

SECORD LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 12, 2019

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Chuck Sikora. Board Members present Chuck Sikora, Rita Lewis, Susan Morgan, Deb Stover, Richard West, Bruce Plowman, Carl Kerr, Jeanne Ballor. Also present: Gladwin County Commissioner Joel Vernier. SLA members present for the meeting also signed in.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS. Chuck thanked Secord Township and for making the hall available to us. He noted that in 2020, the date/place of monthly meeting might change, as the current 2d Saturday meetings conflict with Eagles meeting, keeping some people from attending. He also mentioned that there will be a newsletter in 2020. Currently it is planned to be issued twice a year, perhaps April and July. Members were advised that the Board would continue to meet over the winter and that minutes of those meetings would be posted on our Facebook page and on the website once it is operational. Chuck also recapped the first year of the SLA, noting the enthusiasm of the members and the well-attended meetings.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bank balance is \$2875.88. Motion to approve the report was seconded and passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: None. Motion to approve minutes of Sept. 14 meeting was seconded and passed.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT: Rita Lewis: We now have 77 members.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT: Rita Lewis: Work on the website continues. A brochure for mailing and/or distributing is a possibility for the upcoming year. The newsletter for 2020 will be prepared over the winter.

ELECTION COMMITTEE REPORT: Jeanne Ballor: No report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Carl Kerr provided an update on the FLTF meeting held the prior week.

- The purchase agreement for the dams was reviewed by FLTF members. It should be ready for signature in November. About half of the \$5 million dollars received from the State has been spent getting to this stage. The balance will likely be gone by Spring. Alternative financing is being explored, as the first payment to Boyce is due in 2021.
- The methodology for the special assessment is continuing. There are some special cases (e.g. Eagles, Lost Arrow, associations) that are being reviewed. An emergency management drill has been held, and we are prepared for emergencies.
- The task force is working on notification to homeowners in the event of an emergency as there are no sirens on Secord. This will be part of upgrades being implemented. Secord is working on a grant for this purpose. It was mentioned that Nixle is an app that provides free notices of emergencies by phone. A sheet describing this app and how to use it was made available to

membership. Bob North and Joel Vernier are working on a communication page to push the use of the app, which is being paid for by Gladwin County.

- Engineering studies show that estimated costs for repairs have increased. This increase does not affect the current assessment amounts. All engineering studies will be completed by May 2020 so the special assessment can proceed to the Counties for approval.
- Secord Dam has more issues than previously thought. There is a need for big improvements to the spillway, which will cost \$1-3 million. The current spillway does not meet FERC regulations.
- Wixom Lake will be lowered again over the winter so the gates can be replaced. The costs are partly the responsibility of Boyce and partly FLTF. The levels will be back to normal by the summer 2020 season.

Joel Vernier reported on the Point of Sale ordinance that the County is being asked to adopt. This will require homeowners to arrange for inspection of wells and septic systems before property can be sold. The purpose is to protect groundwater and river water. There is a public hearing on Nov. 2 at 10:0.

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:55. Seconded and passed.

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