

**DEHAVAN LAKE SANITARY DISTRICT**

**MINUTES**

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**Regular Meeting**

**June 16, 2021**

**9:00 A.M.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Miller called the Regular Meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. at the Delavan Lake Sanitary District located at 2990 County Rd F South, Delavan, Wisconsin.

**ROLL CALL** Present: Thomas Miller, President  
Kim O'Keefe, Commissioner  
David Reider, Commissioner  
Richard Beers, Commissioner  
Ted Kasch, Commissioner

Absent: None

Other: Administrator Jim DeLuca

Visitors: None

**DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

President Miller declared a quorum present for doing business.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 19, 2021, SPECIAL MEETING OF MAY 27, 2021**

After a review of the Regular Meeting minutes of May 19, 2021 and Special Meeting minutes of May 27, 2021, Commissioner Kasch made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Commissioner Beers seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL**

After a review and discussion of the bills, represented by check numbers 27631 through 27676, a review of the Allocation of Funds through May 31, 2021, and the Financial Statements for periods ending May 31, 2021, Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to approve the bills represented by check numbers

27631 through 27676, the Allocation of Funds through May 31, 2021, and the Financial Statements for periods ending May 31, 2021. Commissioner Reider seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

## **ADMINISTRATOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

Administrator DeLuca shared the homeowner with an easement for Lift Station 3A has been issued a stop work order by Walworth County. The work at Lift Station 3A is complete now and Stan is taking a wait and see where this goes approach to the stop work order and any tickets that were issued. The homeowner understands we accept responsibility and will work on resolving problems arising with Walworth County. We should anticipate similar problems going forward as we are starting work on View Crest in a few weeks to repair manholes. Stan is aware of the potential problems we may encounter with View Crest and stated we should move forward with repairs that are needed.

One of the seasonal workers backed into a light pole at the Geneva Landing. While the truck does not have a mark on it, the light pole needs to be repaired so you will see that expense soon. Concern over the potential for incidents like this happening due to cell phone use while driving was discussed. It was suggested that the incident report be modified to include a section that questions cell phone usage. Administrator DeLuca stated he would like to see a spotter used.

DLSD usually donates to the DLIA and Walworth County Clean Sweep program and after a brief discussion it was decided to donate the same amount as last year.

A meeting with Willow Point residents is being arranged to coordinate the timing of Lift Station 3 improvements with the Willow Point road project planned.

## **LAKE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Commissioner Beers shared at the most recent Lake Committee, Jim Campbell, in an attempt to fix the dredging issues, got a quote from a contractor for initial dredges which has caught the attention of Mary Knipper and Dan Lemanski. They think they can do it for less expense than the current option. If that is the case, there is the possibility that the Sanitary District would not participate physically in the first part of the dredging. The Lake Committee also has a new interpretation of the bond was for the \$750,000 bond to pay for equipment and

engineering. The new interpretation is that they can use that money not just for purchase of equipment but use it to pay for services.

## **COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS OF CITIZENS PRESENT REGARDING AGENDA ITEMS**

None

## **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION – ONGOING LAKE MANAGEMENT**

Commissioner Reider shared concern for the state of the lake now that the manure has had a year to settle. The manure incident took us from a 21" sediment level to a 36" sediment level. The first 40' from the shoreline has 10" to 18" of new sediment that is manure. He brought a sample of sediment from Delavan Lake in a glass jar that he will have WalCoMet test. He also handed out information he put together of pellet use data in Delavan Lake and also included results from pellet use in Lake Lorraine in Whitewater. Pellets have shown to be effective in reducing phosphorus levels in the lake. He stated there is no known science other than what Applied Science in Madison has done with pellets. There are a few pellet companies on the east coast whose businesses are growing rapidly which indicates this is a procedure that is being adopted across the country. He would like us to get a quote from these companies to get phosphorus out of Delavan Lake. President Miller believes we should be chasing the cause of the problem not the remedy. The permit issuer and the permit requester need to be held accountable for following and making sure that laid out procedures are followed. Commissioner O'Keefe will talk with DLIA President Bill Thummel as he has contact with Senior Conservation Technician Brian Smetana at the County. Commissioner Beers will talk with Ryan Simons, the County representative for the Town of Delavan. This may help with a plan of action for future manure dumpings. Commissioner Reider will attend the next Lake Committee meeting to request their consideration for pellet use in the lake.

## **DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING ILLEGAL LATERAL CONNECTIONS**

Administrator DeLuca shared the low water table is making it difficult to discover and confirm leaks. Once we have a wet season, that will change.

## **CONSIDERATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None

**DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE ACTION OR CONFIRMATION OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

The next regular meeting date is scheduled to be held on July 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further items to discuss, Commissioner O'Keefe made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Kasch seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

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Kim O'Keefe, Secretary

Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_