

Unified Lower Eagle River Chain of Lakes Commission
Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2023

Commission members in attendance:

Francine Gough, Cloverland Township; Ron Kressin, City of Eagle River; Carole Linn, Washington Township; and Bill Lochte, Lincoln Township.

Also in attendance:

Dave Mueller, Treasurer; Marc Groth, ERCLA Board Member; Chuck Berg, ERCLA President, and Bill Strasser, Cranberry Lake resident.

Meeting called to order by Bill Lochte at 11:45 AM at the Eagle River City Hall and introduction of attendees. Commission agrees to record the meeting. Motion by Carole Linn to follow the agenda in any order. Seconded by Bill Lochte. All voting ayes. Motion approved.

Motion made by Carole Linn to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2023 meeting; seconded by Francine Gough. All voting ayes. Motion passes.

Action items from the April minutes:

Review availability of other grants. Commission members continue to encourage a further look at other grant programs for fund sources for EWM treatment.

Marc Groth appointed as commission secretary.

Pledge of Allegiance. Verification of posting.

Meeting handed back to Ron Kressin at 11:55am.

Commission Business:

Treasurer report by Dave Mueller.

Checking cash balance as of 9/29/23 \$2,707.49

It was reiterated that the commission received a check from Cloverland Township for \$1684.01 which included balance from last year of \$835.44 and a prepay for 2023 of \$848.57.

Outstanding payables:

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| Administrative costs (copies, postage etc.) | \$259.25 |
| DASH LLC - Received on 10/18/23 | \$29,274.50 |
| Onterra LLC remaining* | <u>\$11,432.50</u> |
| Total | \$40,966.25 |

*Final invoice in March/April 2024 with final report.

Receivables:

| | Gross | 65% |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| WDNR grant at 65% - Onterra 2022 | \$39,480.00 | \$25,662.00 |
| WDNR grant at 65% - DASH LLC 2022 | \$30,300.00 | \$19,695.00 |
| WDNR grant at 65% - Onterra 2023 | \$12,332.50 | <u>\$8,016.13</u> |
| | | \$53,373.13 |

Grant payment request to be submitted on 10/21 for \$53,373.13. There will be \$2,138.48 in remaining funds left in the 2020 grant.

Invoices will be sent to the townships today (10/19/23).

Review and payments of bills to DASH LLC, Onterra LLC., and administrative costs.

Motion to authorize payment by Ron Kressin, seconded by Carole Linn. All voting ayes.

Motion approved.

Dave M. requested authorization to sign a promissory note from ERCLA for an advance to pay the DASH LLC. invoice. Motion by Bill Lochte to grant authorization. Seconded by Ron Kressin. All voting ayes. Motion approved.

Dave Mueller committed to issuing 2023 final expenses in the next couple of days. It was issued on 10/19/23. **See attachment.**

Motion by Bill Lochte to accept Treasurer's report. Seconded by Carole Linn. All voting ayes. Motion passed.

Project Coordinator report (Dave Mueller) – 2023 treatment plan.

2023 was a good year for aquatic plant growth across the county including native and EWM. Yellow Birch has approximately five acres of EWM in the northeast bay with some of the EWM appearing above the surface. There is a similar situation on Catfish Lake in the old Twelve Pines Bay which was not included in the September 2022 survey for hand harvesting in 2023. It was added in July 2023 for additional hand harvesting.

Onterra will be presenting the overall AIS picture and strategy at a meeting in the Washington Township Hall on November 15, 2023.

Expect 15 days of harvesting in 2024.

A discussion was held regarding AIS strategy, future DNR grants, and a communication strategy to make the chain landowners aware of the situation. The Commission will meet again on November 2 to review AIS strategy options going forward.

Letters and Communication. None currently.

Next meeting date. November 2, 2023, at the Eagle River City Hall at 11:00 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 PM.