

Minutes of the Friday, January 10, 2020 Quarterly Meeting of the District of Powers Lake Randall Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Judy Jooss, Mark Halvey, Brooke Jensen, Dave Anstett, Neal Kuhn, Lou Manfredini and Jim Michels were present.

Approval of October 18, 2019 Minutes:

Neal made a motion to approve the minutes amended to include Jim Michels absent. Judy seconded. Motion approved.

Municipalities:

Town of Randall

There was a fire training burn at the old Lake Benedict Manor restaurant.

Mark has had to resume pumping at the Nippersink Bowl. The road is now blocked by barriers. 3 homes are directly involved. The source is high groundwater.

Treasurer's Report

As of 12/31/2019:

\$56,361.08 = Actual income to date

\$34,111.31 = Actual expenses to date

\$22,249.77 = Current cash balance

\$80,206.91 = Wetland Funds

Neal made a motion to renew the CD's at a 13 month rate of 1.59%, Lou seconded. Motion passed.

Neal made a motion to accept the approved expenses through April, Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Dave made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented, Neal seconded. Motion carried.

Watershed Management

Aquatic Plant Management

The post treatment survey has been completed and Neal will email this and the species survey.

Fish Stocking

Dave will contact the new Fisheries Biologist at the DNR. Hopefully we can continue the current stocking rotation and next year stock walleye.

Jim has taken the lead on contacting SEWRPC regarding an updated boat count and survey. Our last one was November 2011. Jim will also invite the appropriate SEWRPC person to our April meeting. Cost of this to be determined.

Other Business:

Boat Ramp Monitoring

Due to mounting concerns over starry stonewort, Lou looked at an option we might consider to encourage boaters to clean their boats when exiting and entering Powers Lake. He spoke with Mark Apfelbacher from CD3, a MN company which manufactures cleaning stations that can be purchased or leased and placed at the boat launches. There could be a small grant available from the State of Wisconsin DNR up to \$4,000.00 The unit includes a high capacity vacuum, a blower unit, lighting, and tethered tools to remove aquatic plants from boats and trailers. A long hose connects to a 1,000 gallon tank which would be emptied by the local disposal company used at the launch. They also offer software that we can use to monitor the use of these devices. It is a relatively new company having just piloted these systems starting in 2017. Stations are currently in 11 states and have 60 units in operation which can provide data on usage. The company would do an onsite evaluation. The DNR would have final say for recommendation.

The unit can also be wrapped and personalized. The possibility of education through signage was excellent in the examples shown. A concrete pad would be necessary to level the unit. At this point, there

does not appear to be any other company that is producing anything like this. Lou will continue the research.

A project of this size needs time to plan and budget so board would probably be looking at 2021 season. Plan is to now gather information to be a talking point presented at the Annual Meeting to obtain consensus. We are at Step 1 of a multi step project.

For now, Lou feels we could look into updating our signage. He will ask the questions brought up tonight here and send responses to the board. Carryover surpluses this year could be allocated for a project and then levy could be increased.

Neal will forward all information to Bob Stoll, Town of Randall Chairman, who attended this meeting. Bob and Mark will obtain numbers on launch usages to help inform the decisions.

Neal and the board appreciated this thorough, informative report and excellent presentation from Lou.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 3rd, 2020 at 5 p.m.

Adjournment:

Neal made a motion to adjourn, Dave seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.