May 21, 2024 LPWPD Notes & Financial

6:00pm location: 244 E Lake Dr, Estelline (shop)

Chairman John Pantzke called the meeting to order at 6:06pm.

Attendance: Dave Meyer, Bob Westall, Scott Ross, Joel Mohlenhoff & Drake Mohr,

Guests: Doug Bierschbach, Lorin Pankratz, Stuart Schubloom, and Craig

Minutes & financials from April 20 meeting were approved following a motion by Scott and a second by Bob.

**Old Business:**  
Status of gates \ HD Electric repair: HD was out to check the power to the gates and found erosion on the east of 459 leaving conduit exposed. Further north where a pole had been removed, further erosion was apparent. The County Supervisor has brought in fill and repaired the erosion.

Water is flowing out of the outlet. About 25’ long sand bar has developed. The lake is considerably higher than the outlet, about 6-12”.we will plan to clean out in the fall to be ready for spring runoff.

The gauge is by 459th on the east side of the sand bar so it is accurate reading for the Sioux River but not necessarily Lake Poinsett.

The state establishes the ordinary high water marks.

TV for golf course meetings – Joel is working with John at the golf course to determine what will work best.

Review open incentives –

John Hurley Hwy 81 – no updates

Mason Winterboer 74 Stonebridge Dr, Castlewood, SD – Cal Rhody, the previous developer did a lot of work and qualified for the shoreline incentive. The new owner purchased the lot and added to stabilize the foundation. After review, it was determined there would not be additional funds for the incentive for this site as additional shoreline stabilization was not done. Motion by Scott, second by Dave and board agreed.

Josh & Sara Fiedler 308 W Lake Dr, Lake Norden, SD – received 05/13/24; John will set time for meetup.

Revisit: John Larson shoreline @ 442 W Lake Drive

**New Business:**

$100 Donation to Sportsman’s Club for annual meeting 04/27/24 was proposed and passed following a motion by Scott and a second by Joel.

Our 9 month CD matures on 06/01/24 at which time we need to decide whether to take it out or not. If we do nothing, it rolls to a 6 month CD @ 0.55% interest.

Board decided to put $100k into a CD and put the existing CD into a new one at it’s expiration. Both will qualify for 5.0% interest as there is one promotion available at this time.

Doug Bierschbach was a guest to the meeting and inquired about the green slime globs floating in the lake. The board wasn’t aware of the cause but stated with minimal snowfall and light passing through the ice during the winter, it seems to contribute to the problem.

On June 8th at 9am there will be a Coffee Chat with an Expert being hosted by LPA at the Methodist Camp Retreat Center. Dan Loveland, the past president of SD Lakes and Streams and past president of Pickerel Lakes Conservancy will be the guest speaker and should be able to speak further on the matter.

We received a thank you for our donation to the Big Sioux Water Festival which was held in Brookings in May 2024.

There is one vacant position on the board. Doug Bierschbach has expressed interest in becoming a board member. Following recommendations of guests, Bob made a motion to appoint Doug, Dave second the motion, board approved. John appointed Doug as a member of the LPWPD.

**Reports:**

**Sanitary District report:** Bob Westall: the sewer behind Siouxland was replaced due to issues that were happening. There was a larger main installed and refurbishment of 5 lift stations. They are also planning to replace the sewer on N Lake Drive and W Lake Drive.

33’ right of way at W Lake Drive will likely need an easement from the township. If further land is needed, landowners will be contacted. Access will be off 193rd.

**Lake Poinsett task force / lake study update:** Scott Ross: the survey is online for the lake study. See your newsletter, the LPA website, LPWPD website for access to the survey and be sure to have your voice heard.

June 8th at 10am is the public meeting at the Methodist Camp. This will be a presentation by Banner Associates and representatives from the Sanitary District, LPWPD, GF&P, DNR and East Dakota Water District will be present.

Motion to adjourn meeting was made at 7:29p with a motion by Scott and second by Bob.

The next meeting will be held at 9:00 am at the Lake Area Golf Course on June 15th.

New board members Drake Mohr and Doug Bierschbach signed there Oath of Office forms following the meeting.

I emailed the following bills that needed board approval out after the meeting.

Banner Assoc-Lake Management payment- service thru 04/20/2024 $1891.87

Hamlin Co Publisher annual meeting notice $23.92

Brookings Register Annual meeting notice $24.55

Jensen Ins Insurance – work comp 2024 $232.35

Gina Pantzke software Malwarebytes $47.78 & shredder $53.13 $100.91

The Board approved payment following a motion by Bob and second by Scott.

