

**Minutes of the Friday, April 6, 2018 Quarterly Meeting of the District of Powers Lake  
Randall Town Hall**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. following by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

Jim Michels, Judy Jooss, Mark Halvey, Brooke Jensen, Dave Anstett, Dan O'Connell and Neal Kuhn were present.

**Approval of January 12, 2018 Minutes:**

Dave made a motion to approve the amended minutes as discussed, Dan seconded. Motion approved.

**Town of Randall:**

Mark gave a report on the Lights Fest Show to be held at Country Thunder this year, once in June and twice in September. This was an update on the article on Chinese Lanterns in the last newsletter. The promoters sent information to Randall. The promoters said their lanterns are in the air far less time than others and travel shorter distances. They are made from non flammable and biodegradable materials to protect the participants and environment. You must be above the age of 16 to use one of the lanterns. Wind speed must be less than 15 mph. A cleanup crew will be in the landing zone. The Randall Fire Department will be on site.

**Watershed Management**

**Historical Water Level Correlation:**

Neal presented a contract for Hey & Associates for the water level monitoring device. Engineering involved will be post installation. Recalibration will be done to assure consistency from year to year. Several readings will be taken over the summer.

Installation/recalibration will cost \$1,250.

Data download will be \$250 each time to update graph. The readings are not a 1 to 1 correlation to our graph.

Neal will talk to them about charges but 2 readings plus install would be \$1,750.

Jim moved to proceed with the Hey proposal for installation, calibration and 2 readings, Mark seconded, motion carried.

**Aquatic Plant Management:**

Treatment application will be for 5 ¼ acres which would be less than budgeted for if it is all that needs to be done at application time. Only small pockets remain so areas to focus on this year will be the larger of those pockets which are circled in red on the map. These would be the Eastern shore, Jefferson Bay and the Knolls Launch.

Nancy Crabtree brought an article on a new invasive plant, lesser celadine. Information will be included in the next newsletter.

Dave made a motion to accept the contract to treat aquatic plants from WI Lakes and Pond Resources, Dan seconded. Motion carried.

**Water Testing:**

Neal thanked Mark for once again doing the weekly Ecoli testing at the Knolls Beach

**Wetlands:**

The board continues to look for opportunities to purchase wetlands around the lake. Neal would like to form a wetlands committee at the next meeting of 3 board members. It will be on the next agenda. Jim was impressed with the wetland appraisal and suggested a similar appraisal could be done on other wetland properties.

Neal will forward copies of the appraisal to the board.

**Fish Stocking Update:**

Dave contacted Luke Roffler of the DNR about the \$5,000 fish stocking. Dave also attended a meeting of the Powers Lake Sportsmen's Club and spoke with Larry Lowes [sp?]. They would be interested in joining in a project such as fish cribs or stocking in the fall.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

\$49,552.43 = Actual income to date

\$ 1,167.60 = Actual expenses to date

\$48,384.83 = Current cash balance

Most of the tax dollars are in so \$7,000 should be paid to the wetland fund as budgeted.

Jim made a motion to accept the approved expenses through June, Dan seconded. Motion carried.

Dave made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, Mark seconded. Motion carried.

### **Other Business:**

#### **Website:**

Image Management {IM} was forced to do a security upgrade which cost \$250. Their rate is \$85/hr. and has been averaging about \$300 per quarter for updates. Neal will check on the rate for the usual 3 pdf's. Neal asked Dan to have IM attend our next meeting for a review and possible training. Judy stated that last year \$1,800 was spent for website management and \$380 for posting costs and domain renewal. We were done with development in 2017.

### **Citizen and/or Commissioner Comments**

Jim thanked Nancy Crabtree for monitoring the ice on/ice off process on the lake.

**Nancy Crabtree** is concerned about a lack of action by the Town/DNR/and other entities she contacted by email re the construction at the **former Reitz property** on the North shore. She also feels that a number of **impervious surfaces and boathouses** are not all within ordinance guidelines. She would like for the town to take action somehow. Neal will reach out to discuss with Bob Stoll.

**Dan** would like guidance as to whether he should pursue further research on the **Jefferson Island Channel** {JIC}. At the next meeting, he would like the board to discuss if it is worth pursuing. Several methods of removal and disposal were discussed and the cost of a plan. Funding and grants could also be discussed. He feels it is a navigational issue. He will meet with Mary Knipper soon to discuss and view the channel. Dave feels it could also be looked at as an issue regarding spawning grounds for bass. Judy felt that there were extensive reports and studies that the board contracted and these should be reviewed so that current board members know the history from 2013. Hey, SEWRPC and the DNR concluded at that time that the channel was in good shape. The problem was silting in at the mouth and regular maintenance could clean that out. Also, the channel provided a good habitat just as it was. The issue will be on the next agenda as an actionable item.

Mark Halvey was re-elected as a Randall Town Supervisor.

**The next meeting will be the budget meeting for 2019 so board members should send Judy estimated costs for any projects they are involved in or contemplating.**

This should be done 2 weeks before the meeting.

**Neal talked to Bob Stoll** and there is a flurry of activity **regarding pier issues** and the ordinances surrounding that. The Town and DNR struggle due to the governing body's hesitance to engage due to fear of lawsuits. Enforcement is difficult due to the past instance when Randall made a decision. The DNR did not support their ability as a town to follow its own rules. The town and county cannot have stricter laws than the state. The state laws were relaxed.

### **Next Quarterly Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 15, 2018 at the Randall Town Hall.

**Adjournment:** Dave made a motion to adjourn, Neal seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.