

SECORD LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 13, 2019

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Phil Dast. Seven Board Members present. Also present: Gladwin County Commissioners Kyle Grove and Joel Vernier, and Supervisor for Secord Township. 29 ALA members also signed in.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS. Phil thanked Secord Township for making the hall available to us. Board members introduced themselves to the public.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bank balance is \$2439.0. Several bills were presented for approval, totaling \$528.39. Motion to approve the report and payment of the bills was seconded and passed.

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

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Rita Lewis: We now have 53 members. New memberships were paid at the meeting. Secord Lake Association signs were brought to the meeting, and members were urged to post a sign on their property. .

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Sandy Sikora and Rita Lewis. Rita introduced the FACS she has prepared for the FB page. Motion made and seconded to approved posting the FACS. Sandy reported that a member's son is an IT professional and will help us get our web site up and running. He will help find free resources, and there should not be an annual fee. The goal is to have the site up in a month or two.

ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT: Jeanne Ballor: Members were reminded that 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.

OTHER BUSINESS

Secord Township Fire Chief Fred Schaver spoke about how fireworks enforcement in Secord Township went during the holiday week. HE reported that 16 warnings were given, each of which could have been a \$1,000 ticket.

Phil Dast reported on the goose roundup as Marvin was not at the meeting. 52 geese were captured and taken to a wildlife area, fewer than the 84 last year. This is good, as the number should decrease each year. Phil suggested that the Association consider being a part of this next year so that the whole lake can be part of the roundup.

Michigan State Police officer and DNR officer Papinau spoke about boating safety and Michigan law that applies to our lake. Secord Lake is an "impoundment lake" which means that it is a body of water formed by a dam. The laws that apply to Secord are therefore river laws, not inland lake laws. There is some leeway in enforcement if activity is not expressly prohibited but it interferes with others' property or safety or if alcohol is involved. Although children under 13 are not allowed to operated boats he

cannot stop someone just because s/he looks too young; he must have a reason for a stop. To report a problem contact the sheriff. Next year, Chief Shaver will be deputized to perform marine safety and he will be on the lake as time allows

Dave Kepler from FLTF was present to bring membership up to date on the dam purchase and related topics. He discussed a common question he receives relating to the assessment amount being the same for all 4 lakes. The amount needed to purchase, repair, operate and maintain the dams for 20-30 years will be based on studies that investigate and predict the costs of each aspect. In addition, there must be funds in reserve for the possibility of an emergency. Because so much of these costs are shared among all 4 lakes, it is not feasible for one lake to do this without the others. There will be transparent accounting but the assessment cannot realistically be broken down to be different for each lake. This manner of determining the amount of assessment derives from Part 307, which anticipates a structure based on common benefit, namely that everyone benefits so everyone pays equally.

Dave also discussed acquisition of power generation equipment and locating a company to operate the dams once the purchase of the dams has been completed. Purchase of the equipment will be financed privately and will not be reflected in the assessment.

Finally he addressed the lake level issue, as some members have reported lower levels than in past years. Operation of the dam to maintain lake level is still under Boyce and FERC standards. There can be a 7" swing in water level under those standards. Measurements will have to be taken to determine if the level is proper.

Several questions from the floor were also addressed. Dave explained that there are 3 Gladwin County resolutions that authorize FLTF to act to negotiate purchase of the dams on behalf of the County. In response to a questions about whether FTF members are paid or will be paid in the future, he emphasized that being a Board member is not a paid position. In the future there will likely be some paid positions such as dam operational director and similar employees, but board members will not financially benefit in any way. With respect to power generation equipment, FLTF and the counties are setting up a structure separate from FLTF to find an operator and to oversee this aspect of the dam. The cost to finance will not be part of the assessment to Secord property owners. Finally, the difference between FERC standards and Michigan standards was addressed. Most are the same, but there are differences relating the probable maximum flood). In planning for the future, the more stringent FERC standards are the goal.

It was decided that the formal meeting would close and that the Board members and Dave Kepler 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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