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## Board of Commissioners Meeting October 7, 2024

### Minutes

#### I. *Call to Order*

Chair Mary Therese Breger called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All Commissioners were present, as were District residents Bob Fitts, Sylvia Hillmann and Chuck McGrady. Two individuals attended the meeting virtually.

#### II. *Approval of Minutes of the August 5, 2024 Meeting*

Mark Wagor moved and Breger seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

#### III. *Treasurer's Report*

Wagor presented the Treasurer's Report. There were \$4,673 of notable disbursements since the August meeting, the largest of which were \$1,600 to SEWRPC for the 2024 Aquatic Plant Survey, \$1,000 to the Town of West Bend for harvester storage, \$900 for patrol boat detailing and \$600 for aggregate repairs to the Little Cedar Lake dam. Operational expenses YTD 2024 have been \$116,750 (73% of budget), and revenues received and reserves released YTD are \$185,191 (98.3% of budget). As of 9/31/24 the balances in the District's CDs are \$50,471 and \$73,167, and as of October 7, 2024, the checking account balance is \$48,478, bringing the total for cash on hand and reserves to \$172,116. Breger moved and Brian Treinen seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. The motion passed unanimously.

#### IV. *Old Business*

##### A. *Recap of Annual Meeting*

Breger provided a summary of the 2024 Annual Meeting, which was held on September 3.

1. At least 90 individuals attended the 2024 LCLPRD Annual Meeting. This represents a record attendance for at least the past 12 years. Eighty-eight (88) ballots were distributed.
2. A recent revision in State Statutes resulted in a change in voting procedure at Lake District Annual Meetings. District property owners were informed of the change after Meeting Materials had been mailed.
3. The Board hired three non-LCLPRD-property-owners to conduct the check-in procedure. All went smoothly. The total expenditure was \$280, and considered money well-spent. Depending on anticipated voter turnout at the 2025 Annual Meeting, we may be able to conduct check-in with only two individuals.
4. The Commissioner Election was conducted at 7:30 p.m. This caused a bit of a break in the meeting flow. Some attendees left after casting their ballots, but a significant number stayed until the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.
5. The use of audiovisual equipment significantly aided the presentation of meeting materials.
6. Electors approved a 2025 Budget of \$117,000 and tax levy of \$80,000.
7. The majority of attendees voted to conduct the 2025 Boat Parade on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
8. Brian Treinen was re-elected to a three-year Commissioner term.
9. Pam Tukesbrey suggested use of a microphone next year.

*B. Operations*

*1. Weed harvesting*

*a. Season summary*

1. There were ten loads of weeds retrieved in September, which mostly represented skimmed eelgrass. The total number of loads harvested/skimmed were significantly fewer this year than in past years (June, 3.5 loads; July, 2.5 loads; August 10.25 loads; September, 10 loads)
2. The three-week interval between harvests and pier-pickups in September resulted in significant accumulation of weeds for many property owners, with amounts often exceeding pier capacities. Late August and early September are the times of greatest demand for pier pickups because of the large amounts of floating biomass that result from the seasonal uprooting of the native eelgrass. The harvester operator had to resort to shore pickups, as the volume of weeds for those affected was too large to be accommodated on piers. We will need to consider the consequences of a three-week late season interval between harvesting/pier pickups when determining the 2025 Harvesting Schedule.

*b. Discuss and vote on wash down pump system for harvester and patrol boat*

At the July meeting, Jeff Geib proposed the purchase of a wash down pump system for the harvester and patrol boat, as obtaining such would enable regular cleaning of both pieces of equipment, helping to decrease maintenance costs and increase equipment longevity. Inland Harvester provided a bid for their system, which operates via the harvester hydraulics; their cost is \$4,200. Breger requested evaluation and pricing of comparable systems, given the Inland bid exceeds \$2,500. Wagor has subsequently learned that Wacker provides a 2" and 3" portable pump, but has not yet obtained pricing on such. However, the Wacker pumps and the Inland pumps are not comparable systems. The Wacker pumps would require transport to the harvester and patrol boat, as well as a source of electricity and water, whereas the Inland pump operates from the harvester's hydraulics. Furthermore, Geib conveyed that Inland had reduced its price by \$300, and stated that there would be a cost savings by installing the system when the harvester and trailer are at their plant in Burlington for winterization and maintenance. Discussion ensued, and consensus among Board members was that the Inland product is superior to any portable unit, and it will be extremely difficult to obtain a bid for a comparable piece of equipment. Breger moved and Wagor seconded the motion to proceed with the purchase of the wash down pump system from Inland Harvester at a price that would not exceed \$4,000. The motion passed unanimously.

*2. Lake Patrol*

- a. Officer Mark Riley attended the Annual Meeting on September 3. He presented a summary of the season's patrol hours and citations to date and answered meeting attendees' questions.
- b. Lake patrol services were extended through Sunday, September 8; there were 36 patrol hours in September.
- c. Breger presented the Final Report for 2024. There were 291.75 total patrol hours for the season during which 22 citations and 48 verbal warnings were issued.

*C. Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) update*

*1. Starry Stonewort*

The results of the full point-intercept (PI) study conducted by SEWRPC in late August are pending. Breger applied for, and received, an extension on the LCLPRD's Starry Stonewort (SSW) Containment grant to December 31, 2025. She will meet with Heidi Bunk (WI Lakes Biologist), Patrick Siwula (DNR State Regional AIS Coordinator) and Amanda Schmitz

(Washington County AIS Coordinator) this winter to formulate the SSW Containment plan for 2025.

2. *Purple loosestrife*

Sylvia Hillmann provided an update on the purple loosestrife (PL) project. Eleven PL plants were harvested and potted in early September. They are currently growing well in their respective pots outside the LCLPRD storage building. The plan is to also retrieve the ten PL pots which were placed among the PL population at Ackerman's Grove in early June, then overwinter the 21 pots in the storage building. If this technique works well, it may provide an alternative to the arduous task of harvesting plants in Spring.

D. *Citizen Lake Monitoring update*

Bob Fitts provided the Citizen Lake Monitoring report. The team has concluded its monitoring for 2024. Water clarity was 13 feet in September. The data collected by the Little Cedar Lake Citizen Lake Monitoring team since March is up to date on the SWIMS website. Little Cedar has more data posted than any other Wisconsin lake. Fitts also mentioned that the four plates that had been positioned at various locations around Little Cedar in the Spring for the purpose of monitoring the zebra mussel population each had >2,000 zebra mussels attached when they were recently removed.

E. *Lake levels / dam management*

The summer drought has resulted in relatively few dam management interventions. Two inches of rainfall the third weekend in September resulted in an increased Little Cedar Lake (LCL) level to 1" above its Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM) and Big Cedar Lake (BCL) level to 1.75" above its OHWM. Boards were removed at both dams and levels at both lakes decreased to their respective OHWMs after a few days. As of October 1, BCL was at its OHWM with all boards replaced. As of October 2, LCL level was 0.25" below its OHWM, with all boards replaced.

F. *Ackerman's Grove County Park update*

1. *LCLPRD Storage Building*

Ongoing concerns regarding the storage building were discussed, including status of gutters and the plywood wall near the patrol office. Treinen will call Economy Windows to clean the gutters prior to winter. The County recently mowed the grass surrounding the building.

2. *Follow-up on enforcement of parking restrictions/Land Use Planning Committee Meeting*

County Supervisor Pamela Konrath presented the LCLPRD's concerns regarding inconsistent enforcement of parking restrictions at Ackerman's Grove County Park to the Land Use Planning Committee on September 19, with particular emphasis on August 25. On that day there were *five* vehicle-trailer units parked on County Hwy Z adjacent to the Park, as well as *three illegally parked vehicle/trailer units in the Soccer parking lot, six* in Lot 2, and *one* on the grass adjacent to the Beer Garden. Although many of the illegally parked vehicles received \$50 citations, several of the offenders remarked that \$50 was a small price to pay for a day on the lake. The additional 35 boats that accessed Little Cedar via the public launch that day no doubt contributed to an exceeding of the lake's carrying capacity, and resultant hazardous boating conditions. The subsequent response from County Leadership was that "no additional action will be taken at this time, and the County appreciates the community reaching out on the busy weekend and should do the same in the future".

3. *Discuss and vote on LCLPRD Letter of Support and donation toward County purchase of boat wash station*

Logan Bliss, the County's Assistant Natural Resources Director, has discussed with Breger the County's desire to install a boat wash station adjacent to the vehicle/trailer parking area at Ackerman's Grove. The County plans to apply for a DNR AIS Surface Water grant to help defray the ~\$24,000 cost of the station. Bliss asked Breger for an LCLPRD letter of support for the project, as well as consideration of a donation toward it, as both would demonstrate partnership in the project, and be helpful in the grant application's scoring. Bliss provided photos of a similar wash station, as well as a map of the intended site for it; these were projected at the meeting. Discussion ensued. Breger then moved and Wagor seconded a

motion to provide a letter of support, as well as a \$2,500 donation toward the cost of installing a boat wash station at Ackerman's Grove. The motion passed unanimously.

G. *LCLPRD Communications update*

Our website is in need of an update, which will be associated with an additional cost. Jaimee Maples will evaluate other website options over the next few months and offer a recommendation regarding whether we continue with Town Web or transition to another website host.

V. *New Business*

A. *Adopt Resolution for 2025 Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) Grant application*

1. Breger will apply for a CBCW grant for 2025. The grant application requires an Authorizing Resolution by the entity seeking grant funds. Breger read the following proposed resolution: *Little Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District requests grant funds under the Department of Natural Resources' Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant Program and hereby authorizes Mary Therese Breger to act on its behalf by signing and submitting an application for financial assistance completing and submitting periodic reports, if needed; and taking necessary actions to direct and complete the Clean Boats, Clean Waters project. Little Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District will meet the financial obligations of the AIS program.*
2. Treinen moved and Tukesbrey seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution on October 7, 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

B. *Discuss and approve proposed lake user survey*

As has been discussed at several 2024 Board of Commissioners meetings, as well as at the Annual Meeting, the LCLPRD will conduct a lake user survey this fall/winter. The survey will address property owners' opinions regarding a variety of topics pertaining to Little Cedar Lake and its management, as well as those pertaining to the Wake Surf recommendations adopted and published in May. Bob Fitts volunteered to work with SEWRPC in drafting Survey questions. Commissioners received a copy of the Draft questions prior to the meeting. Breger requested that they submit any proposed additions and/or edits to Fitts within two weeks. SEWRPC will mail postcards to all District property owners, hopefully, in early December. Postcards will contain a QR code and unique number required for recipients to access the survey. SEWRPC will process survey responses, analyze the data, and generate a report. Survey results will be discussed at the first Board of Commissioners meeting of 2025.

C. *Vote on LCLPRD Water Ordinance revision and repeal*

1. *Modify 2020 – 1.04(3)*
  - a. Breger proposed modifying Ordinance 2020-1.04(3), definition of Water Traffic Lanes, by changing the current initial distance cited in the definition from 150 feet to 200 feet. This would allow for Ordinance uniformity among Big Cedar, Little Cedar and Silver Lakes, and also enable an objective means of enforcing the WI Boating Law pertaining to PWCs, i.e., operation at speeds greater than slow, no wake must occur at a distance at least 200 feet from shore. Breger spoke with WDNR Boating Law Administrator Darren Kuhn prior to the meeting, who confirmed that the Ordinance could be modified by a vote of Commissioners at a meeting that had received appropriate public notice, i.e., a public hearing would *not* be required. Breger moved, and Wagor seconded the motion to modify Ordinance 2020-1.04(3) as described above. The motion passed with a majority of "ayes" in a voice vote. There was one "nay".
  - b. A buoy permit from the WDNR which reflects the new distance from shore will be required, as will re-cabling of the buoys. Breger will address the new permit application. Geib has obtained pricing on new cables, clips and tags for the buoys. Mitch from BCLPRD will obtain GPS coordinates for the new buoy locations, as well as re-cable the buoys in the Spring to accommodate the new depths at which they'll be placed.
2. *Repeal 2020 – 1.10 (b)(i)*

Lake patrol officer Dave Darin contacted Breger on behalf of himself and other officers regarding Ordinance 2020-1.10(b)(i), which allows for a boat operator to tow a tube at SNW speed for 30

minutes after sunset. Officer Darin contends this Ordinance is unlawful, as it is in conflict with State Statute 30.69 which prohibits activities like water skiing and towing a tube between sunset and sunrise. Based on this information, Breger proposed repeal of the LCLPRD Ordinance. Wagor moved and Treinen seconded the motion to repeal 2020-1.10(b)(i). The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

*D. Elect LCLPRD Officers*

Breger proposed the following slate of LCLPRD officers for 2024-2025:

Chair – Mary Therese Breger

Treasurer – Mark Wagor

Secretary – Brian Treinen

There was consensus among Commissioners regarding the slate of officers for the coming year.

*E. Other*

1. Hillmann recommended the patrol boat and harvester be secured behind a fence.
2. Wagor suggested developing a long-term plan for the future of the LCLPRD storage building.
3. Treinen requested that the vote on modifying Ordinance 2020-1.04(3) be reconsidered. Breger repeated the motion, i.e., that the definition of Water Traffic Lanes be modified by changing the initial distance cited in the definition from 150 to 200 feet, then asked for each Commissioner's vote regarding modification of the Ordinance. Breger, Tukesbrey and Wagor voted in favor of modifying the Ordinance; Geib and Treinen voted against. The motion again carried.

*VI. Adjourn*

There being no other New Business, Breger moved and Treinen seconded a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Therese Breger, Chair