

SECORD LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

JUNE 8, 2019

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Phil Dast.

All Board Members present. Also present: Gladwin County Commissioners Kyle Grove and Joel Vernier, and Supervisors for all three townships.

OLD BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS: Phil Dast spoke about the formation of the Secord Lake Association, its mission, and its relationship to the Counties and to the Four Lakes Task Force. Future Board meetings are to be held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 am. All upcoming 2019 meetings will be held at Secord Township Hall. Thanks given to Secord Township for making the hall available to us. Board members introduced themselves to the public.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bank balance is \$300. Several bills were presented for approval. Those bills were for costs associated with legal formation of the association (\$295 Richard West), and establishment of a post office box (\$62 Jeanne Ballor). All were approved. Payment will be made when there is sufficient funds in the bank account.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None. Motion made to approve minutes of May 16 meeting. Seconded and approved.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT/Carl Kerr: Dues are \$25 per year or \$100 for 5 years. Membership forms are being circulated for return to the Association.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT/Chuck Sikora: The Facebook page and email account are up and active; creation of a web site will be undertaken at some point in the future. Cost and expertise are being researched. Volunteers are needed for IT projects. Phil also mentioned that ideas from membership about future communications are welcomed.

ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT/Jeanne Ballor: The election will be held at the August Annual Membership meeting on August 10, 2019. Any member in good standing may nominate him/herself or another member in good standing at that meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Secord Township Fire Chief Fred Schaffer spoke and answered questions regarding the new Michigan fireworks regulations. Fireworks are permitted from June 29 through July 5 until 11:45 pm for the upcoming holiday. There are fines for drinking alcohol, exceeding permissible amounts of fireworks, and other aspects of fireworks displays. He emphasized that the new regulations will be enforced on land and on water.

Marvin Elhart spoke about the goose roundup, which will take place on June 28. This is paid for by Secord Township at a cost of about \$1500, part of which is based on the number of geese removed. He encouraged the other townships to participate. Phil commented that this might be the type of issue the Association could support in the future.

Phil and Carl provided a summary of the formation and mission of the Four Lakes Task Force, explained what has been accomplished to date, and explained the latest update from the Task Force. At this time, there is an agreement for purchase of the dams from the Boyce Trust. Documents of the agreement are being written, and it is hoped they will be signed within the next month or so. At this time, Boyce continues to operate the dams, for which the Task Force pays. Any amounts paid to Boyce for dam operation will be deducted from the payment he receives for the sale. Discussion held regarding accountability for the funds paid by Secord Lake owners. The amount of assessment to property owners has not been finalized.

All three township Supervisors expressed agreement with the concept that the funds contributed by Secord owners should be used for Secord Dam. Consensus was that there needs to be an accounting process for payouts on each dam and for what money is generated by each Lake. All of this is still on the table at the Task Force.

Phil informed the meeting that gate testing will be conducted on Secord Dam on June 13 at 10:00 am. The gates will be opened and closed all the way at that time. No significant water loss is expected.

Richard encouraged membership in the Secord Lake Association. It provides a unified voice for our members, so the more members we have, the greater our clout will be at the Task Force and the Counties.

In response to several questions from the floor, the following information was provided. Phil explained that the Task force is looking for funding of lake associations like ours. It was emphasized that the Secord Lake Association has no authority to enact rules and regulations. Its function is communication, so members can be aware of issues being considered by governmental entities such as the Counties and the Task Force.

It was decided that the formal meeting would close and that the Board would remain available to discuss individual questions and issues. Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

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