

# **LAKE EAU CLAIRE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

## **Annual Public Meeting Minutes:**

**August 17, 2024: 2:00pm @ Eau Claire County Club House Park**

**E20510 County Road SD, Augusta Wi 54722**

### **1. Meeting call to order initiated:**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Lea at 2:10 pm

Board of Commissioners introduced to all meeting attendees and roll call executed.

Members: Mike Lea, Dean Boehne, Joe Bechtel, Cory Sisk (Bruce Logterman – Absent)

### **2. Meeting Minutes from last year's annual meeting were provided and reviewed.**

Richard McHugh motioned to accept last year's meeting minutes (dated August 19, 2023) as printed, Duane Ives 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Motion Carried.

### **3. Treasurers report:** Dean Boehne presented and walked-thru the financial report for 2023 Actual and January - June 2024.

Dean presented details on total revenue and expenses experienced.

- No questions or concerns were raised.

Richard McHugh made motion to accept Treasurer Report as printed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki Reed, Motion Carried.

### **4. Audit Report:**

Mike Lea communicated that representation from Friends of Lake Eau Claire Jill Weisenbeck (Treasurer) executed financial audit of the LECPRD financial reports. No issues were found, and no questions or objections were raised.

### **5. Friends of Lake Eau Claire Update: Lori Bechtel**

- Friends of Lake EC work in partnership with the LECPRD on efforts related to the betterment of Lake EC.

- Friends of Lake EC is 100% funded by donations and fund raising. 53 business sponsors this year, calendar fund raiser, golf outing, and Ice Fisheree are major contributors.
- Expenses of Friends of Lake EC were walked through by Lori. (Hay Creek Bay, Skid Row project, small lake traps, fish crib building and installation)
- Annual meeting for Friends of Lake EC group will follow this meeting.

## **6. LEDPRD Chairmans Report – Mike Lea**

- Total sediment removal in the past year was 57,954 cubic yards. Since the inception of sediment removal effort, a total of 282,000 cubic yards of sediment has been removed. An estimated visual representation of this amount would be a football field ¼ mile high.
- Aeration system expense and maintenance continue to be important aspects and is major influencer on how we retain quality water way.
- ARPA funds were received in the amount of \$260,000.00. Funds used primarily for the Skid Row overall project. Still have fund remaining to complete final trap installations. To date, project has been well executed with contractor of The Skid Steer Guy. Mike explained the way the channels were created in Skid Row area for boat navigation. In addition, new pit toilets were installed, a new boat dock, and kayak launching area.
- 2025 Projects:
  - o Complete the Skid Row area project. New trap to implemented and additional sediment removal in key areas. Eagles Nest area is designated. New deposit site has been denied by FEMA.
  - o Fish habitats focus which include additional tree drops, fish crib installations (both shallow water and deeps water designs). Currently the total number of structures is 540.
  - o EC Watershed focus as there is 900 square miles that effect our water in Lake Eau Claire. Agriculture runoff is a major factor, and high-water events remain a challenge. Discussion on retaining a grassy barrier and natural preservation on shoreline is encouraged.
  - o EC County Budget Listening Sessions are scheduled and encouraged lake public involvement to attend and encourage support from a funding perspective. Mike offered list of discussion points for anyone interested.

## **7. 2025 Proposed Budget: Dean Boehne**

Dean walked through in detail the proposed 2025 budget. No change in LECPRD tax levy rate, maintain a 1.75 mil-rate.

- Property evaluation on Lake EC = \$63,300,122. Increase of about \$5M from last year.
- Budget amount of \$324,044.00
- Expense estimation of \$374,985

Motion made by Mary Wagner to accept 2025 Budget as presented. Duane Ives 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried.

## **8. Adopt Tax Levy to meet proposed budget (Mike Lea)**

Board of Commissioners was looking for a Motion to accept the tax levy of 1.75% mil rate. Joe Vydrzal made the motion, Duane Ives 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, the Motion Carried.

#### **9. Elect one Commissioner for 3-Year Term**

Dean Boehne term has expired and has elected to not re-run for the open position. Nominations were opened to the floor. Jill Weisenbeck was nominated by Lori Bechtel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cathy Lea. No other nominations were made. Jill Weisenbeck accepted the nomination. Motion was made by Mary Wagner for a unanimous vote for Jill Weisenbeck. 2<sup>nd</sup> was made by Vicki. Motion carried. Welcome Jill Weisenbeck.

#### **10. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting**

Next LECPRD Annual meeting will be August 16th, 2025, 2:00PM at Lake Eau Claire Clubhouse Park. Our goal is to continue to partner with Friends of Lake Eau Claire Association in scheduling the two annual meetings together. Cathy Lea made a motion to accept this date, Lori Bechtel 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Motion Carried.

#### **11. Adjourn**

Mike Lea made motion for meeting to adjourn, Dean Boehne 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, Motion Carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13pm