

# **Lake Keesus Management District**

## **Annual Meeting Minutes**

September 7, 2021

### **Opening**

The Annual meeting of the Lake Keesus Management District was called to order at 6:55 p.m. on September 7, 2021 at the Merton Town Hall by LKMD Chairman Dan Willems.

### **Confirmation of Postings**

Chairman Willems confirmed that the Notice of the meeting, along with the Agenda were posted at Town Hall, North Lake Library, and Boat Launch on Aug. 27, 2021 and mailing sent on Aug. 24. DNR was also notified. LKMD Email list was notified on Sep. 4, 2021.

### **Present**

Dan Willems/Chair; Pete Schumacher/Treasurer; Ann Belter, Secretary

### **Approval of Agenda**

- Approval of 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes as posted – motion made by Pete S, seconded by Kenn Belterz – motion carried

### **Audit Report**

Tracy Laumer has not finished the audit report and will post on the website once finished.

### **Election of Commissioner**

Kenn Belter moved that nomination be closed and cast a unanimous ballot for Cara Engelking. Seconded by Pat Zimbric. Motion Carried.

### **Committee Reports**

- Weed Harvesting: Gary Etter discussed how hard it was to find people to harvest this last year. Both people were not lake people, hard to direct, and one person quit. Cut 18 days, picked-up 14 days. He would like to remind people to clean rocks off. This summer there were a lot of issues of rocks on piers with the weeds. Also, if the pier doesn't stick out past boats/lifts it is very difficult to pick up weeds. Gary Etter will be stepping down after next year. After discussion on hours spent (Gary about 25 hours, Jeff about 30 hours, plus volunteers) it was estimated that 125 hours were spent on the harvester. Jeff stated that most municipalities take care of the weed harvester maintenance. It was recommended that LKMD look into Aquarius and Town Mechanic. Paul Weishugel made a motion to raise the 2022 Harvester pay to \$20 per hour starting and up to \$25 for repeat operators. Seconded by Pat Z. Motion Carried.
- Boat Launch: Dan W. provided Connie Carters update. Looking for help/volunteers to clean up. Will send detailed emails to LKMD to send out. Gary

E. asked what the shape of the launch was in and Dan stated it is not new, but in ok condition. There was discussion on fishing off of the pier and liability. Kenn Belter asked about the launch fees. Thru July it was \$13,500, anticipating \$19,000 for the year.

- Fishing Committee: Dan W. provided Jeff Bartletts Update. DNR stocked last year with large fingerling walleyes. Rod and Gun club stocking 3000 perch in October. The committee is in need of someone stepping up to help Jeff Bartlett.

### **Old Business**

- Large Wakes: North Lake study was discussed. Once it is done it will be shared with us. It was noted that 2 other lakes have ordinances, but they are much smaller lakes. It was discussed that if you have a big wake boat/ballasts to please stay in the center to limit issues and that we will continue to self-regulate. This should be posted on the website and sent out in emails (LKMD and LKAA).

### **New Business**

- Slow No Wake Buoys: Steve Belter discussed what happened at the 2016 annual meeting and the outcome of the Slow No Wake committee meetings and how things just ended. He summarized the finding and recommendations and then made a motion to further investigate removal of slow no wake buoys with the WI DNR, Town of Merton, and Waukesha County to remove them. Seconded by Rick Zimbric. Motion Carried. Dan W. was part of the process to remove red/green buoys and said he would assist. Laura M. mentioned the town will also need to change their ordinance. Gary E. mentioned that he measured in the winter and there was 300' from pier to marsh.
- Annual Meeting Date Change: There was discussion on changing the annual meeting dates due to it being difficult to have everything ready in September. Ann B. made a motion to change the Annual meeting date from May 22-Sep. 8 to Sep. 1 - Oct. 15. Seconded by Pat Zimbric. Motion Carried.
- Meeting Notices Paper vs. Email. What does the group think of removing paper annual meeting mailings? Laura M. said the state requires paper annual meeting mailings. Most people commented on liking the mailings so it was agreed to keep them.

### **Approval of 2021 projected budget**

- Motion by Spitz. Seconded by Paul W.. Motion carried.

### **Approval of 2022 Tax Levy**

- Bob Plautz made a motion to reduce the tax levy to \$50 per property. Seconded by Gary E. Motion Carried.

### **Approval of 2022 Budget**

- Motion made by Laura Milbrath to approve the amended budget as highlighted and discussed. Seconded by Rick Z. Motion Carried.

**Comments**

- Barb requested to resend out the last LKMD email as the attachments didn't come through.
- Laura M. requested an action item to follow up on 7 items/documents requested.
- Paul W. wanted to follow up on the boat mooring from the last annual meeting. Dan W. will have the commissioners discuss and add to the annual meeting for next year as an action item if needed. Laura M. stated that the DNR states how many boats per 50 ft of frontage.
- Laura M. asked if the commissioners get Lake Tides. She stated that Chapter 33 is going to have changes.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Bob to adjourn. Seconded by Spitz. Motion Carried. Meetings adjourned at 7:58 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Ann Belter, LKMD Secretary

Approved by: