



SLPID **APPROVED** MINUTES
November 19, 2020, 6:00 pm, Via Zoom

SLPID Lake Administrator: Cristina Connolly. SLPID Commissioners: Town of Stillwater-Karl Hardcastle, Town of Saratoga-Tom Carringi, Commissioner at Large-Victor Mazzotti, City of Saratoga- Kathy Simmonds, Town of Malta- Walter Supley. Lake Consultants- Dean Long, and Tracey Clothier. Assistant Treasurer- Michael VanPatten. Excused: Weed Harvesting Supervisor: Lonnie VanBuren.

Call to Order: The monthly meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Chair, Kathy Simmonds.

Public Comments:

None.

Referendum-For the purpose of purchasing a new FX-11 weed harvester and conveyor with a cost not to exceed \$400,000 – 6 votes received. Passed Unanimously. 5 were received via US Mail, 1 via email. MOTION to accept the positive results of the referendum, Vic Mazotti 2nd by Walter Supley. MOTION CARRIED.

Secretary's Report: (Debbie Curto)

Public notice was not published for November monthly meeting per request of Chair and no longer required going forward.

A review of the October minutes was presented, Victor Mazzotti MADE A MOTION to accept the minutes as noted, 2nd by Tom Carringi. MOTION CARRIED.

Grant Application for Global Foundries has been completed and submitted by Cristina for Educational Programs.

Letter for reappointment approved at August 19, 2020 meeting for Commissioner Kathy Simmonds will be sent to Saratoga County Board of Supervisors. Effective January 2021.

Karl Hardcastle MADE A MOTION to approve Secretary's Report, 2nd by Victor Mazzotti, MOTION CARRIED.

The following documents/exhibits used at the meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes

Assistant Treasurer's Report: (Mike VanPatten)

Register report and statement of revenue and expenditures were distributed to Commissioners via email prior to meeting for review. Walter Supley MADE A MOTION to pay bills in the amount of \$12130.01, 2nd by Vic Mazzotti, MOTION CARRIED.

Invoices from CNA, being sent via email to D. Wallingford, not SLPID and reason they were not paid. Karl Hardcastle requested they are sent to M. VanPatten going forward.

Kathy questioned additional invoice of \$610.00 paid to Mike VanPatten when his monthly billing is \$1500. Mike said the additional cost is his time to go back to previous accounting to 2006 and make sure all documentation and numbers are there. Mike said this was agreed upon by a previous board in 2009 and that KarlHardcastle was on the board then, ok'd. He is currently documenting and ensuring all numbers and will be done-December/January at the latest and there is not alot left.

Cristina questioned payment to her of \$62.39 – does not have a receipt. Mike reviewed and it was determined it was past mileage.

Motion to pay bills, Walter Supley. 2nd-Vic Mazotti.

MADE A MOTION to ACCEPT the Assistant treasurer's report 2nd by Vic Mazzotti , MOTION CARRIED.

The following documents/exhibits used at the meeting

1. Financial Statements: Balance Sheet, Income Statement.
2. Monthly Bank Reconciliations
3. Weekly Payroll Reports
4. Monthly Vendor and Invoices

Lake Administrator: (Cristina Connolly)

Safety Issues: No report

Lake Stewards: All data submitted to WISPA team – report end of December. Will be attending 4 webex meetings in the next few weeks.

ARC GIS Data program. Requested permission from board to obtain the service. Cost for the service is \$100.00 annually. The board all agreed for Cristina to obtain access for this service. Tracey mentioned there are other applications within the program that SLPID may or may not be a benefit. At this time there is not a need for additional services.

Cristina will be gathering and forwarding data to Tracey for the watershed management plan.

With water level low – calls continue to come in for complaints reporting property owners for machinery in water ad fill-ins. Per DEC, no permits have been approved or active around the lake.

Post Office Key was sent to Cristina from Debbie to the post office.

EverBlue Lake report on aeration is pending. (should be couple weeks)

Truck bids have come in this week. Total number received to date is 5. Highest bid is not to specifications and will not be considered. Lowest bid \$57,702.50. Cristina will review with Lonnie for his input and decision will be made. Question was made on delivery. Cristina stated delivery was 6 months out.

Alpha Boat – reached out to Steve. Approximately \$300,000 for new harvester. Engine is different (Cummins vs John Deere) Karl questioned if harvester would be same exact size, Cristina-Yes. Karl questioned logistics and how many machines total where all 3 machines and 2 conveyors would be positioned. Cristina- suggested, 1 machine, conveyor and truck on each end and one machine could alternate. Walter questioned whether we had included cost for GPS on the new harvester. Cristina- Said this is about \$4500 extra would not require a referendum to purchase. Cristina has reached out to purchase shore conveyor.

Cristina will begin the process of Procurement and Employee Guidebooks.

Weed Harvesting: (Cristina Connolly for Lonnie Van Buren)

Crew finished for the season, (Lonnie, 11/12, others, 11/15). Locks on garage building have been changed (keys distributed to Lonnie, Patrick, Cristina and Town highway supervisor).

All machines, equipment have been cleaned, repaired and stored for winter. Lonnie ordered a new starter for the machine, which has been on back order so will wait until spring.

Lake Level: (Tom Carringi)

201.00

CSLAP (Karl Hardcastle):

CNA Invoice for water testing submitted to Mike for payment. Report should be early in March. All data is on their website.

Aquatic Weed Control: (Dean Long)

Circulated discussion to remediate deltas in lake and rehabilitate wetlands as an intercepting device. Reference work done on Lake George. Tend to be complicated on the regulatory side. With some of the adjustments in language and Army Corp, etc, Basically rehabilitating wetlands and cleaning them up. 27 different site. Likely only 5 that would host major projects.

Floating Island – results are variable. Good site locations and sizing. There is not a lot of good information on sizing. If they are placed off-shore, they must be good anchored. Vic Mazzotti questioned where placement is recommended, how much the cost would be and what size area they would be

Placement would be at Culvert discharges.

Hoping for a grant opportunity in future years.

Sucker Brook could be a possible location. Will need to obtain permission from neighboring properties. Dean recommended the Kaydeross be a good location. We do want them near the culverts.

Vic Mazzotti suggested reaching out to SLA and other organizations to share the costs. Vic asked that for next meeting, Dean provide good location recommendations and costs. Perhaps review 3 locations which would not be intrusive to property owners. Kathy questioned if we would need a permit. Dean indicated they may require one if they are more than 100 feet from shoreline.

There is new technology out of California – capable of identifying 40 different mammals, birds, dogs etc. (fecal matter) PCQR DNA testing where choliform bacteria is coming from. Not necessarily cheap, but we would be able to identify what it is coming from. Dean will put together a sampling of cost. Could be a valuable source for SLPID and Browns Beach. Vic questioned if this is a better system to identify the e-coli. Dean- it would breakdown of what the e-coli is from (dog, bird, human, etc). Vic questioned if this is something that Brown's Beach could benefit from. Dean-There are robotic technologies that can roam the beaches at night to keep the birds away.

Summary of Harvesting – load count was a bit lower this year. Spending time doing skimming, etc Karl questioned what the plans are for treatment in 2021. Treatment worked well at the south end this year. Larry's preliminary data received. Full report due next month. Sample points east shore of lake. Pretty widely scattered. Possible ProcellaCor treatment. Possible treatment at Kaydeross Creek. By January we will have contract information for treatment and costs.

Water Shed Management Plan (Tracey Clothier)

Sent couple maps via email. Watershed Land Use one its purpose GIS specialist creating table related to colors on the map that will tell us about the sizes of the impervious areas. Will be able to compare from 20 years ago. Some communities have done some work in the stormwater. Results should be interesting. 2nd map – sub watershed map – shows concentrates around Saratoga Lake – erosion control, land use control. First part is building the foundation. Dean just wrote a piece on Fisheries that will be distributed. Kathy asked if things were moving along on schedule. Response was yes.

Communications Report: (Walter Supley)

Newsletter has been completed. Post was boosted 321 engagements as a result. Total cost to boost is \$30. Tracey has question about the newsletter. Is it a good mix of new information and reminders. Board agreed it is.

Old Business:

Bylaws – Cristina asked Walter if he had the opportunity to look them over and if had any changes. He said no. Karl questioned his issue with commissioner meeting attendance. Cristina indicated change was made to read missing “excessive” amount of meetings. Tom questioned what the word excessive absence means. Kathy stated we have 12 meetings a year and as a volunteer we should represent your municipality. Tom questioned we never had this in our by-laws before. No one was aware of any bylaws, SLPID has no by-laws. Karl questioned on why need to sign a conflict of interest statement. Karl also stated we should amend the legislation that requires the treasurer to be a resident of the district. Karl feels that we should amend the legislation. Kathy explained the enabling legislation is different than by-laws. Kathy referred to Cristina on this, Cristina stated that they met with Carrie Woerner a couple of years ago and changing the legislation would be opening a can of worms. Dean- Yes it will, as added restrictions, increase oversight, etc. can then be added. Vic- Lets get the SLPID by-laws going as it is separate from legislation and important. At a later time if board wants to visit amending legislation then can.

Dean questioned who is signing checks. Dean stated we need to be clear on who is signing all statements, bills and should be clear in by-laws it is the Administrator and Treasurer/Asst.Treasurer. Cristina will have them for next meeting. Karl asked if we will vote on the bylaws for next meeting. Response was Yes. Kathy asked if Dean has seen a copy of the proposed bylaws. He said no.

New Business:

None

Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel matter, 2nd by Vic Mazzotti. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting reconvened. Kathy Simmonds MADE A MOTION to authorize the following employee pay rates for 2021, 2nd by Vic Mazzotti, MOTION CARRIED.

Hourly Rates:

Weed Harvesting:

Bob Hahn \$26.00; Lonnie VanBuren \$27.50; Patrick Guilbalt \$21.00;

Stewards:

Supervisor – (Mark) \$18.00; Returning \$15.00; New \$14.00; Junior \$12.80

Administrative:

Secretary \$25.00; Lake Admin \$40.00

Asst. Treasurer \$1500/month

With no other business presented, by common consent the meeting ended at 8:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Deborah Curto
SLPID Recording Secretary