

MEETING MINUTES



September 24, 2021

Present from Board: Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Chris Bedwell, Mark Lastrup, Mike Persson, Paul Eckerline, Jim Coors

Present from Committees and Guests: Alf Sivertson, Jim Payne

Recording **Secretary:** Mark Lastrup

Kevin Horrocks called the meeting to order at 3:02 PM.

Approval of Minutes: A motion to accept the August minutes was made by Chris Bedwell and seconded by Mike Persson. The vote was unanimous.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Bedwell summarized income and expenses for the month. There is a balance of \$82,080 in checking and \$7,147 in savings (Eco-Harvester). We received \$250 in donations and paid \$300 for SELT. Eco-Harvester operating costs came to \$188.78 and legal expenses totaled \$3,066.20 for September. Limnotech still needs to be paid. Dick Laumer purchased a GPS unit for the boat as his contribution for the year. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Kevin Horrocks and seconded by Mark Lastrup. The vote was unanimous.

2022 Budget: Kevin Horrocks suggested getting ahead of projects for 2022. Eco-Harvester expenses need to be estimated. If we want to apply for a surface water grant, there is a November 1 deadline.

Miller/Hill Construction: Alf Sivertson has heard nothing about the action. He will follow up next week to find out what is going on.

October NRB Meeting: Alf Sivertson said the DNR says the meeting is still scheduled. There was a discussion on the pros and cons of moving forward with Prehn as chair. Alf suggested lobbying the four members who would support the SSC.

Water Levels: Kevin Horrocks stated that in the 1960's they passed a law where if a level was established for 20 years, the status quo prevails. WDNR requires studies to change a lake level. Currently, LCO and Little LCO are at the same level. When the lake level comes back up, the current will hamper travel between the lakes. Alf Sivertson will have a legal opinion by the next board meeting.

Eco-Harvester 2021: Kevin Horrocks said that there are operational problems with the hydraulics and the manufacturer isn't being helpful. A guy from Teal Lake will look at it next week to look at the problem. Chris Bedwell asked if there are legal options. Alf Sivertson suggested that Dick Laumer try to work with them and then Alf will send a letter. Chris Bedwell said that her husband Todd (mechanical

engineer) could look at it to try to fix the problem. Kevin Horrocks said that for the remainder of the year, we will focus on getting the machine fully operational. Alf Sivertson asked when we need to get a herbicide treatment grant in if we decide to go that direction. Gary Pulford replied after the first of the year.

Musky Bay Spawning Restoration: Mike Persson read a letter that Hans sent. The DNR and Corps are requesting more information. We will need to continue paying Limnotech to address their concerns. There is also an Issue with the Tribe paying Limnotech invoices; there are three out that haven't been paid. Kevin Horrocks will speak with Dan Tyrolt to try to figure out what the holdup is. Gary Pulford suggested calling Brian Bissonette to get an answer.

200-foot Rip Rap Proposal: a property in the northwest part of the lake wants to rip rap 200-feet of shoreline. The DNR said in the notice that they will issue the permit. Kevin Horrocks asked if we want to force a public hearing and later stated that we will go through the public informational hearing that will lead to discussions.

Highland Update: Chris Bedwell said that no work has started yet, but they anticipate that work should begin this Fall.

Fundraising Plans: Alf Sivertson said that it will proceed, same as last year with a Thanksgiving time frame. Both emails and hard copy will go out.

Closed session:

Succession Planning for COLA:

Open session

COLA will develop a recruitment plan for new board members and officers.

Adjourn: 5:05