



**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MINUTES of 2/3/2018**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mason at 9:00 a.m.

**A. Attendance:**

Present: Scott Mason, Jack Sorenson, Rick Callaway, Don Sukala. Ron Diederich, and Greg Wisniewski. John Summers was out of town and not in attendance.

**B. Approve Agenda:**

The agenda was unanimously approved on a Sorenson / Diederich motion.

**C. Approve Minutes:**

A Callaway / Sukala motion to approve the minutes of October 14, 2017 passed unanimously.

**D. Consider Purchase of New Outboard Motor for Patrol Boat:**

Ron Diederich reported that the Water Safety Patrol's annual DNR audit is coming up later in February. Chief Blanke has everything ready to go.

The 447 needs a new motor. The current motor is the original one from 2007 and has almost 3400 hours on it. They have talked to the DNR about reimbursement for a portion of that cost. The DNR usually replaces their motors after about 1000 hours. Exhaust blows back into the patrol boat, and when the boat was taken out of the water in Fall, they discovered that more repairs were necessary. They have 3 quotes – Cedar Lake Sales is the least expensive, and they set the boat up for us originally, so that seems like the most logical choice. The quote for the new motor is \$15,250, including installation. We have been offered \$500 for the old motor.

A Sorenson / Sukala motion to award the purchase / installation to Cedar Lake Sales passed unanimously.

Treasurer Wisniewski stated that the cost for the new motor would come from the Water Safety Patrol's equipment reserve, so it will not affect the 2018 budget.

Chairman Mason asked about the installation of the new computer system in the boats. Diederich explained that one of the patrolmen is going to install brackets to which the computer can be attached so it can be moved from boat to boat.

**E. Recommendation to Town Regarding Amendment to Boating Ordinance**

Chairman Mason explained that the current boating ordinance states that boat traffic in Don Jean Bay should operate in a counterclockwise direction from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The original intent was for traffic to operate in that direction for the entirety of Memorial Day weekend – not to have it begin on Memorial Day itself. The Town’s attorney rewrote that section of the ordinance. The Town would like to apply those new dates to both the counterclockwise direction in Don Jean Bay and the 50 mph speed limit. Both rules would be effective starting the Saturday preceding Memorial Day and continue through the Sunday after Labor Day.

A Callaway / Diederich motion to recommend the Town’s suggested changes to the Ordinance passed unanimously.

**F. Recommendation to the Town Regarding Amendment to the Pier Ordinance**

The Town’s Pier Ordinance was drafted in 2009. There have been a number of changes to State Law in the intervening years that make portions of the Town’s ordinance irrelevant; proposed changes would bring portions of the Town’s ordinance in line with State Law. Other changes to the ordinance would clarify the meaning and intent of definitions within the ordinance. The changes will hopefully make the rules more clear for homeowners and pier builders, since a lot of the current ordinance is outdated.

The board discussed a survey requirement for property owners who apply for a permit, but the consensus was that it was unnecessary in most situations and would involve unnecessary expense and time. In situations where property lines and riparian zones are contested, homeowners are sent by the Pier Inspector to the Town for enforcement of the ordinance. The Town then can make a decision, and they are able to tell homeowners to get a survey at their own expense if they wish.

A Callaway / Diederich motion to recommend changes to the Town to the Pier Ordinance and related ordinances passed unanimously.

**G. Project Reports**

County – Callaway reported that launch fees have been very consistent over the years, but for 2017 the launch at the Lauderdale Landing was much busier than the one at the Sterlingworth. Launch ramp fees are used for the launches and the adjacent properties.

Town – Sukala reported that one of the launches will get new black top this year. He has the new solar lights ready to be installed this year on the buoys at the channel entrances.

Treasurer – Wisniewski reported that the tax levy was taken care of in October. At the end of last year, we realigned the reserve accounts to reflect the year end statements and

what was approved at the annual meeting. The quarterly taxes were filed, and W-2s sent out.

Wisniewski met with the accountant and has been going through documents and preparing for the 2017 audit. He presented a bank balance sheet for LLLMD accounts (attached). Money is allocated for the dam improvements – we have to leave that segregated. The accountants are handling the majority of the checking account duties – with the exception of the Water Safety Patrol which operates independently because it can be reimbursed from the State, and the golf course, which operates independently and has its own checking account. We are no longer using a separate account for aquatic plant management.

Wisniewski created a new chart of accounts so that the accounts match the budget line items. As the year goes on, he will then be able to provide revenue / expense statements that easily show where each project is, and the budget next year should be easier to create.

Aquatic Plant Management – Wisniewski reported that they have been concerned about the tires on the trailers. They are not replacing them at the moment, but will continue to watch them. He is also concerned about the brakes on the harvester trailer. Work will be completed on those this winter.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters – Wisniewski reported that the DNR inspector finally got the paperwork in and they will be reimbursed. They also have applied for the 2018 grant.

Dam – Sorenson reported that they are still working with the Sterlingworth on the easement agreement. They have had trouble getting an agreement that is recordable with the County. Now the Sterlingworth has determined that they need 75% of the owners to sign the agreement, and they are working on that. The Sterlingworth attorney thinks that it is in everyone's best interest to sign because they eliminate a lot of liability if there is a leak. A portion of their shoreline has already been determined to be a dam – if the Lake District is granted the easement, it would take on the cost of repairs, but more importantly, we would make sure it is inspected along with our dam. It is in all lake owners' interest to prevent a leak there, as it would certainly affect property values. We doubt that there will be another problem, but the easement would allow us to go on the property, monitor the area and make repairs if there is a serious issue. We have a contractor lined up to do the work, although this has been dragging on for years, so prices may have risen. The DNR has been very patient in holding the grant.

Insurance – Sorensen reported that we received a dividend from our insurance company because we again did not have any worker's comp claims for 2017.

Golf – Mason reported that Chris is working on equipment. There was extensive tree removal and trimming in November and December – on the golf course, around the community center, and in the wetlands.

## **H. Other business**

Herb Sharpless from the KMLT explained that they have been working for several years with the LLLMD to try to tackle some of the invasive species in the wetlands. Last year they were removing phragmites and buckthorn. This year they are removing buckthorn and will be burning it on the ice next Saturday from 9:00 till about 1:00. The county will not allow them to build brush piles on the property, so taking advantage of the ability to burn it on the ice is helpful. He would welcome any volunteers who would like to assist – they could meet at the wetlands.

Sukala reported that Mike Flitcroft retired and sold his business to Lance at Associates Septic Services.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m. on a Sorenson / Callaway motion.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea White.

