L.Milbrath commented she too researched this issue and claims quorum is referring to commissioner’s meetings; during annual meetings, quorum is reached because voting lake residents are present, thereby reaching quorum.

5. Audit report was read by J. Reinders. The financials were audited by Tracy Sodolski, and a letter was submitted noting that all financial records are in order.
6. Reinders makes motion to approve audit report; Musbach 2nd.
7. Call for approval of the 2015 budget. P. Dross moves to approve budget; W. Abbs 2nd. Vote: all in favor, less one opposition from Carrera.
8. Tax levy for 2015 listed as \$160/property. N. Dross makes motion to approve levy; P. Dross 2nd. Motion carries unopposed.
9. Election of commissioner: Musbach seat is up for reelection. He runs unopposed. Call for other nominations. No one was interested. P. Dross moves to close nominations; N. Dross 2nd. Craig Musbach unanimously voted in as a commissioner for another term.
10. Committee Reports:

Weed Cutting: (Meisner)

- Weed cutting is done for the year. We cut ½ as many weeds this year based on down time of harvester for maintenance. Very difficult to get replacement parts for old harvester. We spent \$1600 for a new pump. Cost of new engine for our existing harvester would be \$15K +shipping. Noted trend that DNR is discontinuing funding for weed harvesters across the state. J. Reinders did attend the weed harvester meeting in Hayward this year and secured 40% funding for the purchase of a new weed harvester. Immediately after, the DNR placed a moratorium on future weed harvesting expenditures. Harvesting committee is getting bids from harvester vendors. Current estimate shoes total harvester package is \$190,670 +\$42K to convert our old harvester to barge = \$232K. It was discussed that stainless steel would be important for less rust and more longevity. Dross asked if we could consider leasing out or old one. Point made that this would entail legal/insurance/transportation issues of the LKMD entering this business.
- A public thank you was given to Rick Meisner, Jeff Beyers & committee for doing a great job on this committee. Also thank you was noted to Judy Reinders for taking the time to go up to Hayward for this meeting.

Chemical Weed Treatment Report (Bence not present)

- Marine Biochemists quoted \$17K worst case scenario to treat all the possible areas. We also need to go through the permitting process.
- Oct. 16th 6:30pm in the Merton Town Hall will be a meeting with Heidi Bunk of the DNR to discuss this chemical weed treatment. We need to decide by March 2015 to carry out the project this spring.
- E. Schlumpf brings attention to the Aug. issue of the Wisconsin DNR magazine, page 6 which has an article on Eurasian milfoil and the pros/cons of treatment. Ed will email a copy of the article.
- B. Carrera also notes that the DNR website has case studies of lakes that have used chemical treatment.

Boat Launch/Buoy Report

- Considering purchasing new buoys. Committee is looking into how buoys in the past were funded.

11. Old Business

Nothing noted.

12. New Business

- Approval of the 2015 budget
- Ask for authorization to purchase a new (to us) dump truck for the \$30K allotted on the budget. Problem noted that our current truck holds 31K and requires a CDL license to drive, which is expensive to maintain and hard to find licensed drivers. N. Dross makes motion to grant authorization to purchase the truck; J. Schlidt 2nd.
- Ask for authorization to place order for new harvesting equipment this fall so it is in place for next spring. P. Dross makes motion to approve the purchase; W. Abbs 2nd.

13. Comments:

- P. Dross comments on several looking into the historical registry asking about launch. 1995 Kandler gave LKMD a 20 year lease for parking lot. Suggested need to get with the town of Merton to release this lot. LKMD does not own launch site. Also, we need to get with the DNR to revisit the lease for the launch. LKMD owns a 30ft. wide strip of land that is the driveway. J. Reinders had drawing of the launch.
- L. Milbrath publicly thanked all commissioners and committees for doing their jobs.
- P. Dross makes motion to close; E. Schlumpf 2nd.

14. Meeting adjourned 6:44 pm.