

Lake Keesus Management District

Commissioner's Meeting Minutes

July 28,2016

Opening

The regular meeting of the Commissioners of the Lake Keesus Management District was called to order at 6:02 p.m. on July 28,2016 at the Merton Town Hall by LKMD Chairman Craig Musbach.

Confirmation of Postings

Secretary Carter confirmed that the Notice of Meeting had been posted with the Town of Merton Town Hall, North Lake Public Library and Lake Keesus boat launch as of July 14, 2016, that notice was also published in the Lake Country Reporter on July 21, 2016 (publication anticipated for July 28,2016 failed per the LCR) and a reminder email was sent out to LKMD residents who share their email addresses with the LKMD.

Present

Craig Musbach, Chair; Judy Reinders, Treasurer; Lloyd Carter, Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Reinders reported that in the checking account there is a balance of \$6,606.35. In the Money Market account there is a balance of \$172,210.33. Total funds on deposit at the credit union are \$178,816.68.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting (May 5, 2016) were addressed for approval. Motion to approve as submitted was made by Treasurer Reinders and seconded by Chairman Musbach. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

Agenda Business Items

1. Lake Keesus buoy acquisition/maintenance/placement

Treasurer Reinders provided an update, indicating that in the process of attempting to identify the proper placement location of the slow-no wake (SNW) buoys, she contacted DNR Warden Drake and learned that while the Town had passed an ordinance in 1989 regarding the SNW buoy placement, no Dnr permit authorizing the placement had ever been obtained. Until the Town of Merton makes application to the Dnr and it is approved, placement of the SNW buoys in Marquardt's Bay is illegal. A permit does exist for all of the channel markers (red and green buoys), since 1987, which allows the LKMD place those markers as designated in the permit (permitted but not required). Reinders expressed an

understanding that the original permit was in response to boats anchoring in the channels, thus interfering with other boat navigation. A lengthy discussion took place with respect to both the SNW buoys and channel marker buoys, the enforcement of the SNW ordinance, irrespective of the buoys being placed. Chairman Musbach indicated that the budget aspect would be addressed at the annual meeting. It was further noted that buoy costs may be subject to grant funding subsequent to their purchase. The question was posed by Reinders as to whether the LKMD should at this time pursue the permit application for the SNW buoys. The decision was made to place the issue on the agenda for the annual meeting, set for August 30, 2016, as an action item for a vote by the LKMD membership.

2. Update on chemical weed treatment: Chairman Musbach reported that there was no chemical weed treatment on the lake this spring. There may be a treatment in the fall. Questions were raised about Curlyleaf Pondweed and Starry Stonewort.
3. Update on 2017 plant study: Treasurer Reinders reported that there is a quote for \$6,350 to update the plant study for next summer. There is an opportunity to apply for a grant, however, the process has been changed regarding application process. Grants are due approximately February 1st and a meeting is scheduled for October to meet with the DNR representative to assist in writing the application.
4. Update on weed harvester offload site issue: Bob Lechtenberg reported that the current offload site is now private property and no longer available for use as the offload site for the weed harvester. A review of other potential offload sites was presented. A discussion took place regarding some of the possible options. Chairman Musbach advised that he anticipates meeting with a DNR representative (Heidi Bunk) in August to tour the lake and identify possible options.
5. Update on LKMD website: Secretary Carter reported that there has been progress on the new website with more information being made available to residents. Brenda Larson has set up the new website and it is anticipated that the Commissioners will eventually be able to post on the site. The new website is located at: <http://lkmdweb.wix.com/lkmd>.

Other business:

Chairman Musbach: Annual meeting is scheduled for August 30, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., for the budget meeting with the annual meeting following immediately thereafter.

A presentation by Eco Waterway Services has been scheduled for the annual meeting to present other options for weed removal on the lake.

New Officer: There will be an opening on the LKMD board for Treasurer as Judy Reinders will be retiring from that position as of August 30, 2016.

Chairman Musbach reviewed additional budget issues to be addressed at the budget meeting as identified earlier at this meeting as well as a proposal to stop adding money to the budget surplus for the LKMD, setting a cap at \$150,000.

The issue was raised that the slow-no-wake requirements at the boat launch are not adequately or clearly stated, suggesting that modifications be made. Rick Schlidt volunteered to make the requested modifications to signage at the launch. Another issue was raised as to concerns with pontoon boats traveling too close to shore, interfering with swimmers and other smaller craft. Concern was raised about the number of boats that tie up in North Bay.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Judy Reinders and seconded by Craig Musbach, which was carried by unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m. by Craig Musbach. The next Commissioner's meeting will be August 30, 2016, immediately following the annual meeting at the Merton Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Lloyd Carter, LKMD Secretary

Approved by: [Name]