

Minutes of the 2021 Budget Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, September 11th, 2021 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.

Present: Commissioners Christine Celley, Bob Rice and Bob Simon (virtually)

Also Present: 21 Electors.

Chairman Christine Celley called the Budget Meeting to order at 9:03a.m.

Bob Rice reported to the constituents. Copies of the budget analysis and proposed budget for 2022 were available to all. District tax and special tax have remained consistent through the years. Interest on CDs will be less than what we have been receiving due to the interest rate environment. We anticipate grant money again for next year to help with the Clean Boats Clean Waters Program. Budget for legal fees and professional services have been increased for next year due to harvesting operations and dam assessment. The lake projects were adjusted accordingly in case there is a recommendation for construction on the dam. The budget doesn't mean that the money will be spent but it needs to be approved in order to have funds available if the project moves forward. LPL Financial called back our callable CD which we earned 5% last year. We would like to keep that money liquid until we receive guidance on the dam. Other CDs renew as they come due. Bob noted that even though we approve the proposed budget we have been operating on significantly less than the approved amount for several years. Jon Voss made a motion to approve the proposed budget for 2022 as presented. The motion was seconded by Woody Ritchey. All were in favor and none were opposed. Budget meeting was adjourned at 9:13am

PLPRD 2021 ANNUAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 - BUDGET ANALYSIS							
POTTER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT							
ACCOUNT/DESCRIPTION	2018 ACTUAL	2019 ACTUAL	2020 ACTUAL	2021 BUDGET/YTD ACTUAL 8/31/21	EST TOTAL 2021	PROPOSED 22 BUDGET	
Receipts:							
District Tax	\$11,138.67	\$11,312.36	\$11,250.00	\$11,300.00	\$11,153.97	\$11,300.00	\$11,300.00
Special Tax	\$40,465.56	\$39,452.02	\$39,512.18	\$39,700.00	\$39,514.31	\$39,700.00	\$39,700.00
Interest on Savings	\$2,818.04	\$5,429.54	\$4,346.84	\$4,000.00	\$1,408.23	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Grant	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
Special Events	\$2,176.33	\$1,240.00	\$1,290.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,867.00	\$1,867.00	\$1,240.00
Lottery Credit					\$146.03	\$146.03	\$0.00
Transfer from Savings	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$44,958.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$273,358.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$60,598.60	\$61,433.92	\$60,399.02	\$105,198.00	\$55,089.54	\$58,513.03	\$330,598.00
Expenditures:							
Office, Advertising, Meetings	\$1,037.29	\$815.35	\$497.40	\$1,500.00	\$538.43	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Dues and Subscriptions	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$375.00	\$500.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$500.00
Legal	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
Equipment, Tools and Vehicles	\$0.00	\$254.99	\$33.31	\$9,999.00	\$1,211.70	\$2,100.00	\$9,999.00
Computer and Web Expenses	\$1,014.86	\$396.16	\$363.66	\$2,500.00	\$319.99	\$425.00	\$2,500.00
Lake Functions	\$953.32	\$1,080.00	\$870.00	\$2,100.00	\$957.00	\$957.00	\$2,100.00
Utilities	\$500.00	\$198.57	\$468.55	\$525.00	\$249.08	\$350.00	\$525.00
Reserve for Special Projects	\$6,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,999.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,999.00
Lake Projects	\$19,726.17	\$22,171.00	\$22,445.00	\$30,000.00	\$16,276.58	\$25,000.00	\$250,000.00
Insurance	\$4,239.00	\$6,529.00	\$4,149.00	\$4,700.00	\$4,158.00	\$4,158.00	\$4,700.00
Banking	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$351.76	\$250.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$250.00
Fuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,100.00	\$399.51	\$700.00	\$3,100.00
Maintenance	\$1,186.65	\$987.80	\$2,451.92	\$4,325.00	\$358.70	\$800.00	\$4,325.00
Payroll Expenses	\$16,674.91	\$12,708.52	\$13,379.48	\$30,000.00	\$12,813.60	\$18,000.00	\$30,000.00
Payroll Fees	\$0.00	\$942.63	\$1,034.55	\$850.00	\$536.70	\$750.00	\$850.00
Professional Services	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$140.00	\$600.00	\$725.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Misc Expenses, Promotional	\$389.00	\$160.27	\$368.40	\$500.00	\$125.05	\$350.00	\$500.00
Officer Compensation	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$52,386.20	\$49,484.29	\$49,178.03	\$105,198.00	\$39,084.34	\$59,255.00	\$330,598.00
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS							
		CURRENT RATE	CURRENT BALANCE		MATURITY DATE		
Citizens Bank - xxxxx3527		0.10%	\$64,916.99		1/1/2022		
Citizens Bank - xxxxx3528		0.20%	\$42,765.27		10/1/2022		
Citizens Bank - xxxxx3526		2.52%	\$65,235.00		10/1/2021		
LPL Financial		0.01%	\$116,109.25		N/A		
Citizens Bank Checking Account		0.01%	\$44,247.04				

Minutes of the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, September 11th, 2021 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.

Christine Celley called the annual meeting to order at 9:13am.

Due to time and Bob Simon being on a call some of the agenda items were moved around so that voting could take place. The first item presented was the approval of the minutes from the August 11, 2021 meeting. A copy of the minutes was available for all who were in attendance. Christine went over the minutes and a motion was made by Carol Cole to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Rick Witt. All were in favor and none were opposed.

We received an inquiry from a constituent about the dam. Christine met with several contractors at the dam. They stated that there is nothing more we can do with the dam than what we are currently doing. Eagle Springs Lake uses Collins Engineering for their spill ways, and we reached out to them. Collins came out and looked at our dam and took pictures and then came up with a proposal for us. The total on the proposal was roughly \$22,000 to engineer and manage the project. They also gave us project estimate of \$200,000 for budgeting purposes. The initial phase of the project and securing of bids would be between \$12,000-\$15,000. Once we have these bids we would present those numbers to the constituents before moving forward. The project would be a total replacement of the dam itself as well as the culvert that goes into the spillway before going under the road. A motion was made by Carol Cole to allow the board to contract with Collins Engineering to do an initial assessment of our dam and give the board a recommendation of needed work. The motion was seconded by Dave Bradley. All were in favor and none were opposed.

Bob Rice's term on the board will be up at the end of the year. Christine asked if there was anyone who was interested in serving on the board. There was no interest from those in attendance. Bob Rice encouraged people to get involved and offered to assist anyone who is interested. He will continue in his position for another three-year term and will not seek another term after that. A motion was made by Dave Bradley to extend Bob's term for another three years. The motion was seconded by Carol Cole. All were in favor and none were opposed.

Bob Rice read through the proposed resolutions which were consistent with last year. Copies were available for those who wanted. A constituent asked about how the taxes were assessed. Christine explained that there were two taxes. One is based off of your frontage and the other is based off the assessed value of your home. Carol Cole made a motion to approve the resolutions as presented. Fran Basso seconded that motion. All were in favor and none were opposed.

Christine proposed that we set the date for the spring meeting to May 7th, 2022. All were in favor and the spring meeting is set. Annual meeting will be September 10th, 2022 per the resolutions.

Jeff from Lake and Pond spoke to the group about the condition of the lake. Jeff has been busy working on a new five-year plan for the lake which is required for treatments and harvesting. A 240-point survey of the lake is required for the plan. This helps to identify the plants in the lake and density. The information gathered is then entered into a DNR data base. This does not take into account the visuals only what is brought up on the rake. Jeff has modified the data base to include visuals (plants seen in the areas but may not have appeared on the rake) This gives you a better percentage of plants in the lake. Elodea was abundant in our lake this year. This is a native plant which in 2016 was at 41% occurrence and in 2021 was at 80% occurrence. Jeff provided maps of his findings. Chara was also found in our lake which is a good plant that is low growing and helps to crowd out other vegetation. Milfoil has now taken over the 6ft depth span which is where we have had problems in the past with it. Water Lilly and Slender Nyad were also found. Our main issue this summer has been with Elodea. Jeff noted that this has been an unusual year not only on our lake but others as well. This is partly a result of the higher spring temperatures contributing to warmer water which enabled the natives to grow at the same time as the invasives. Usually, the invasives grow first in colder water and canopy areas that prevent the natives from growing. Water levels also contributed to the problem. This year our county was under extreme drought for part of the summer and is still under severe drought. On average levels have been down 2 feet. A constituent asked if people pumping water from the lake contributed to our low levels this year. Jeff said that the overall amount taken out is negligible as it takes 4.4 million gallons of water to drop the lake 1 inch. When lake levels are down like this you start to get sunlight penetration in areas that normally wouldn't get growth. Christine commented that in the 1960's there was a time that levels were past the piers. Jeff commented that this is the worst he has ever seen water levels in our area. When we get unexpected events, they also come with unexpected consequences which was the mass growth of Elodea this

summer. Jeff stated that the chemical treatments and harvesting are controlled by the DNR. They do not allow clear cutting of natives but will allow the navigational channels which we have been doing this year.

Christine commented about individual homeowners taking measures into their own hands. This is a bad idea because it puts our district at risk for future treatments. When you take measures into your own hands there are no permits or data for those treatments. If they affect the natives, it now appears to the DNR when the plant studies are done that our treatments had a negative impact on the nontargeted vegetation. It also impacts the homeowners who are using the lake water for irrigation. Jeff went on to say that when you do this you are creating other problems. Plants will grow back and when you take out the natives the invasives tend to come back stronger in those areas and you now have a larger problem than what you previously had. A constituent asked about the DASH (diver assisted suction harvesting) operations that have been done on our lake. Jeff commented that if done appropriately it is ok but normally, they come in and vacuum everything off the bottom and it ends up causing more problems because you are left with no natives. Jeff made the comment that we are at the point of needing another whole lake treatment with an occurrence level of 33%. What show on the spring survey will be what drives the recommendation to the DNR. A constituent suggested that a letter gets sent out to lakefront owners explaining the damage caused by self-treatment of your frontage. Christine asked if anyone would like to help with putting together a letter. Jeff said that if people want to keep their shoreline clean raking and general maintenance is a good idea if done in small sections. Another constituent commented about the sand beaches that continue to appear on the lake. These are illegal to put in unless permitted and need to be above the high-water mark and separated from the water, not leading down into the water. Bob Rice commented that the sand also creates more muck and is moved around by wave action. To achieve a firmer bottom pea gravel should be used as it stays in place. Jeff had maps which showed the spring treatment areas and a current summer survey. It showed that the treated areas contained no milfoil and the new areas of milfoil were not present in the spring, so it is spreading. A constituent asked about slow no wake during times of low water due to the churning of the lake bottom. Slow no wake is normally put in place to protect the shorelines when the lake levels are high. Jeff commented that boat traffic will churn lake bottoms whether its slow no wake or not.

Christine announced that the pier companies were going to be coming out early to remove piers and lifts due to the shallow water. A constituent asked if a recent fish survey had been done. Jeff's company does not conduct fish surveys. He said that the best surveys don't come from electro shocking but from what people are catching as it gives you a better sample of the whole lake and not just the shallow areas. Bob Rice commented that he has heard positive comments while working at the launch. The bass are good size and plentiful. The district stocked Northern Pike 2 years ago to help with control of the small panfish.

Christine thanked Rick Witt for all his help with the harvesting this year.

A constituent asked if there was a place to take the weeds seeing the dump is only open every other weekend. Christine recommended trying to dry them on the shoreline or your pier. Once dry they are easy to haul away and a fraction of the weight. Another constituent recommended to burn them. This year was the exception, prior years have not been like this.

The district is still working on the new directory. Christine thanked Fran Basso for her help in securing the ads. The directory will be paid for mostly through the sold advertisements. Once completed a copy will be sent out to everyone. If you are not receiving our emails please let us know so that we can update our information.

Dave Bradley made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Rick Witt. Meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Rice
Secretary