

**AUGUST 14, 2021 – 9:30 a.m.**  
**Wheatland Town Hall, New Munster, Wisconsin**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**LILLY LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

Chairman William Glembocki opened with the *Pledge of Allegiance*. Present: Board of Commissioner - Kelly Wilson and Andrew Lois. Others present: Clerk Sheila Siegler, Onterra LLC aquatic ecologist Brenton Butterfield, Mike Adam, Alan Brown, Bill Scannel, Kevin K Lemick, James N. Zaloudek, Charles Keppel, Marilyn Magnuski, Linda Gissell, Tony Zaloudek, Mark Mullins, Eileen Mullins, and Tom McCarthy.

Meeting notice was mailed to all property owners of record, sent to the e-mail list, posted on website, newspapers notified, and posted at regular posting areas in the town.

Minutes of the August 8, 2020 Annual Meeting and the October 17, 2020 Special Meeting of the District Electors were motioned for approval by Mike Adam, 7126 327<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Charlie Keppel, 7568 Lily Lake Rd. Motion carried.

**Public Comments – none**

Chairman William Glembocki announced, and asked everyone to spread the word, that the town would be trimming trees and bushes in the Lily Lake area, primarily on 80<sup>th</sup> St. and 334<sup>th</sup> Ave. but elsewhere where needed. We have had complaints that fire trucks, rescue squads and large vehicles, etc. have issues with overhanging tree limbs and bushes growing into the roadway. Some of the streets are very narrow and that space can't have a tree limb or brush taking up space. There were many upset people about 14 years ago during some tree trimming. He wants to try to make sure everyone is aware that this will be happening. We are obtaining quotes for the work and the board will need to approve the action; so, plan on sometime this fall.

**Lilly Lake Plant Management Report (report is available at [www.townwheatland.com](http://www.townwheatland.com)):**

A. Presentation by Brenton Butterfield, Onterra LLC aquatic ecologist who conducted the study/report. He said to please feel free to ask questions as we go along. Draft is in DNR hands and they are currently reviewing. The plan was written with input and discussion from the planning committee. They held virtual meetings.

The last plan was done in 2008. DNR wanted an update and it is a prerequisite to application for the surface water grant to control the milfoil. They used the water quality monitoring report that volunteers have been doing and to assess the historical reports.

He said the lake was mapped with sonar attached to a boat. They also recorded plant growth.

There are three primary parameters to assess water quality in Wisconsin lakes: phosphorus (primary nutrient that drives plant growth), chlorophyll (means more algae) and water transparency (measured using Secchi disk). A historical graph shows the phosphorus level was higher before the dredging (1978-1979).

Phosphorus was in the excellent category. Most lakes in SE Wisconsin do not record this low of a level. Chlorophyll was also in the excellent category with minimum algae growth. Water transparency – Secchi readings in most years falls into the excellent category with some years approaching 20 ft.

Brenton Butterfield went thru the chapters of the report and commented on each. The point intercept survey showed 21 native and seven non-native plants. EWM and Curley Leaf Pondweed are invasive in Lilly Lake. The EWM is a hybrid and not possible to completely eradicate from the lake, only attempt to manage it. An alternative to 2,4-D is a new chemical PorcellaCor approved in 2017. It seems to have a good track record for control of the hybrid EWM and doesn't affect many of the native plants.

Lilly Lake water is exceptional for this part of the state and also unique.

Regarding the surface water grant, Onterra LLC, as consultants, would write the grant and hopefully 75% would be funded by DNR. There was no EWM control in the majority of the lake this year in preparation for applying for the grant. Treatment would take place in June 2022 and would be monitored with volunteers. End of summer 2022 and we would do another point intercept survey and late season EWM survey. 2023 would be a repeat point intercept survey and late season EWM mapping survey. This will be part of the grant funding.

Commissioner Andrew Lois commented the report was very comprehensive and thanked Brenton Butterfield.

Responding to Marilyn Magnuski, the clerk said the report is on the town website.

B. Discussion of report – questions and comments

C. Approval of report – Eileen Mullins, 7654 Lily Lake Rd. moved to accept the Lilly Lake Plant Management report. Linda Gissell, 33011 76<sup>th</sup> St. seconded. Motion carried.

## **Reports:**

A. Weed control – only areas treated in 2021 were the public beach swim area and boat launch. Another plant survey and mapping will be completed in late summer in anticipation of applying for a 2022 WIDNR grant for invasive plant control.

Chairman stated the reasoning was explained during the plant management report presentation.

B. Lake water level readings and monitoring water quality and clarity - Mike Adam said the display graph on the back table shows the Lilly Lake Water Level from 2011 – 2021. Lilly Lake is now 756.45 ft., nearly the lowest level since he's been recording in 2011. The end of 2012 and 2014 were lower. The outlet structure is set at the DNR ordinary highwater level of 757.9 ft. (Note: Lake elevation reported by Mike Adam on July 24, 2021 was 756.6 ft. Lake level on July 23, 2020 registered 758.76 ft.)

The lake water quality and clarity were also explained in the plant management report presentation.

C. Newsletter – Mike Adam said he did not have anything.

### **Application for a WIDNR Surface Water Grant (aquatic invasive plant control, Eurasian Water Milfoil) to be completed in the 2022 season**

This was explained in the plant management report presentation. If the DNR grant is secured, it will fund chemical treatment of nuisance aquatic plants, Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curly Leaf Pondweed and follow-up surveys and treatment monitoring. If we do not receive the grant, we will need to reevaluate.

Mike Adam moved a motion to approve the application for a WI DNR Surface Water Grant to fund aquatic plant management in 2022. Mark Mullins, 7654 Lily Lake Rd. seconded. Motion carried.

### **Financial report**

This is a combined financial report and proposed budget. Financial report covers the actual January – December 2020 revenue and expenses and, also covers the actual January – June 2021 revenue and expenses. A \$150,000 loan was received June 25, 2020 and an additional \$34,350 loan (\$45,000 had been approved by the district special meeting October 17, 2020) was received May 3, 2021. Both were procured to finance the construction of the high-water outlet control structure on 80<sup>th</sup> St. in the southeast corner.

### **Presentation of proposed budget for 2022**

The budget includes a \$48,000 levy and total budget of \$81,216. This will result in a tax mill rate of 69.98¢ per thousand of assessed value (10¢ increase) based on last year's assessed value. The mill rate multiplied by the assessed value generates the property tax.

The budget anticipates a \$23,641 DNR grant for aquatic plant chemical treatment in 2022 and using cash reserves of \$9,570 to balance the budget.

The district has one loan (\$150,000) with four years to pay and another loan (\$34,350) with five years of annual payments. Both are thru the WI BCPL (State Trust Fund Loan) at a rate of 2.5%.

There were no questions.

Jim Zaloudek, 33135 76<sup>th</sup> St. moved to approve the financial report and proposed budget as presented with a tax levy of \$48,000. Tom McCarthy, 7665 Lily Lake Rd. seconded. Motion carried.

### **Set Annual Meeting date for 2022 (August second Saturday is August 13)**

Mark Mullins moved a motion setting the 2022 annual meeting for August 13, the second Saturday. Linda Gissell, 33011 76<sup>th</sup> St. seconded. Motion carried.

### **Adjournment**

Mike Adam moved to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Charlie Keppel, seconded. Motion carried.

Prepared by Sheila M. Siegler, Town Clerk

for Andrew Lois, Secretary/Treasurer