

## MEETING MINUTES



September 27, 2019

**Present from Board:** Kevin Horrocks, Gary Pulford, Mark Laustrup, Dick Laumer, Kris Sivertson, Mike Persson, Paul Eckerline

**Present from Committees and Guests:** Rick O'Neill, Susan Horrocks

Recording **Secretary:** Mark Laustrup

Kevin Horrocks call the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

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

**Treasurer's Report:** Chris Bedwell was out of town and Kevin Horrocks filled in. The cost of AIS treatment is coming in less than projected and the excess will be carried over to next year. The money set aside for communications will be used this year. Overall, the budget is in good shape. A motion to accept the budget report was made by Dick Laumer and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous,

**SSC Update:** closed session

**2019 Reimbursement Requests:** Kevin Horrocks is working with the DNR to make sure we are using the right forms. He will forward the correct forms to the board. The timeline is still good.

**AIS Wisconsin Lake and Pond Report:** We have a big problem to deal with next year. There are more locations and the beds are bigger. All of the bays are getting worse (Musky, Stucky, Barbertown). Kevin Horrocks said that we need to work to develop neighborhood groups to hand pull locally. Gary Pulford said that we're beyond the use of herbicides anymore. Plants have spread outside the bays and herbicide contact times will be impossible to meet.

**EcoHarvester:** Kevin Horrocks said that we need to get order in by October to get a machine in the spring. Kevin handed out EcoHarvester costs. Gary Pulford handed out Lost Land Lake costs for the machine. Kris Sivertson said that operators should be compensated. Kevin said that we also need spotters to help crews locate plants. Kris asked about ongoing maintenance. Sue Horrocks said that they will provide phone help and parts. The machine is not that complicated. Kris suggested that this would eliminate chemical treatment and residents would like that. Gary Pulford said 2020 prices come out in October. Kevin said that training may be a holdup. How many teams do we need to do this? The biggest risk is that we get the machine and we can't deliver; not enough people, maintenance, etc. Kevin handed out EcoHarvester pro/con list. Pro; reduce herbicide use, simplified DNR process, work under

favorable conditions, reduce P inputs, site revisit possible, overall costs reduced, can still do herbicide treatment, we could probably raise the money. Con: initial expense, may conflict with Foundation fund raising, short time line, need for volunteers (operation, disposal, maintenance, spotters, transport). Sue Horrocks suggested talking to the DNR to see if it is feasible. Kevin said that we have to have bodies, and that's the showstopper. Gary Pulford said that AIS is not the top priority right now. Kris Sivertson and Paul Eckerline both said that the machine is visible, people will support the effort. Dick Laumer said that we don't have enough information to move forward at this time. We should plan for a 2020 chemical application and shoot for 2021. Gary will forward the 2020 prices. A motion to get on the 2020 list providing we clear with the DNR and if we can reserve for \$6000 was made by Paul Eckerline and seconded by Kris Sivertson. The vote was unanimous. Kevin will email the board on progress.

**2020 Preparations:** Kevin Horrocks asked if there is an alternative to Wisconsin Lakes and Ponds because of incomplete products. He went on to say that we don't want to start from scratch. Consensus is that they need close supervision. It was suggested that we get Jeff Aspenwall and his drone involved. Gary Pulford is going to contact a company in Park Falls to see what they charge.

**2020 Grant Applications:** Kevin Horrocks said that we need information on the ramp cameras and the grant for little LCO. Gary Pulford suggested that we install: one at the DNR landing. Mark Lastrup will check with the DNR to see if we can do it.

**Musky Bay Spawning Restoration Update:** Mike Persson has the Limnotech report. The sediment survey has been completed but we still need an estimate of total dredging volume and the identification of disposal sites. Site preparation will take one week and dredging, one month. Kevin will forward full report to the board.

Adjourn: 5:05