

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT (LMCD)
SAVE THE LAKE COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

7:30 a.m., Wednesday, November 9th, 2016

LMCD Office, 5341 Maywood Road, Suite 200, Mound, MN 55364

1. **Present:** Dan Baasen, LMCD Board- Wayzata; Gregg Thomas, and David Gustafson. Also present: Vickie Schleuning, LMCD Executive Director. **Absent:** Jay Soule
2. **Approval of agenda**
The agenda was approved as submitted.
3. **Minutes**
The draft minutes from the September 14th Save the Lake Committee Meeting were approved as submitted.

Topics Discussed

Old Business

4A. Save the Lake Financial Update. The financial update is periodically placed on the consent section or is discussed. Overall the financial review is good. The donations are lower than the budget revenue. However, the amount projected is higher than in past years. Baasen stated he thinks the target amount can happen.

New Business

5A. Current LMCD Board Discussion of Save the Lake

Baasen stated Board Members are always welcome to attend the Save the Lake Meeting. Save the Lake could be stand alone as well as AIS. Schleuning mentioned that Save the Lake is part of the LMCD and not a 501 3C.

It was mentioned that the Save the Lake Mission and Operating Policy should be distributed to Board Members. Thomas stated he asked the Board if Save the Lake should be discontinued. Schleuning mentioned that many factors should be considered when assessing the value of a program. Gustafson stated more information could be provided on the website showing donations and expenses such as 80% or whatever went to the Lake...

5b. Consideration of Availability of Save The Lake Funds and Recodification Efforts.

Baasen asked if Save the Lake funds should help pay for recodification for \$50,000-60,000. It was mentioned that some money could be used to reimburse staff time over the past two years. Baasen stated it would be difficult to go back further than that. Concerns were expressed about the transparency and expectations of using these donations for recodification activities. Gustafson asked if the letters mentioned or excluded the use of the funds. Thomas thought the letter included

specifics but may be general. The breakdown of costs for Boater Safety was questioned as the expenses seemed high. Thomas and Gustafson stated they believed it was reasonable to go back two years. Gustafson expressed concern about paying for years beyond that. It was mentioned that recodification was a core function outside the realm of Save the Lake funding.

5C. Status of Grant Applications. Staff didn't send out Fall Solicitation Donation Letter based on Board directive. Letters need to be ordered. Requests for payment are starting to come in to LMCD. Can Save the Lake funds be used for purchasing new buoys for Hennepin County? Several are in bad condition. It was mentioned that funds were used in the past to help the program get started. The Board should be asked to approve a certain percentage of grants similar to the policy, and ask for permission to send the donation letters so the funds are not negatively impacted. If permission has to be sought every time, progress would be hindered.

5D. Status of Fall Donation Solicitation Letter. The grant request information was suspended at this time for additional Board discussion and feedback.

6. Other Business

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2017.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vickie Schleuning
Executive Director