

Minutes of the June 10, 2016 Quarterly Meeting of the District of Powers Lake Randall Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

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

Approval of Minutes:

• February 26, 2016 – Judy Jooss made a motion to approve, Mark Halvey seconded.

Motion approved.

• April 15, 2016 - Jim Michels made a motion to approve, Dan O'Connell seconded. Motion approved.

Town of Randall:

2 boats have been utilized in the training of the 7 new water patrol officers. Several mature trees will have to be removed at the Knolls Beach due to emerald ash borer.

Watershed Management:

Aquatic Plant Management:

Treatment occurred about 2 weeks ago.

Water Testing:

The decision was made to only test for ecoli at the Knolls Beach once per week during the summer. Previous years of testing at 5 randomly selected properties per week had yielded no problems with septic systems which was the original purpose. Nancy Kemp will be unable to test this year. Mark Halvey volunteered to sample and deliver to Burlington for testing. DPL will cover the cost.

Neal will also bring the lake level spreadsheet up to date using the readings that Mark takes each week.

Wetlands:

Neal and Jim will continue efforts to speak with property owner of the wetlands.

Lake Monitoring:

Neal has spoken to a company called Onset about a monitoring system. They have sent a proposal for \$750 cost of obtaining a base monitoring device. Basically, a piece of PVC piping would be placed in the lake in an area with no wave or wind action. Possible location would be by the culvert in the JIC. Once probe is installed in the pipe then there are 2 ways to obtain data.

Data can be downloaded to a cell phone application and then downloaded to the website. For \$310 more, that can happen automatically.

It appears for less than \$1,500; we can accomplish this and spend much less money than we originally had anticipated. Installation would be simple.

A bit more homework needs to be done and Onset will supply more information.

Installation this year would be feasible. We have already budgeted more than that in the existing budget. Devices are battery operated and last 3-5 years.

Jim Michels suggested this monitoring is half the equation. Water levels are precipitation dependent and we are not certain how to judge runoff amounts. We could also install a monitoring device in the wetlands in the future. Rainfall totals may be available at several sites in our area and we could triangulate for totals. Dave mentioned his neighbor has a sophisticated system which he monitors all the time. He may have historical data which could then be correlated with the data we have obtained.

Treasurer's Report:

\$27, 947.53 = General Cash Fund balance

\$66, 393.57 = Total Earmarked Funds for Wetlands

At this time, we are \$6,473 under budget for this year. Surplus then gets rolled over into the next year's budget.

Earmarked funds have to be used to capital projects, purchasing something or maintaining something.

Website has \$5,000 budgeted which should be spent before December. Then another \$5,000 can be proposed for next year.

Jim made a motion to approve the pending bills, Dave seconded. Motion carried.

Neal made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Dave seconded. Motion carried.

In the future, Nancy will scan bills and send to board as they are received.

2017 Budget planning for Annual Meeting:

Lengthy discussion ensued. Proposed budget will be \$49,000 with a \$14,000 carryover.

Annual Meeting Friday August 5, 2016:

Site will remain Randall Town Hall at 7 p.m. A possible speaker could be Mary Knipper, WLA President. Neal and Dave are up for election. Jim will run the election process. Neal will get property listing to him. Neal and Judy will provide agenda and budget so Nancy can publish legal ad and send with newsletter. Neal will also do Chairperson's letter.

Website:

Judy, Dan and Neal will continue bi weekly conference calls they have initiated to put an action plan together. They will search for a website provider with a request for a proposal to include mission, parameters and dates. Search is for a company who can manage the site with some self servicing functionality and management assistance. A company in the area would be preferred to facilitate reasonable driving distance for meetings when necessary. If we obtain a company by August, a rep for the company could also be a possibility for speaker at the Annual Meeting. They could take questions or hear requests for the type of info our members would prefer.

Commissioner Comments:

Brooke still has the records from Bill Lynch and Tony James that their families gave the DPL.

Adjournment:

Jim made a motion to adjourn, Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.