



**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES of 9-24-11**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mason, at the Lake District Community Center at 8:00 A.M.

- A. Attendance:** Present: Chairman Mason, Don Sukala, Jack Sorenson, Nestor Dyhdalo, Peter Van Kampen, Dorothy Burwell and Wally Yandel were all present.
- B. Agenda:** Wally moved and Jack seconded a motion to accept the Agenda for the meeting of September 24th, 2011, the motion passed unanimously.
- C. Minutes:** Peter moved and Wally seconded a motion to accept the Minutes of the August 6th, 2011 meeting the motion passed unanimously.
- D. Consider raising the amount requiring two signatures on checks:** Currently checks over one thousand dollars require two signatures. This policy has existed for approximately 20 years and inflation has caused many more checks to require two signatures. The Board discussed the limit and decided it was time to raise the limit to Two Thousand dollars. Wally moved and Peter seconded a motion to raise the double signature requirement on all Lake District checks from \$1,000 to \$2,000, the motion passed unanimously. Nestor will notify the concerned parties.
- E. Officer Election:** After discussion, Peter moved and Don seconded a motion to elect the following officers: Chairman - Scott Mason, Treasurer - Nestor Dyhdalo and Secretary - Dorothy Burwell (with the note that the Secretarial position does not follow the Walworth County appointed Lake District Representative position and the Secretarial position may need to be reassigned, upon Dorothy's departure), the motion passed unanimously.
- F. Committee Reports:**
- 1.) County Report: No report.
 - 2.) Town Report: Don reported that the Town is considering imposing a commercial launch fee of \$200 for commercial use of the boat launches. Don stated that three people have been apprehended in connection with recent burglaries in the area. He stated that the sewer costs in the Sterlingworth area SSA are \$3,330 per parcel and there are 61 parcels. The parcel owners have a choice of a onetime payment or payment

over ten years. He stated that the new pipe needs grouting to stop leaks and the Town will not accept it until the leakage has been stopped.

3.) Septic Report: To be addressed under Agenda item #7.

4.) Insurance: Jack reported that he will follow up on the receipt of the three pending insurance claims.

5.) Weed Harvesting: Peter reported that the weed harvesting operation will continue for one more week this year. He stated that he has received bids to repaint the weed harvester over the winter months. The weed transport will likely be painted next year.

6.) Pier Inspector: Peter stated that the first pier inspection went well. The next inspection is for a non-compliant pier. Peter will ask for five minutes on the Town of LaGrange agenda to update the Town on the pier inspection activity. The agreement with the Town expires at the end of the year; Peter will work on its renewal.

7.) Clean Boats Clean Water: Peter reported that the program has gone well this past year.

8.) Water Patrol: Nestor reported that the Patrol is winding down for the season. The Patrol will continue to mid October and then stop. Nestor stated that the Lake District will be rebuilding the inboard/outboard Patrol Boat over the winter. Chairman Mason will oversee the rebuild and document the changes and expenses. Nestor will contact the DNR to let them know of the rebuild, so that they will be aware of our investment for the DNR reimbursement program.

9.) Treasury Report: Nestor reported that the District has paid off two outstanding loans and now has just the Golf Course loan of approximately \$450,000, which is scheduled to be paid off within several years. He stated that the final Audit has been completed and received.

10.) Dam Report: No Report.

11.) Golf Course Report: Chairman Mason reported that the year was a good year. He stated the crew is working on fall projects which include fortifying wetland areas, temporary fencing and blocking access to the course for winter vehicles. Chairman Mason stated that a break-in occurred and approximately \$800 was stolen.

12.) Wetlands: Chairman Mason stated that the contractor has removed invasive plants including phragmites and purple loosestrife. He stated that he may organize a District work day.

Chairman Mason reported that the Lake District and the County both have submitted briefs pertaining to the wetland citations and the honorable Judge should render a decision by the end of the year.

13.) Community Center: Chris has been topdressing areas of the lawn where there are holes and doing general clean up of the yard.

E. Consider Septic Pumping Contract: Peter, Wally and Nestor reported on their review of the three companies who bid on the septic pumping. They also shared two separate reviews of the bids for the Lake District septic pumping. They feel that all three bidders are qualified to properly do the work and after discussion pertaining to the bid comparison and nature of our pumping requirements they recommended acceptance of the low bidder.

Peter moved and Jack seconded, a motion to accept the low bid, after further discussion pertaining to “abnormal pumping conditions” the motion passed unanimously. The County has criteria and specifications for pumping which we will add to our requirements, they include such criteria as checking baffles, pumping thru the lids, etc. If a system can't be found or is problematic, the County gets a report and the Lake District will be a proactive to protect the lake, by acting as a catalyst to notify concerned parties about septic system issues. Wally will draft an article pertaining to the change of contractors and articulate how the program saves money for property owners, protects the lake and other helpful septic information that lake residents should be aware of.

F. Annual Meeting Debriefing: Improving the registration process was discussed and we think that providing registration signs with the rules will help the understanding of the voting and registration process. A review of the affidavit ballots should be given to insure their identity, should a question arise.

G. New Business:

A. Dorothy stated that she and Peter hosted Nancy Russell, County Board Chairman; as had been done with Representative Russ Wardal. This is an effort to increase communication and understanding of the District activities. They explained and showed her the size of the Lake District and its purposes and projects.

B. Jack will begin discussion with the Sterlingworth and engineers about access for investigation regarding the leak in the Lake.

C. Lake Resident Bob Lindstrom asked if the parking lot near the boat launch was re-paved using funds from the Utility District (SSA), Don stated that the lot was re-paved by the fees collected from the boat launch, not the SSA.

The next meeting will be announced.

A Motion for Adjournment was made at 9:25 A.M. by Peter and seconded by Wally, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jack Sorenson, Secretary