



LMMD - Lake Mason Management District

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 27th, 2022- 6:00pm

Briggsville, WI Town Hall

TOWN OF DOUGLAS Town Hall, N436 County Road A, Briggsville, WI 53920

AGENDA:

1. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Meeting was called to order by Pam Klein, Board Chairperson at 6:00pm
2. Check for Open Meeting Law Compliance - Proof of Posting
 - a. Klein reported that with the help of the Board, Board Agenda was posted at the Briggsville Post Office, Mason Station, and The Briggsville Fire Department. In addition, the Agenda was also posted on our LMMD Facebook page, the LMMD Website, and an email was sent to residents who subscribe to the email list.
3. Roll Call of Officers
 - a. Board Members in attendance: Greg Kopping/Secretary, Pam Klein/Board Chair, Bob Salamen/Treasure, Jim Brancel, Craig Hillard. Absent: Mark Hamburg and Andre Bukowski
4. Approval/Adoption of Agenda
 - a. Brancel made a motion to approve agenda
 - b. Hillard made a second
 - c. So moved
5. Treasurer's Report and Outstanding Bills
 - a. Bob Salamen shared a report with residents and the Board that is located by [CLICKING HERE](#)
6. Approval of Treasurer's Report and Approval of Bill Payments
 - a. Gerry made a motion to approve Treasurer's report
 - b. Jim Seconded
 - c. So moved
7. Healthy Lakes and Rivers Grant

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Update on DNR Grant Pre-Application - Pam
 - a. After much discussion with the DNR, and having first round grant success, the LMMD was unable to move forward with the DNR Grant for \$25,000. While eager, the grant industry was extremely competitive this past year and while we had a discussion with Onterra, LLC, they were unable to work with us as they were at capacity.
2. Welcome new Board Member, Gerald Kopping - Secretary
3. Report on Joint Meeting with LMMD and Adams and Marquette County Land Conservation Department - Jim Brancel
 - a. In order to address nutrient loading and a lake drawdown which includes poisoning and restocking, the lake district needs to hire a firm to draw up a Lake Management (watershed) Plan to secure grant monies to achieve both objectives. To start the wheels turning we voted to spend 5-7 thousand dollars for a contract fisherman to net carp, mark the fish, release them and recapture them to establish the number of carp/acre. This would allow a commercial rough fish firm to harvest carp for 3 years. This data would also be used to support a drawdown, poisoning, and restocking to occur.
 - b. We need volunteers to serve on a committee to interview grant writing firms and choose one. ASAP, Please step forward to help us out. No committee, **Nothing happens!!!!**
 - c. We also need a volunteer(s) to continue the Water Monitoring of the Lake. (3 times a year) end of June, July, and August. Training provided. Just need access to a boat to draw samples.
4. Winter Drawdown Update - Craig Hillard
 - a. Craig informed the residents and Board that the lake was drawn down a total of 10 inches.

NEW BUSINESS - DISCUSS AND/OR BOARD APPROVAL

1. LMMD in comparison to the association - Bob Salamon

LMMD has been utilizing the Lake Mason Improvement Association's EIN and tax-exempt certificate. The tax exempt status recently expired.
2. Discuss reinstating a legal service - Bob Salamon
 - a. Bob made the recommendation to reinstate a legal retainer as we move forward.
 - b. Pam Klein made a motion to begin researching legal representation for LMMD.
 - c. Gerry seconded the motion.
 - d. So moved.

3. Payment of Insurance (\$243.00) has been completed - Bob Salamon
4. Permission to move forward with checking account - Bob Salamon
The checking account was discussed and approved to move forward. This account will be based on the new EIN noted below
5. EIN and Tax Exempt Status Establishment for LMMD - Bob Salamon
The EIN and tax exempt certificate are now in place for the LMMD. Copies of the documents were shared with several board members beyond the treasurer.
6. Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention - April 6-8th, Stevens Point - Pam
 - a. The LMMD would like to invite local residents to the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention. You can find all information by [CLICKING HERE](#).
 - b. Pam Klein made the motion for the LMMD to set aside a total of \$600 for up to 3 local residents to attend one, two, or both days of this convention at the expense of LMMD. Information on how to apply for this mini-stipend from LMMD will be coming soon. For now, check your calendar and see if you are available April 6-8th
 - c. Craig Hillard seconded
 - d. So moved.
7. Fish and Water Report from DNR
8. Water testers needed for Lake Mason
9. Lake Improvement Plan Committee
 - a. Pam Klein made a motion to begin advertising to create a Lake Improvement Plan Committee with the hope of 5-6 local residents to join. If anyone knows of someone who would like to be a point person for this project, please reach out to any one of the Board members.
 - b. Craig Hillard seconded.
 - c. So moved.
 - d. Pam Klein made a motion for \$5,000-\$7,000 be set aside, per recommendation from Jennifer Bergman from the DNR, for a Fall Survey. This data will be incredibly important as we work to get a rough fish removal permit as well as plan for our lake improvements grants.
 - e. Jim Brancel seconded.
 - f. So moved.

ADJOURNMENT

1. Gerry Koppoing made a motion to Adjourn.
2. Craig Hillard seconded.
3. So moved.

NEXT LMMD TBD - Plan for May