



**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES of 10-8-16**

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

A. Attendance:

Present: Chairman Scott Mason, Debbie Ferrari, Jack Sorenson, Peter Van Kampen, and Greg Wisniewski were present. Don Sukala and Rick Callaway were excused.

B. Agenda:

The agenda was approved, on a Ferrari / Sorenson motion and passed unanimously.

C. Minutes:

The minutes of September 10, 2016 were unanimously approved on a Van Kampen / Ferrari motion.

D. Consider Policy to Increase Capitalization of Purchases from \$1000 to \$2500 to Match State guidelines:

Chairman Mason explained that the DNR has different guidelines that are already used by the Water Safety Patrol, so it doesn't make sense to have multiple depreciation schedules.

Ferrari explained that for most of the fund accounting the District does, there are no assets, so this is utilized for audited financial statements, which are done on a slightly different accounting basis than the required government fund accounting. Wisniewski questioned whether the District can write-off depreciation. Ferrari explained that in the accounting they do for the budget, there is nothing that is capitalized, so we don't see depreciation expense in the budget for governments. For the audited financial statements, the assets are capitalized and then depreciated. Since the District isn't taxed, there are different tax rules that don't apply to the district either.

VanKampen questioned whether major repairs, such as the weed harvesting equipment, can be capitalized. Ferrari explained that if it is repairs, generally not, but if it is something like replacing the engine on a boat, then it can be.

A VanKampen / Wisniewski motion to approve the policy change passed unanimously.

E. Consider approving land swap for KMLT between KMLT and Jacobsons:

Chairman Mason explained that the KMLT has discovered that an area adjacent to the Jacobson's garage which has a slab and basketball hoop is actually part of KMLT's property. The KMLT has proposed that Jacobsons swap an equal-sized parcel of land and Jacobsons will take ownership of the slab and basketball hoop that has been there for years. The Town of LaGrange and the Improvement Association have already approved the swap. The Lake District is asked to approve it as well because the Association and Lake District are grantors of the easement for Island Woods.

Discussion: Rev Jerry Petersen from the KMLT explained that the swap is an equal portion of land. Thus, KMLT will have access to Westshore Drive, which it has never had before. The parcel being given to the Jacobson's has no conservation value whatsoever, and doesn't detract from their mission.

A Ferrari / VanKampen motion to approve the land swap passed unanimously.

F. Specify Commissioner Positions:

Chairman Mason explained that attorney Russ Devitt suggested that the District formally specify commissioner positions, much like the Town of LaGrange does. The positions would be labeled Commissioners #1-5. (In addition to the Town of LaGrange and Walworth County Representatives).

A Sorenson / VanKampen motion to adopt the proposed numbering system for the Commissioners passed unanimously.

G. Project Reports

Piers: Van Kampen reported piers ran well this year.

Septic: VanKampen reported that everything ran very smoothly with the septic system this year. They are wrapping up earlier than in previous years.

Water Safety Patrol: Ferrari reported that two of the boats are out of the water for the season. One boat will stay in the water for a couple more weeks in case there is an emergency requiring them to be on the water.

Aquatic Plant Management: Wisniewski reported that the last day of harvesting was September 29. Equipment has been pulled from the water. The total for the year was 346.5 tons – almost the same as last year (348 tons). There have been issues with both pieces of equipment which will require repairs, and the head of the harvester will be rebuilt as it is every year. It will likely need to be replaced.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters: Wisniewski reported that the program is also wrapping up. He will seek reimbursement for the grant, and will work to get a grant for the program again for next year.

Country Club Drive Clean-up: Debris cleanup again in Spring. He is talking to the Town about installing a catch basin.

Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting: Significant amount of harvesting has taken place around the lakes. The DNR is not having a problem with leaf removal. Getting that debris out of the lake is working well. Group permits are a great way to do this. The DNR even allows this in some Sensitive Areas.

Dam: Sorenson has been in contact with the DNR. The process is moving slowly, but the easement is required to receive a grant, and things are moving. Hopefully dam repairs can get started.

Insurance: Sorenson had nothing new to report.

Golf Course: Mason reported that LLCC is having a good year. It looks like we will finish the year with money in the bank to get through the winter. The Golf Course Committee has begun meeting. They are hoping to organize a volunteer day in the Spring. Jim Seegers suggested this idea, as they used to have a volunteer day when he was one of the owners of the course. The Committee is also evaluating needs over the winter and the long-range plan for the golf course property. Mason and Chris White are also evaluating equipment needs. The course purchased two used pieces of equipment this fall.

Sandy Schershel inquired as to who is on the Committee and how they were selected. Members are: Jim Seegers, Jesse Lawrence, Bonnie Speer, Lynn Lewis, and Ed Collins. Mason selected the members who are a mixture of men and women, mostly golfers.

F. Treasurer's Report:

Ferrari reported on current account balances.

Current Operations: \$199,167.79

Operating and Equipment Reserves: \$293,873.99

Capital Project Reserve: \$117,128.74

Amounts for the Aquatic Plant Management Equipment Reserve and Water Safety Patrol Equipment Reserve approved several meetings ago are in separate bank accounts.

She also prepared a comparison for the budget and year-to-date expenses. The District is operating below budget for the year.

G. Other Business:

Chairman Mason noted that he would like to get a District Dialogue out to property owners before the end of the year. Commissioners should submit Project Reports and he will write something regarding the long-range planning.

Kim Coleman questioned why the Town of LaGrange and the District's Water Safety Patrol both work on the lakes. Mason and Ferrari explained that the Town doesn't patrol the lakes anymore. They did until about 15 years ago, but then the District and Town consolidated operations. The Town's boat house near the Lauderdale Landing is used by the Water Safety Patrol and the Town's Rescue Squad boat. The Town also has a boat on Pleasant Lake all summer which the Lake District officers operate and expense back to the Town. The District has an agreement with the Town wherein the Town shares in the expenses for the Water Patrol.

Cindy Balestrieri asked where and how often the golf committee meets. Mason explained that they meet as needed at the Community Center – they do not have a set schedule. Meeting notices are posted at the Club House, Town Hall and Fire Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 a.m. on a VanKampen / Wisniewski motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea White.