



**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES of 3/2/2019**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sorenson, at 8:00 A.M.

A. Attendance:

Present: Chairman Sorenson, , John Summers, Don Sukala, and Sue Pruessing.
absent and excused Greg Wisniewski, Ron Diedrich and Jim Kroepin.

B. Agenda:

The agenda was unanimously approved on a Sukala / Summers motion.

C. Minutes:

The minutes of December 8th 2018 were unanimously approved on a Summers / Sukala motion.

D. Treasurers Report:

In Treasurer Wisniewski's absence Sorenson reported that the financial information of 2018 has all been turned over to the accountants for the audit.

E. Community Comments: There were a couple of questions regarding the golf course building, piers and route 12, each of which were discussed under Project Reports.

F. Project Reports

Walworth County: Pruessing reported that the county has been asked to consider approving the conversion of certain farm lands to solar fields in Darien and Whitewater. Apparently the rental return is higher than the return for farming the land. The County is now considering the effects of such conversions.

Town of LaGrange: Sukala reported the Town has started working on the Deakin Island bridge replacement. They have hired an engineer and are in the process of considering the width of the lanes for the replacement bridge. They are also remodeling the Henry-Dar garage for use for the Town maintenance of vehicles etc.

Piers: Summers reported that the Town has just approved the revised Pier Ordinance and has adopted fees for piers that require a variance. The variance fee is to help defray printing and publishing costs as well as other administrative costs. He also stated that the agreement between the Town and Lake District has been modified to increase the permit

application fee to reflect the time it takes to review and follow up on the permits and to clarify that enforcement of the Pier Ordinance will be the obligation of the Town.

Golf Course Building Review: Summers reported that he received a preliminary report from Mark for the study of the condition of the existing building. He stated we would pass it out once it is more complete. Sorenson stated that the intent is to receive his report and publish to the community the most accurate cost estimates of the various options available. Hanley, a lake resident, stated that we should have an return on investment study done as he is concerned about the demise of Golf and the various failures of golf courses around the nation. There was discussion regarding the return on investment, Debbie Ferrari stated that the purpose of the purchase in the first place was the preservation of open space and therefore less lake crowding. The purchase of the course prevented the building of a multi-family community that would have further crowded the lake and surrounding shorelines. The return on investment is more than monetary it includes having the asset of a community open land. Several comments were made about the positive value of the golf course for property values by real estate brokers. There was general recognition of the slowdown in golf. It was pointed out that Lauderdale is a nine hole course and can be played more quickly than an 18 hole course.

Highway 12: Sorenson reported that there is some movement on the potential for funding of highway infrastructure under the new Governor. His budget called for \$320 million in new project funding. We will continue to monitor the budget / funding progress to determine our best course of action. The Governor has appointed Secretary Thompson to head up the State transportation department. He was made aware of the Red Line issues at a recent meeting in Whitewater, of which several lake residents were in attendance.

Dam: Sorenson reported that all the agreements and paper work are complete for the Dam repairs to move forward. The work should take place as the flow of water and weather allows. The grant for funding assistance has also been completed.

Aquatic Plant Management: Sorenson reported that Wisniewski has applied for and been awarded a grant to help with the costs of a new Aquatic Plant Study.

H. Other Business: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m. on a Sukala / Summers motion.

Respectfully submitted by Jack Sorenson, Chairman.