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MINUTES of Regular Meeting

Clintonville Community Center
Wednesday, October 25, 2023 6PM

OPEN MEETING STATEMENT: This meeting and all meetings of this Board are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted in accordance with Wisconsin statutes so that citizens may be aware of the time and place of this meeting. This Board may conduct a roll call vote, a voice vote, or otherwise decide to approve, reject, or modify any item on this agenda.

1. **Call to Order** – Called 6:00 pm
2. **Roll Call:** Braden Present, Dawson Present, Lundt Excused, Pahl Present, Radtke Excused, Strey-Hirt Excused, Walker Present
3. **Review and Approve Agenda Addition to Agenda – Special Order:** Sara Mullen-Hornung to present status on PLPRD Website. 1st Braden, 2nd Walker, Unanimous Approval.

Special Order: Sara Mullen-Hornung presented status on new website. Still WIP but addition of previous minutes and agenda to be prioritized. Dawson will follow up on photos to send to Mullen-Hornung to update events. Email to be removed. By Laws should direct to Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Short Bios for Board members to be added.

4. **Review and Approve Minutes from September 27 Meeting** no minutes available
5. **Chair's Report** Pahl provided update on meeting with Johnson (DNR) and status of Management Plan (Onterra), including timeline. Board to discuss and (potentially) approve plan at November meeting. Discussion of potential options for action point to improve communication and increased workforce.

Need to review date of November meeting to maximize board attendance.

6. **Treasurer's Report** 1st Walker, 2nd Braden, Unanimous Approval. Dawson exploring auditor for EOY audit. Review of financial holdings. Pahl to determine requirements for report to DNR on harvest loads. Presentation of pros and cons (and risks) associated with Debit vs Credit Card. Dawson moved that Debit cards on checking A/C be obtained. 2nd Walker. Unanimous approval.
7. **Committee Reports**
 - a. **County—Strey-Hirt** No report.
 - b. **City—Braden** Both lights up at Mathew's Bay. Walker to contact City to determine who has keys.
 - c. **Operations/Fishery—Radtke** Cutter removed and stored. Additional repair costs incurred.

- d. **Social Media/Web—Lundt** No report
- e. **Lake Management Planning/Onterra—Pahl** Covered during Chair's report. Board members to attend Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention, April 10-12, 2024. Benefits to seeking professional grant submission help for grants to implement actions of Lake Management plan once approved.

8. Old Business

- a. **Duck Race: honoraria for Alyssa and Olivia Schertz Pahl to arrange \$50 honoraria each for help during Duckie Race.**
 - i. Motion to spend profits from Duckie Race on Emergent plants to enhance fishery sites along shoreline. 1st Dawson 2nd Walker Unanimous approval
- b. **Volunteer Coordinator?**
- c. **Standing Committees?**

9. New Business

- a. **Office Space?** Discussion during Chair's report as potential action to increase communication and increase workforce as part of Lake Management Plan.
- b. **Pigeon Lake Swag**
 - i. Caps
 - ii. T-shirts
 - iii. ??Walker to follow up on options for PLPRD Swag – T-shirts (20-50) and mesh (adjustable) caps

10. Public Comment

11. Adjournment 7:22 pm 1st Braden, 2nd Dawson Unanimous Approval

Upcoming Meetings: Nov 29 (Plan Draft Reading); [Jan 3, 2024], [Jan 24], Feb 28, Mar 27, Apr 24, May 22, June 26, July 24

Chair's Report, October 25, 2023

On Tuesday, October 10, Trish Dawson and I had lunch with DNR Lake Coordinator Ted Johnson. We found him remarkably receptive to working with us. We intend to invite him to one of our winter meetings. Among the many tidbits of information that Ted communicated to us were the following, most of which meshed very well with the implementation steps in our emerging lake plan.

- We should keep drawdown as a tool in the toolbox to address navigation issues/dredging. Mechanical dredging is pennies/dollar in cost effectiveness, versus any kind of hydraulic system.
- Commercial harvesting of carp might make sense
- Fish sticks should be added to help fishery: in a natural ecosystem, there would be 300-600 locations of "coarse woody habitat" PER MILE. Grants are available to help with this via "Healthy Lakes Grants." Lack of "near shore habitat" is the #1 limiting factor to healthy fisheries in the National Lakes Assessment
- Shoreline planting/restoration can be very important as "filters": hardstem bullrush, iris, etc.
- Herbicide applications near boat landings/navigable areas CAN be helpful, and not harmful: ProcellaCOR is currently best resource
- Adding interpretive signs around lakeshore can be helpful: grants available via "Educational Grants" program
- Prairie restoration along riparian zones can also be beneficial (in tandem with WildOnes and High School and others).

Ted strongly suggested that we sit down (for lunch/coffee) with Aaron O'Connell—our fisheries DNR representative, to discuss the carp situation AND a possible shock survey—moving up in the rotation.

I also had a long conversation on Tuesday, 10/24 with Tim Hoyman of Onterra, and I have circulated (by email), the latest version of our Implementation Plan. I believe it sets an ambitious but realistic set of goals and actions for us. Please read it with care, and come prepared to discuss it, and (ideally) to approve it, at our November 29 meeting. PLEASE SEND ME SUGGESTIONS/EDITS/CONCERNS WELL BEFORE THAT MEETING, by email, so that we can have a focused conversation in a timely fashion. Timeline for upcoming months:

- November: approval by District Board in November
- January: "Official First Draft" to DNR (21 Day "public posting"—FB/Web; JP newspaper)
- February: Ted Johnson at our meeting; DNR Approval of Plan (pending changes)
- March: File new 5 year Mechanical Harvesting Permit
- April/May: Public Wrap-up Meeting with Tim Hoyman

Finally, to advance our goal of improved communications and increased workforce (allowing the Board to serve its proper role in governance), Tim suggested (and I concur) that we should a) set up (rent) a physical office space open to the public for a set number of hours per week; b) hire an "Executive Director/Volunteer Coordinator" (e.g., 10 hours/week) to facilitate communications, centralize our documentation and record-keeping, and grow our volunteer (workforce) base.