

Minutes of the October 28, 2016 Quarterly Meeting of the District of Powers Lake Randall Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Jim Michels, Judy Jooss, Brooke Jensen, Mark Halvey, Dan O'Connell, Dave Anstett and Neal Kuhn present.

Judy Jooss made a motion to move the website review from #6 to #4 topic. Jim Michels seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

June 10, 2016 – Judy Jooss made a motion to approve, Jim Michels seconded. Motion approved.

Town of Randall:

Mark Halvey reported there were no beach closures due to e coli. Two of the piers from the beach area were moved to the Bayview boat launch area to see if they will have less damage over the winter. The DPL has no problem with that adjustment.

Other Business Issues: DPL Website

Neal thanked Judy and Dan for their work. A lengthy review of the new website ensued. The homepage was reviewed regarding content and functionality. Calendar feature will include DPL, Town and Village meetings and any other pertinent lake events. A friendly editor feature allows the DPL to update site. The newsletter signup box should be a way to build up a database. All board members should sign up to test it. Our contract specifies that each person has to sign in themselves. Current subscribers will be notified of the need to resign up. Subscribers can sign up for announcements, newsletters or both. An unsubscribe option will be available.

Phase I will be the launch of the new website and building of an email database.

Phase II will be the association of these email addresses with the property owner database.

The Inbox for emails will be forwarded to Neal to triage and disseminate. Dan will handle the photos for the Gallery. FAQ section is being developed. Archival storage is limited to board members with a password. Contracts and drafts of minutes could be stored there and kept on a server at the provider.

Image Management has been a great partner, professional and responsive. After several weeks, a date to go live will be determined. PLYC can share in this by sending out an email blast to notify their members.

Watershed Management

Historical water level:

An electronic measuring device will help build an historical water level. The quote for this device is \$750.00.

Lake Benedict/Tombeau will be pulling their dam board. Afterward, readings of our lake levels will be taken daily for 2 weeks. Jim asked for photos to be taken. The board is thankful they reached out to inform us.

Dave Sinclair sent an email indicating USGS had water level readings of our lake on their website. Correlation of their data and ours would have 2 different reference points. Neal has contacted Dave Kraft at Hay and Associates to explore Phase I to see if they could

correlate data and then in Phase II help us with the install of the electronic monitoring device. We would engage them on a time and material basis to determine the best reference points and do the legwork to bring this all together. We do not know how USGS obtained these measurements.

Neal proposed that the DPL engage Hay and Associates on a time and material basis to as Phase I to determine the accuracy of data, background of data, who did it, when, how often, how valid as. Phase II would determine whether there is value in correlating this date with our data.

Dan O'Connell made a motion to request Hay and Associates to begin an exploration of the USGS methodology for lake levels to a limit of \$500.00. Jim Michels seconded. Motion carried.

Jim also feels rainfall data would be valuable to correlate with the water levels. That information could be gathered from contiguous communities. Possibly Dave Kraft could get rainfall data from sewer plants in Genoa City, Pell Lake, and Twin Lakes.

Electronic Monitoring Device:

Neal recommended we buy the device and have Hay and Associates install. The DPL would then have the capability once the benchmark is established to measure, connect to wireless network and put the data on the website. Installation would be in the spring. A probe would be installed in a PVC pipe and the water pressure is then measured. There was \$5,000.00 budgeted for the monitoring device so it was a planned expense for this year.

Neal made a motion to buy the electronic measuring device for \$750.00. Dan seconded the motion. Motion carried. Dave Anstett was absent for this vote.

Aquatic Plant Management:

Treatment this year was more challenging due to numerous smaller clumps. WI Lakes and Ponds will be asked to add a legend to the treatment map to clarify the amounts of EWM and CLP found.

Wetlands:

Interest in a wetland purchase continues.

Treasurer's Report:

\$19,601.64 = General Cash Fund balance

\$66,408.75 = Total Earmarked Funds for Wetlands

Jim made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Dave seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Judy made a motion to amend the report to add \$3,500.00 pending expenses for Image Management. Brooke seconded. Motion carried.

Citizen Comments:

Nancy Crabtree asked if the DNR still does a fish survey. Brooke said they stopped since our access site did not qualify as far as size. Fish stocking was also halted for a number of years due to viral hemorrhagic septicemia.

Dan O'Connell indicated the channel is in pretty bad shape. Tomorrow a team of volunteers will be removing fallen wood and branches to clear the JIC. There appears to be a layer of material under the culvert. Dan requested any channel info the board has for his own education on the process. He also requested that the channel would be a discussion only item at the next meeting to see what options are available. There is also a cost benefit analysis from Dave Kraft.

Next Quarterly Meeting:

Monday, January 6, 2017 at 5 p.m. was chosen as the date.

Adjournment:

Jim made a motion to adjourn, Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.