

FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION IF LAKES, INC.

Minutes from Board of Directors Meeting

1/27/17

President Pat Schroeder called meeting to order at 9:09 AM. A quorum is declared met.

Members Present: Pam Schroeder, Mark Smith, Vicki Lemerande, Bruce Court, Larry Sommer, Cliff Haskins, Pat Schultz, Harry Resch, Mike Henderson, Stu MacPherson, and Honorary member John Preuss.

Guests: none

Acceptance of Agenda: Motion by Sommer to accept agenda, second by Henderson, all in favor, motion carried.

Acceptance of Minutes: Motion by MacPherson to accept minutes from 11/11/16, second by Henderson, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer is not present however Pat S has balance information of \$16,717.53. Motion to accept report by Haskins, second by Court, all in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

- Letter of Endorsement sent to DNR for Forest County LIDAR unit: Pam includes the letter sent with Board approval to Jim Giglierano at Wi State Department of Administration related to LIDAR technologies and grant application. The grant would benefit shore landowners and be more responsible in grading and altering shore landscapes. LIDAR will assist Forest County in updating lake/stream maps.
- Letter of endorsement sent to WRISC for grant application: Pam encloses letter sent with Board approval to William Rice, WRISC Chair offering support of WRISC, whose aim is protection of terrestrial and aquatic habitats in the Menominee River Watershed draining to Lake Michigan. FCAL is a formal partner with WRISC for 6 years; FCAL goals align with those of WRISC, and FCAL is committed to efforts of Early Detection/Rapid Response needs and public outreach. There is a 2/1/17 meeting scheduled in Iron River for WRISC and Pam unable to attend, no members present offer to attend. J Preuss has

attended several meetings and helped sponsor a boat wash station. WRISC resources are available to FCAL as coalition members. Motion is made by Resch permitting letters of endorsement to represent FCAL be sent, second by Henderson, all in favor, motion carried.

- Status of Gary Miller request to contact legislators regarding mil tax: Gary is the head of the Lake Metonga Association and seeks government dollars to assist lakes in activities to keep lakes clean. He pointed out that forests benefit by administration of a state tax and wonders if lakes could follow the same idea for adding monies to state budgets for lakes. Discussion points: Suggestion of letter to be sent to legislators Tiffany and Mersau to consider this financial assistance possibility. This issue can be a part of the FCAL newsletter and proposed personal visit to legislators to present the idea of tax support of lake properties. It is suggested to send a letter to this end be sent before April; Pam will have a letter available by 3/17/17 meeting date. Pam requests some information on phosphorus content to be in the newsletter as well.
- Additional Old Business item: Pam presents members with portion of a Wisconsin Wildlife Federation Newsletter with an article seeking public comments on drafts, site development and renovation projects.
- Additional Old Business item: FCAL booth used in Kentuck Days needs some sprucing up. Motion by Haskins to authorize treasurer to make monies available for this purpose, second by Court, all in favor, motion carried.
- Additional Old Business: Sommer reproduces Milw Journal article related to President Trumps announcing seeking significant budget/staff cuts to EPA, suggesting to “aim for half of the staff”. He portends a temporary freeze on all contract approvals and grant awards. Trump also institutes a media blackout. He reports that data and reports on website states there is scientific evidence stating Earth’s climate is warming and man-made carbon emissions are to blame, will be scrutinized.

New Business

- County Report – Pam Labine – View U Tube video regarding: dredging. Pam Labine is not present to discuss but the video is sent to members for viewing at the meeting. About 10 minutes of a 59 minute video are presented. The video information is presented by Joe Parisi, an executive of Dane County. Much discussion regarding the video presentation regarding dredging of area lakes. Mentioned that phosphorus is not a local problem as in the video, muck is mostly the sediment here. It is a “good, natural” sediment. Muck represents natural aging of the lake and can be an expensive uphill battle. Some expressed interest in getting the muck off spawning beds. The aesthetics of the lakes are also an item related to swimming and recreating. Offered that on Arbutus Lake the walleyes no longer reproduce naturally. Offered that bullheads need to be

shocked to allow other species of fish to thrive. Perch species need to be restocked as well. One member offers that dredging will be in our future as some point as our lakes age. The DNR will be on board. There is suggestion that Macpherson and Smith put together some information for the newsletter regarding above and perhaps the fish biologist Matche can supply information for the newsletter as well. Sommer and Labine did visit Mole Lake and have some thoughts on the equipment available for possible dredging use in the future.

- Forest County Recreation Maps – Sommer. Larry brought in a recreation map of Forest County for board to view and make suggestions about partnering with Chamber to help produce new maps with FCAL logo as well as mission statement on the map and business members that sponsor FCAL. Larry will work with M Otto to see about this upcoming printing and will request 2 cases of the maps for distribution by FCAL. If necessary FCAL will contribute to the Chamber to accomplish this and may donate up to \$1500.00 to this purpose. The new map will be for 2017-2018.
- Membership Application Form – Sue K. Sue is not present but Pam wants members to look at application and see if it needs to be updated for more clarity. No new suggestions were made and this item is tabled at this time.
- Meeting schedule through March: Next meeting March 17 and at this point it follows that the meetings in 2017 will commence every month on following dates: Apr 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Aug 10, Sept 15, Oct 20, Nov 17 and Dec 15. There is no February meeting.
- Additional New Business Item- Essay contest: Resch would like to continue the essay contest. The contest usually occurs in May. Resch will assist in this project. Motion by Resch to continue the essay contest, seconded by Henderson, all in favor, motion carried.
- Additional New Business Item: J Preuss' current grant time is running out. He is working on a new grant which would start on 2/15/17. He is currently the AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Coordinator with the Lumberjack Resource Conservation and Development.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn offered by Sommer, second by MacPherson, all in favor, motion carried. 10:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

FCAL Secretary, V Lemerande

