

White River Flowage Lake Management District
Spring Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2024, Dakota Town Hall

Spring Meeting:

- District Chair Lynn Bockenbauer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Note: Robert Wedell, County Board Rep., and Gordy Loehr, District Vice-Chair, were absent. All other District Board Members were in attendance.
- The Pledge of Allegiance was performed by those in attendance.
- **Agenda** –Gary Grenier motioned to approve the agenda, Jack Marcoe seconded, motion carried.
- **Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting Minutes** – Greg Neu motioned to approve the minutes of the September 2023 meeting as written, Randy Weinberger seconded, motion carried.
- **Board Minutes** – Bill Van Dongen stated that all the Board minutes from the September 2023, November 2023, and March 2024 Board meetings were available online on the District’s website. Among the items discussed were the budget for 2024, the P.I. survey, and the harvester operation.
- **Treasurer’s Report** – Secretary/Treasurer Fran Geier reported on the income/expense activities of the District since the September 2023 meeting. Highlights included a current balance of \$46,354.46. Expenses included website payment of \$176.99, payment of \$567 to Waushara County Parks for the harvester storage, \$400 for the Town Hall rent for 2024 (with \$200 security deposits to be returned), and \$1,760 to Auto-Owners Insurance for the harvester and workers comp. Deposits included \$11,006 for District fees, \$233.97 for insurance refunds, and \$853 donation from the WRFA.
- **Audit Committee Report** - Bill Van Dongen reported that an audit of the District’s finances conducted in January of 2024 found all the financial records in good order.
- **Guest Speaker** – District member Greg Neu did a 15 minute slide presentation on the wide variety of birds present on the Flowage which included a list of 105 different species of birds.
- **Aquatic Plant Inspection** – Lynn Bockenbauer reported that Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource LLC has been contracted to conduct a point intercept (P.I.) plant survey of the entire Flowage in late July or early August at a cost of \$2,900 (includes survey and report). This will provide vital information to the District going forward regarding future chemical treatments of invasive plants.
- **Harvester Operation** – Steve Dahlke stated that the harvester and tow vehicle will be coming out of storage next Friday (April 26). He indicated that some plastic guides may need to be replaced. Steve also reported that he is looking into replacing the remote control system on the trailer which currently starts the motor as well as runs the conveyor. Aquarius System quoted \$3,500, but Steve felt that the District could get by with a cheaper remote control system to just run the conveyor (estimated at \$400-\$500). If we need to take the trailer to Aquarius Systems in North Prairie, the wheel bearings will need to be serviced first. Steve also mentioned that last fall the harvester kept stalling due to a faulty check valve which he stated was not necessary and has been eliminated.
- **Other**- 1) Lynn reported that she attended the online Eagle Creek Emergency Action Plan annual update. She stated that according to Eagle Creek, the dam on County YY is still in working order and providing electricity to 50-60 households. Steve Dahlke mentioned that this is the 100 year anniversary of the dam. 2) Gary Grenier, Town of Dakota Representative, reported that some repair work will be done on the Pine View landing where the boat launch area has been washed out. Nothing is planned for the White River Trail landing since that landing looks fine.
- **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn at 10:00 am by Brian Zenker, seconded by Dean Bockenbauer, motion carried.

The White River Flowage Association held a brief meeting at the conclusion of the District meeting.

The Board of Commissioners met immediately following the Spring Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fran Geier, Secretary/Treasurer
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