

**LAKE MINNETONKA CONSERVATION DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

7:00 P.M., September 12, 2018
Wayzata City Hall

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Members present: Jay Green, Mound; Gregg Thomas, Tonka Bay, Ann Hoelscher, Victoria; Bill Cook, Greenwood; Gary Hughes, Spring Park; Dennis Klohs, Minnetonka Beach; Andrew Punch, Excelsior; Sue Shuff, Minnetonka; Chris Rich, Woodland; and Deborah Zorn, Shorewood. Also present: Troy Gilchrist, LMCD Legal Counsel; and Vickie Schleuning, Executive Director.

Members absent: Dan Baasen, Wayzata; Mike Molitor, Minnetrista; and Jake Walesch, Deephaven.

Also Present: Orono Official Observer, Mark Kroll

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Shuff moved, Hughes seconded to approve the agenda as submitted.

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

5. CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chair announcements.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES- 08/08/2018 LMCD Regular Board Meeting

MOTION: Punch moved, Cook seconded to approve the 08/08/2018 LMCD Regular Board Meeting minutes as presented.

VOTE: Motion carried (Thomas and Zorn abstained).

7. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION: Zorn moved, Shuff seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Items so approved included: **7A)** Audit of Vouchers (08/16/2018 – 08/31/2018 processed) and (09/1/2018 – 09/15/2018); **7B)** July and August Financial Summary and Balance Sheets; **7C)** Save the Lake Contribution Resolution (07/21/2018 – 08/21/2018).

VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS - Persons in attendance, subjects not on the agenda (limited to 5 minutes)

There were no public comments.

9. PUBLIC HEARING

There were no public hearings.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

11. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

12. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

13. TREASURER REPORT

Cook stated that a copy of the profit and loss versus actual budget was included for the period of January through August 2018. He stated that through this point in the year two thirds of the budget should be spent on planned expenses. He noted that only 59 percent of the administrative budget has been spent, which is good. He also explained that because AIS activities are more heavily completed during the summer, 83 percent of that budget has been spent, and expected that the end of year budget is anticipated to be close to the budgeted amount. He stated that Save the Lake is in good shape providing information on the actual compared to budgeted figures. He stated that overall the organization is in good shape.

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

Schleuning stated that some of the Save the Lake community events have been shared on the website, noting that the next event will be Excelsior Apple Days. She reported that the Save the Lake meeting is scheduled for September 25th and invited members to attend if interested. She reported that the Upper Minnetonka Yacht Club had their regatta and that the event went very well with positive reflection on Lake Minnetonka. She advised of a listening session that will be held on September 24th at 10 a.m. at the LMCD office and asked for members to let her know if they can attend.

Shuff asked if the cities have been invited.

Schleuning stated that if they have a license, such as a multiple dock license, they were invited. She stated that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District began their carp removal project on September 7th and reviewed the activities that will be included in the project.

She stated that there may be some misinformation being communicated in the public about the University of Minnesota Zebra Mussel project. She noted that the project had been delayed until next year and will now be headed up by the USGS. She stated that the additional time will allow for additional scientific controls to be put in place. In response to a question, she stated that there is a control buoy in St. Albans this year, but additional controls are anticipated for the project next year to ensure that there is no interference with the various chemicals and activities that will be used in the bays.

Schleuning thanked the power squadron whose members are helping to maintain the solar lights. She stated that there are several applications and dock inquiries that have been received. She noted that de-icing applications have been sent out as the summer season will soon wrap up. She stated that there have been a few reports of some lake vegetation that is newly observed by lakeshore owners in some of the western bays and a reported nuisance. According to MN DNR experts, a few types of vegetation can become a nuisance in late summer. More information is available on the website and social media about Water stargrass, Water celery, and Slender naiad. She thanked those residents that shared the information and explained that early detection helps in the management of AIS.

Schleuning stated that certain parties had reported the LMCD to the MN DNR and the media and were making accusations that an area with lily pads had been cut by the LMCD. The State investigation also concluded that there was no damage to lily pads and therefore no violation. Schleuning noted that the LMCD works to coordinate with all the agencies to ensure compliance with programs. She noted that the Board will be reviewing the harvesting program in more detail this winter.

Shuff commented that she signed up LMCD for Save the Lake for Minnetonka's open house on October 9th and invited any members that would like to join her. She requested members to contact Schleuning or her to sign up.

15. STANDING LMCD COMMITTEE/WORKGROUP

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee/Taskforce: Chair Green reported that the task force has not met and most likely hold a meeting in October. It was confirmed that the meeting will be held on the second Friday in October.

Budget Workgroup: No report.

Recodification Workgroup: Gilchrist stated that staff received comments from at least one Board member. He stated that staff is continuing to review the code and he is standing by to accept additional Board comments.

Hoelscher asked how the Board can help to move this forward.

Schleuning stated that Thomas is going to incorporate his suggested changes into a redline version to make it easier for staff to identify changes.

Thomas stated that when he reviewed the copy he made notes in the margin, which was hard for staff to read and incorporate. He explained that he will then use a Word version of the document with track changes mode to add his comments. He stated that the Board could then review his comments to determine if they should be incorporated. He noted that it is time consuming as he spent about 12 hours in total going through the information.

Hoelscher stated that it would be nice to see the version once Thomas is completed. She explained that she would want to avoid the members working on different copies. She stated that another option would be for different members to review different chapters, in attempt to break up some of the work.

Thomas noted that every Board member could take one chapter to review but it might be more difficult because of the references that are made to other chapters.

Mark Kroll, participating as a member of the audience, stated that another option for collaboration would be to use Google Docs, as that would allow multiple users to make changes to the document.

Hoelscher stated that her only issue with Google Docs is that the original version changes. She noted that she would prefer to have tracked changes.

Klohs noted that only the language is being changed, as ordinances are not being changed.

Thomas agreed that his only changes were language related or identifying items that seemed out of place.

Klohs suggested that staff review the changes proposed by Thomas prior to distributing that to the Board to review.

Gilchrist agreed that he would be happy to review the tracked changes version once Thomas submits that. He stated that he will then send the updated draft to Schleuning.

Save the Lake Committee: No report.

Strategic Plan Subcommittee: Zorn stated that the group is approaching the beginning of the third quarter but wanted feedback about the second quarter dashboard. She reviewed the different items highlighted in red or yellow and provided clarification and additional information on projected progress.

Green referenced the bylaw item and stated that this would imply that there are changes that have not been completed but really there are no changes that are needed.

Zorn stated that perhaps that item should not be listed as an initiative in future planning.

Thomas agreed that the bylaws were recently updated. He noted that perhaps in the future the bylaws could be placed on a future agenda where the bylaws are reviewed, and a determination is made as to whether changes are made, which could check off that action.

Green agreed that the bylaws could be sent out to the Board to review and there could simply be discussion on whether any changes are needed.

Zorn referenced the Board self-evaluation item and the consensus was that Zorn would review that item and create a draft for the Board to review. She suggested that initiatives for the next year be discussed in December or January.

Klohs asked if Milfoil will be on a future agenda.

Green stated that it will be part of the AIS Work Task Force.

Hoelscher stated that the Communications Committee disbanded and perhaps a communications strategy should be developed in order to respond to some negative comments that have been made. She was unsure whether that should be done through a work group or committee.

Green agreed that it would be nice to get all the issues on the table. He stated that the first step would be to identify the different comments that have been made from different sources and then decide upon a strategy.

Cook suggested starting a work group now that can assist in this process.

Cook, Shuff, Hoelscher, Klohs, and Hughes volunteered to be a part of the working group.

Green noted that the first task for the group would be to gather the information and comments that have been made by the general public and media.

Hoelscher stated that she will be attending Apple Days and welcomed the assistance of any other members that would like to attend.

Zorn stated that she would be willing to assist.

16. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

James Jay Green, Chair

Ann Hoelscher, Secretary