

# LAKE KEESUS MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

2016 Annual Meeting Minutes  
August 30, 2016

## Opening

The Annual meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by chairman Musbach. Secretary Carter advised that the postings were completed as identified during the budget meeting (see below). Approval of minutes from the 2015 Annual Meeting. Chairman Musbach confirmed that a copy of the minutes for the 2015 annual meeting were mailed along with the notice of the 2016 annual meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed. The motion was seconded. A voice vote was taken and the minutes of the 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

## Confirmation of Postings

Secretary Carter confirmed that the Notice of Budget Meeting, Annual Meeting along with the agenda and minutes from the 2015 Annual meeting were mailed to all Lake Keesus management district members (220 mailings) on August 15, 2016. Notice of the meeting agendas and budget were also posted at the Town of Merton Town Hall, North Lake Public Library and Lake Keesus boat launch as of August 16, 2016, Publication in the Lake Country Reporter on August 23 and 25, 2016 and in addition were posted to the new LKMD website. Email notification was made to LKMD members regarding the background of candidates for the treasurer position. A reminder email was also sent out to LKMD residents on August 16, 2016.

## Present

Craig Musbach, Chair; Judy Reinders, Treasurer; Lloyd Carter, Secretary, Richard Morris, Commissioner; Jim Fleming, Commissioner

## Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Reinders reported that in the checking account there is a balance of \$5,883.70. In the Money Market account, there is a balance of \$172,254.21. Total funds on deposit at the credit union are \$178,137.91.

## Auditor's Report

Treasurer Reinders stated that the 2015 financial records were audited by Tracy Laumer- Sadowski. The auditor gave a positive report and stated that the audit was complete and accurate and supplied a letter verifying that the audit was performed.

## Guest Presentation

Guest presentation from ECO Waterway Services. Greg and Pat gave a presentation detailing the services they provide for suction weed harvesting. LKMD has a proposal regarding their services.

## **Election of Commissioners**

Judy Reinders is retiring as Treasurer and Chairman Musbach thanked her for her years of service to the LKMD. Two candidates were previously nominated for the Treasurer position identified as Larry Kancius and Joe Lucy. Both candidates provided a brief statement as to their qualifications for the positions. Paper ballots were distributed and a vote for Treasurer was conducted. Ballots were counted and collected by Laura Milbrath. Larry Kancius had 52 votes and Joe Lucy had 7 votes. Larry Kancius was elected Treasurer.

## **Committee Reports**

Harvester Committee: It was reported that weed cutting continues and the last pick up will be this week. Treasurer Reinders thanked the harvester committee for their efforts this season.

## **Harvester Offload Site Committee**

Bob Lechtenberg reported that the committee is looking for options for relocating the offload site.

## **Boat Launch Committee**

Rick Schlidt reported that changes were made to the slow-no-wake signage to make it more clear. It was announced that Connie Carter will be taking over the boat launch management duties. The LKMD thanked Rick for his years of service managing the boat launch.

## **Fishing Committee**

Ed Schlumpf gave an update regarding fishing issues on the lake. There was no walleye planting in the lake this year.

## **Old Business**

Chemical Weed Treatment for 2017: There is a \$10,000-line item placeholder in the 2017 budget for weed treatment. Discussion was held regarding chemical weed treatment to date. The permitting process must commence around the first of the year. A motion was made to apply for a chemical weed treatment permit for 2017. This motion was seconded. The motion was passed on a voice vote.

Harvester Offload Site Location: A discussion was held about options for the harvester offload site. President Musbach will approach the property owner of the current site to see if any arrangements can be made for use of the site in 2017. Chairman Musbach also has a meeting scheduled with the Heidi Bunk and others of the DNR in October to discuss the offload site issue.

## **New Business**

Eco Waterway Services presentation (see above).

Plant survey for 2017: A plant survey update for 2017 is required to renew the weed harvesting permit. The LKMD hopes to apply for a grant to offset the cost of the plant survey. Bob Zwissler moved to have a new/updated plant survey completed and the motion was seconded. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Buoy purchase and placement. A budget item has been established for this potential cost. A discussion ensued regarding whether the LKMD should place and maintain channel navigation buoys. It was noted that the Town of Merton actually holds the DNR permit (the LKMD did not

exist in 1987 when the permit was granted). The Town ordinance addressing the navigational buoys (Section 20.08 (6)), appears to have been created at the same general time as the creation of the LKMD. A motion was made proposing: That the LKMD (for 2017) place the navigational aid (red/green) buoys as per the permit until development of some other plan. The motion was seconded and further amended by Karl Holt, who made the initial motion, to propose continued study of the issues by committee. Further discussion occurred and a hand vote was conducted. The vote was 17 for the motion and 21 against. The motion failed to carry. A determination was made to continue studying the issue by way of committee. Volunteers for the committee being formed to further study the issue were identified as Rick Schlidt, Carl Holt, Cindy Musbach and Paul Weishugel.

Advisory vote regarding the "Slow-no-wake" ordinance 20.08. Ballots were distributed to attendees with the options identified as to keeping the existing slow-no-wake buoy ordinance (Yes vote) or seeking that the Town of Merton rescind the existing ordinance so that slow-no-wake buoys would no longer be placed at the entrance to Marquardt's Bay (No vote). Carl Holt had pursued the permit application and the DNR has issued the permit that previously had not been issued. Votes were collected and counted with the results being identified as 16 Yes votes and 42 No votes (total 58 votes). A committee will be established to address the issue further regarding any rule change. The vote results are to be considered in lieu of a petition for rule change and the committee will engage in further investigation and study on the issue, which will eventually go to the Merton Town Board. An email requesting volunteers for the committee will be sent to all LKMD members who have supplied their emails for LKMD communications (this email will also solicit volunteers for the navigational buoy committee members).

A motion was made to approve the 2017 budget as previously presented. The motion was seconded and a voice vote conducted with a majority of "aye" votes and one "nay" vote. The budget was approved as previously presented.

A motion was made to approve the \$160. per property tax levy as previously presented. The motion was seconded and a voice vote was conducted with a majority of "aye" votes and one "nay" vote. The tax levy was approved as previously presented.

Laura Millbrath indicated she is looking for someone to volunteer to take over the administration of elections for the LKMD. An email seeking volunteers for this position will also be sent out.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Lloyd Carter, Secretary, LKMD

