

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2022

Four Seasons

6:30 pm

Meeting called by: Todd Dobberstein

Note taker: Carla Osborne

Attendance: Carla Osborne, Karen Monfre, Bill Monfre, Jeff Knope, Bart DeFere, Dave Zelinger, Nitta Charnon, Jeff Brunson, Paul Seidenstricker, Jeff Puissant, Todd Dobberstein, Tony Zielinski
Guests: Senator Robert Cowles, Shawano Mayor Bruce Milavitz, Gary Martzke, Cathy Martzke, Janice Rettler

Agenda: Minutes, Treasurer Report, Committee Updates, New Business, Additional Topics

Motion to approve the Agenda by Jeff Brunson, 2nd by Nitta Charnon, motion carried.

Minutes

Agenda item: Meeting minutes from June 9, 2022

Conclusions:

Motion to accept the minutes by Karen Monfre, 2nd by Jeff Brunson, motion carried.

Agenda item: Treasurer report

Presenter:

Discussion:

- No report
- Memberships are coming in.
- Carla will send out reminder for memberships.
- Karen will check on municipalities.

Conclusions:

Agenda item: Committee Updates

Presenter: Committee Chairs

Discussion:

- Lake Quality Committee – Bill Monfre
 - River harvester not working, motor taken to Green Bay and is waiting on parts.
 - Will move big cutter to the river and may swap motors. Will start using big cutter on channel.
 - Permanent amendment application update: Hydrological study is complete and has been approved by DNR and US Fish & Wildlife Service. Study showed that maintaining 802.9 will have the capability with

the dam to avoid any flooding. Now are getting stakeholder input and approval. Have received letter of support from Walleyes for Tomorrow and Sturgeon for Tomorrow. Dave is working on getting letter from Figure 8 Muskie Club.

- Have a document of support for the municipalities to sign. Working with Eagle Creek and Gomez & Sullivan to have a Zoom meeting with municipalities to make sure all of their questions/concerns are answered so they can sign off on letter. Public comment will be in August. Application deadline is December 31, 2022.
- AIS & Point Intercept Study will be done in 2023. Update from Eddie - \$10,000 for each study and \$2500 for analysis & reporting. New DNR grant program has an Applicable grant category which has a \$10,000 cap with 67% share. We are eligible for 2 concurrent grants.
- Motion to approve up to \$25000 for Onterra to assist us with the Lake Studies and to apply for a DNR grant for 67% share and for Todd to sign the form by Karen Monfre, 2nd by Jeff Brunson, motion carried.
- Buoys have been realigned.
- Bridge updates will be added to spreadsheet and we will put bridge updates in newsletters/Facebook.
- Education and Communication Committee – Jeff Brunson
 - Jeff summarized the bridge update meeting and it was communicated in newsletter and Facebook.
 - Completed golf outing. Tony thinks we will make around \$17,500. Would like to have more people join the committee and get more hole sponsorship. Thanks to Charlie's for sponsorship. Thanks to Kort and Kim for their work.
 - Facebook is up to 900 followers; Instagram has just started and is up to 80 followers.
 - Will be on county board's agenda to talk about funding.
 - Will be reaching out to members to renew and non-members to join.
- Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Dave Zelinger
 - Will have a meeting on July 26th with Brenda Nordin (DNR), Andy Kudack (sp?), and Scott Frank from County Conservation Dept. to talk about shoreline restoration.
- Bylaws Committee – Paul Seidenstricker
 - Karen will file restated articles.

Conclusions:

- Motion to approve up to \$25000 for Onterra to assist us with the Lake Studies and to apply for a DNR grant for 67% share and for Todd to sign the form by Karen Monfre, 2nd by Jeff Brunson, motion carried.

Agenda item: New Business/Additional items

Presenter:

Discussion:

- Funding for new Weed Harvester
 - Once Airport Rd. bridge is fixed, we will be able to have one harvester for both the lake and channel/river (currently have 2 harvesters and 2 barges). Currently have \$180,000 in reserve. Following ARPA, between County and City of Shawano seeking \$70,000 which will get us a total of \$250,000. Can also file for state ARPA funds to get an additional \$250,000. Lead time for a new harvester (\$230,000) and barge (\$223,000) is 12-18 months. We can also file for a \$250,000 DNR grant. It was recommended to try for the DNR grant first and if we don't get it then try ARPA. DNR grant has to be matched with our money. Can also check into BIL funds.
 - Should have an ad hoc committee to figure out how to do the funding.
 - There was discussion on when to place an order.
 - Lake Quality has already recommended a cutter & a barge. Will look at equipment requirements again.
 - Karen will start the DNR grant application.
 - Tony and Jeff will work (pool resources) on getting the broken equipment working.
 - Motion to have an ad hoc committee (Nitta & Karen) to figure out financing by Nitta, 2nd by Jeff B, motion carried.
- Bart completed chemical treatment on June 22nd and paperwork is complete.
- Disabled Veterans Fishing tournament is this Saturday (7/16). Volunteer if you are available.
- Google drive now has folders by committee.

Conclusions:

- Motion to have an ad hoc committee (Nitta & Karen) to figure out financing by Nitta, 2nd by Jeff B, motion carried.

Other Information

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Karen Monfre, 2nd by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.