

## UNIFIED LOWER EAGLE RIVER CHAIN OF LAKES COMMISSION

Meeting of April 20, 2017

Officers attending: Steve Favorite, Francine Gough, Ron Kressin, Carole Linn and Bill Lochte  
All four municipalities were represented.

Meeting was called to order by Favorite at 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Town Hall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Verification of posting by Harvey Overturf, Secretary.

Motion to approve the agenda in any order at the discretion of the chair was made by Lochte, second by Linn. Motion approved.

All in attendance introduced themselves.

Linn introduced Terri Dolloff, a seasonal resident on Voyager Lake. Her husband, Tim, passed away recently. His wish was that part of his estate be left to the Commission to aid in the fight of invasive species. She informed the group of their path to the north woods and presented a gift of \$710.00 to the Commission. Favorite expressed the gratitude of the Commission with the comment that this was the first private monetary donation received since the inception.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Nov 10, 2016 meeting made by Lochte, second by Gough. Motion approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Dave Mueller presented the financial report for 2016, and the first quarter of 2017. Motion to accept the financial report for the period of Jan 1, 2016 to Dec 31, 2016 made by Lochte, Second by Linn. Motion approved.

A bill for services rendered in 2016 by Onterra LLC in the amount of \$11,137.53 was presented. Motion to approve payment made by Lochte, second by Favorite. Motion approved.

Outstanding bills for 2017 presented for approval were; Dave Mueller, PO Box, \$52.00; Carol Linn, website hosting, \$94.00; UW Oshkosh, Clean Boats Clean Waters, \$6,868.00. Motion to approve the payment made by Lochte, second by Linn. Motion approved.

Mueller and Linn reported that there is a balance of \$50,184.00 in a DNR grant that will expire at the end of the year. Mueller had requested an extension and was told that the request was tabled and we should submit another request before the end of the year.

Mueller reported that there will be two expenditures coming up that have been previously approved.

1. Donation to ERCLA for CBCW program in the amount of \$3,434. We will receive reimbursement of 75% from the DNR.
2. Donation to ERCLA for the point intercept survey required for the Lake Management Plan in the amount of \$3,947.

**Transfer of records:** Linn reported that she and Paul Hennes had completed the inventory of all records stored at the Court House and transfer of most of them to the Washington Town Hall. The Land and Water Dept. recommended that some of the records remain at the Court House because they contain other

information. She presented a list of records remaining at the Court House. A copy of the inventory is filed with the minutes.

**Disposition of underwater camera:** An underwater camera was found at the Court House, with an attached note that it had been donated to the Commission on May 4, 2008 by the Diekfuss family. Motion made by Linn that the Commission should retain ownership and that it be housed at the Land & Water Dept, to be available for use by any departments needing it. Second by Lochte. Motion approved. It was suggested that local law enforcement departments be notified that it is available.

**Date for Onterra presentation of 2017 activities:** Nov 9 was proposed as the meeting date if Onterra is available.

**Project coordinator report:** Mueller presented the 2017 Treatment Plan and related estimate of expenditures. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes. Linn made a motion to accept the 2017 Treatment plan, seconded by Lochte. Motion approved.

He presented a short summary of Onterra's final report on the results of the 2016 treatment and recommendations for 2017. There are no areas of EWM concentration that warrant chemical treatment in 2017, and that the Eagle River Chain is in the best condition that it has been for years. They are recommending some hand harvesting in 2017.

Mueller explained the difference between the 2 methods of hand harvesting. An area of approximately 5 acres was hand harvested in 2016 with moderate success. Onterra is recommending hand harvesting in 2017 in 2 areas of Scattering Rice.

There was a comment and question of whether the results warrant the cost.

There was a comment that we must be prepared for the future when DNR matching funds are no longer available. It is estimated that annual costs for monitoring would be about \$31,000.00.

There was a question of a report of 4 acres of EWM on Catfish Lake. According to Onterra's report this is highly scattered.

Linn reported that she had sent out Onterra's 2016 report to the Constant Contact List and it is posted on the website.

Favorite suggested we have some sort of celebration of our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Overturf was asked to verify the date the commission was established.

**Correspondence:** Overturf read an email message he received from Ben Evensen of Bald Eagle Ventures concerning our website. He is offering his services to update and redesign our website.

There was discussion that our website is difficult to navigate, particularly for mobile devices.

The Commission by consensus recognizes that our website need redesign and updating. They direct Linn, website supervisor, to negotiate the cost, not to exceed \$600.00 to do this with Evensen.

Next meeting date: Nov 9, 2017 if Onterra representative is available.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Minutes by Harvey Overturf, Secretary