

Minutes of the 2023 Special Meeting of the Potter Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held September 26th, 2023 at the Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.

Present: Commissioners Christine Celley, Bill Roeber, Bob Rice, Liz Sanders, MaryJo Jones, and 5 constituents from the district were in attendance.

Chairman Christine Celley called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm

The first item on the agenda was the proposed land use contract with the DNR. Bob went over the contract that the DNR gave to the district. His primary concern was that it did not allow for parking the harvester on site, only the conveyor. Harvesting of navigation channels was also part of the contract and Christine commented that it should be changed to follow our harvesting permit as issued by the DNR. Rick Witt commented that it should be in the contract that we can park a truck down there while we are harvesting. MaryJo said that the district should also have an option if we wanted to back out. Cathy Schulz said that we should be careful that we don't take on any unnecessary liability. Bob Rice also suggested maybe a lot line adjustment since the district already owns the property up to the launch. The thought being that we could add the sliver of land used for the harvester and that way the district would own the property eliminating the need for future agreements. The DNR would still control the launch and parking. Liz thought it would be a good idea to ask. Christine thought it would be pretty cumbersome to do and a land use agreement might be a cleaner option. She also said that things are changing at the DNR and it is easier to renew a current agreement than it would be to start from scratch at a later point. Lance is trying to help us to get an agreement in place. MaryJo made a motion to have Bob Rice amend the agreement with the suggestions that were discussed and resubmit to the DNR. He will also ask about a lot line adjustment. The motion was seconded by Liz Sanders. All were in favor and none opposed. The motion passed. Bob will keep the board posted on updates with the agreement.

Christine updated the group about the concerns Ken Zess complained to the DNR about. The farm where we dump our weeds is on our permit and is an acceptable location for us to dump the weeds. Heidi Bunk has still not approved our 5-year plan that was submitted last year. She is working on it and we hope to have it approved by the end of the year.

The board had sent a letter to a homeowner who was redoing their shoreline without a silt fence. The homeowner has since installed a silt fence to prevent runoff and has been working on the shoreline. The board agreed that there is no further action that needs to be taken.

Bob Rice gave updates on the dam. There is a 6-month time frame for the manufacturing of the gate and grate. The contractor asked if they could set the concrete while they are waiting on the gate and grate. Bob had concerns about starting the project without the pieces in place and said that Ayres should give them guidance on that. We are still waiting for the signed contract back from Pupero. We received the road right of way permit from Walworth County but are waiting for the small project site permit. Bob had met with Darrin, from Walworth County Zoning, prior to sending in the permit to make sure that everything was complete so that there were no hold

ups. The final permit is expected next week. Christine asked if Purpero had ever done a dam where the gate and grate were installed at a later date. Bob did not know but can ask. Liz suggested that Ayres handle it since they are overseeing the project. Purpero is suggesting that the soil that is being removed be placed on the berm in the work area and Ayres said that this would be fine as long as it is decent soil. This would then be overseeded. Christine asked about the timeline of payments. Bob will ask about an estimated time frame of when the district will start receiving bills.

Christine's term will end at the end of the year and Cathy Schulz will be joining the board. There was discussion about next year's positions Bob and Bill are interested in staying in their current positions and Cathy is willing to step into the chairman's position. Liz and MaryJo are fine staying in their current rolls as Town and County representatives, respectively. There are usually only 3 or 4 board meetings per year but due to the dam replacement project there were more this year. Committees can also help and there are a couple people who asked about helping with fisheries. A notice could go out to the district asking for volunteers. A motion was made by Chritine Celley to nominate Cathy Schulz as the chairman starting January 1, 2024. The motion was seconded by Bob Rice. All were in favor and none were opposed. Motion passed.

Christine and Bob signed the needed resolution for the \$70,000 one-time special assessment that was needed by the town.

MaryJo made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Bob Rice. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C Rice
Secretary