

Lake Puckaway Protection & Rehabilitation District Board Meeting

Saturday, May 18, 2024 | 10:00 A.M.

Marquette Village Hall

127 4th St, Marquette, WI 53947

Board Members Present

- John Harter, Chairman
- Kyle Miller, Treasurer
- Paul Gettelman, Commissioner
- Rick Stel, Commissioner
- Don Dysland, Commissioner
- Maddy Wergin, Secretary/Town of Mecan Appointee

Board Members Absent

- Bob Schweder, Green Lake County Appointee

Call to Order/Roll Call

- Meeting called to order by John at 10:02 am. Roll call taken as reflected above.

Agenda Review

- Paul makes an addition to the debit card agenda item so it reads Debit/Credit card.
- Rick makes motion to approve the agenda as corrected. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2024

- Maddy reads the April 11, 2024 meeting minutes
- Rick makes motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

- Balances through 05-15-2024

Account	Amount
Money Market	\$ 9,068.17
Checking 1	\$ 33,725.72
Checking 2 - General	
Checking	\$ 9,048.77
Current Total	\$ 51,842.66
Uncashed Checks	\$ 2,661.96
Pending Bills	
Cason	\$7,523.75
Loan Balance	\$0.00

- Some interest has been gained in the money market account. Kyle states that he moved \$5,000 from Checking #1 into Checking #2.
- The Cason invoice is still pending.
- Kyle discusses the need and/or reasoning as to why there are three different accounts, and that we may not need to have these accounts separated in the future.
- Dave Ferge is going to get the District information regarding the money that was given to the District from the Lake Puckaway Improvement Association when it disassembled – the money was earmarked for hatchery, buoys, and landings.
- Kyle is working on getting clarity for what each checking account is used for. He is unsure where the money market came from and assumes we would eventually like to move more money into the money market in the future.
- Paul makes motion to accept treasurer's report. Seconded by Rick. Motion carried.

Debit/Credit Card

- Discussion regarding how certain bills cannot be paid without a debit/credit card, for example, the website payment. Therefore, a debit/credit card would be helpful to pay certain bills. Comments about debit cards being easily scammed online.
- Kyle states he will look into a credit card option, but a debit card is a current immediate need.
- Kyle makes motion to approve a debit/credit card for District use. Seconded by Rick. Motion carried.
- Kyle makes motion for the approved debit/credit card to have John Harter, Kyle Miller, and Maddy Wergin to have authorization on the card.
- Paul makes motion to amend the previous motion to have the Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary as authorized users on the debit/credit card. Seconded by Rick. Motion carried.

Streaming/Recording Meetings

- Discussion regarding streaming live meetings versus recording meetings and posting the recordings on the website. As of right now, recording meetings and posting the recording might be easiest. Kyle will help find a volunteer to take the lead on recording meetings.
- Kyle makes motion to record future meetings and will post the recording on website/Facebook. Seconded by Paul. Motion carried.

Cason Invoice

- Discussion regarding the outstanding Cason invoice.
- John discusses how he asked Cason to reduce the invoice by \$2,500 because the District never approved the Extended Control Warranty for the amount of \$2,500. However, the district was charged for the warranty. Discussion regarding the July 22, 2023 meeting when the Board voted not to pay for the Extended Control Warranty until it was amended so as not to tie the District into exclusivity with Cason. The warranty was never amended, but Dustin Esselman, although not Chairman, gave verbal authorization and signed the check to pay the warranty on July 26, 2023. The extended control warranty was never signed.
- Paul makes motion to pay Cason \$5,023.56 with a letter attached as to why the \$2,500 is not being paid at this time. Seconded by Don. 4 yes. 1 no. Motion carried.

Lake District Attorney

- Discussion regarding consulting with an attorney for lake district needs. John asks to continue with the lake district attorney.
- Paul makes motion to continue with the Lake District attorney. Seconded by Rick. Motion carried.

MCLA Grant Proposal

- The MCLA grant proposal was submitted. Rick wrote the grant which gave background on EWM on the lake and how the District would best use the \$500 grant monies if awarded.

2024 Budget Issue

- The Board has recently been made aware that the 2024 budget was not approved properly, and therefore, the District does not have an approved budget for 2024. The agenda item for approving the budget was overlooked by the previous Chairman at the 2024 annual meeting and never voted on. However, the District held a Special Meeting in December 2023 to approve the budget. It has been learned that a budget cannot be approved at a special meeting – it can only be amended.
- Discussion regarding how the District is not likely to be able to borrow money because of not having an approved budget and the District is not considered stable because of Monica Gunderson's request to dissolve the Lake District.

Onterra 2024 Interim Aquatic Plant Management Plan & Aquatic Plant Management Plan

- Discussion regarding the lack of funding for the interim APMP – the interim plan is approximately \$10,000 for this year.
- Discussion regarding the need for more meetings in the future to figure out the budget issue and the 2025 budget.
- John/Kyle discusses how we left the last meeting with the intention of picking a plan to work on something for this summer; however, since then, we have found out that the lack of a budget and the dissolving requests puts us on hold.
- The district needs to work on something as quickly as possible; however, we need to make sure that it is done the correct way.

Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned at 11:34 am.