

**Minutes of the 2017 Special Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.**

Present: Commissioners Christine Celley, MaryJo Jones, Bob Rice, Joyce Reed, and Jerry Kozik.

No constituents from the district attended.

Chairman Christine Celley called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM

Commissioners gathered at the town hall in an open meeting to audit the check register. Copies of the check register and balance sheet were available for the commissioners. Last year the district wrote out 66 checks. Each check was gone over and supported by an invoice. There were no discrepancies found in the accounting and all books were found to be in order. Jerry asked about payroll and how it was accounted for. Bob stated that there is a schedule for Clean Boats Clean Waters and that he has signed time cards on file. Christine noted that Paul takes care of the scheduling for the harvesting crew. Joyce asked what we had to do to make the audit official. Christine noted that there is nothing in the statute that states we have to do an audit. We do a self audit and compare each check with the assigned invoice for accuracy and increase the credibility of the financial statements. The self audit system saves the lake district about \$2,000 from having an accounting firm do the work and the meeting is open for anyone to attend. The minutes from the meeting will be recorded and posted to the web. Joyce made a motion that we accept the self audit completed with the commissioners participating in the review. Bob seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed.

The next item on the agenda was the proposed Aquatic Plant Management Plan by Kathy Aron. Bob shared that at first look the proposed cost of the whole lake treatment seemed pretty high. Heidi Bunk had sent an email out that if we went a year without treatment it might improve our chances of a grant. Considering this, the amount of funds that would be needed to maintain the lake by harvesting only for a year would far exceed the amount of the grant and the grant is not guaranteed. Harvesting also causes a burden for home owners with weeds that wash up on the shoreline. Christine said that each year constituents ask why we are still collecting assessments when we have funds available. This is a prime example with the cost of the proposed treatment and grant money not being guaranteed to pay for these projects. Bob commented about the research and what things are we doing in hopes of getting a grant as apposed to what would be required if we didn't use grant funds. Christine stated that Kathy Aron feels strong about the water quality monitoring and it's something you do over a long term in order to get information. Even if it doesn't help us for this grant it may put us in a better position for grants down the road. Christine stated that Kathy had an open meeting with the DNR about Starry Stone Wart and she was very encouraged about how they reacted and was hopeful that their attitude might be changing. Joyce also said that she thought that our districts involvement in going and meeting with the DNR for the past two years may be starting to pay off. Christine said that we should know something about the approval of the proposed whole lake treatment by the end of February. Christine asked if anyone had any questions about the proposed Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Bob commented about part of the plan that stated we would do two news letters. Christine said that according to our bylaws we are supposed to be doing two news letters each year. Joyce made a motion to approve the Aquatic Plant Management Plan as presented. Jerry seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion was passed. Joyce made a motion to adjourn the meeting MaryJo seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:08am

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C Rice  
Secretary