

Lakes Committee - Town of Plum Lake
October 13, 2022, 10:00 am
Town of Plum Lake Town Hall, Sayner WI

Present: Wayne Ax, Joe Heitz, Bob Jackson, Bob Munsen, Doug Pinney, John Richter, Mike Stroh, Lynn Wiggins

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Bob Jackson, Chair.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of September 22, 2022 – Upon a **motion** by Mike Stroh and seconded by Doug Pinney the minutes of the September 22, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report – Doug reported on activity occurring during the past month.
Clean Boats Clean Waters - An additional contribution of \$500 for the Clean Boats Clean Waters program was received from Lake Laura. We have received over \$11,000 in contributions from lake associations and individuals, thereby exceeding budget. The excess will be used for Committee expenses for this and, if needed, other Committee programs. Final bills for services are expected from Mac McCoy for monitoring and Sharon Brooker for entering data into SWIMS.

I-LIDS – Payment was made to Sam Patterson for camera installation. An additional payment for seasonal removal of ILIDS equipment is expected.

Lakes Management Plan – Two additional bills have been received from Onterra for Phase III activities. Approximately \$260 will be expensed for printing of the Final Plan. The program remains within budget.

Multi-Year Remediation Fund – Analysis of the fund shows a balance of \$35,149.30.

Annual "Close Out" of Accounts – Doug is performing a detailed analysis of the Committee Programs' current and past budgets, income and expenses to aid the Town's process.

Upon a **motion** by Bob Munsen and seconded by Wayne Ax, the Treasurer's report was unanimously accepted.

3. Vilas County Update – Cathy Higley sent a written report to the Committee prior to the meeting
 - A. Fish Sticks
 - i. Lake Laura – Cathy forwarded the Contract and Addendum 2 attachment for the Healthy Lakes funding for the Fish Sticks grant on Lake Laura to the Committee on October 4. This has been signed by Will Maines and returned to Cathy for submission to the State.
 - ii. Plum Lake – The Town will need to apply for a DNR waterway permit for the Fish Sticks project on Plum Lake. The permit is valid for five years. The application will be completed by John Richter with Cathy's assistance.
4. Old Business
 - A. Lake Management Plan –
 - i. Implementation Plan – The final Plan is complete. Bob Jackson had two copies of the Plan printed, one for placement in the Town Hall and one for

placement in the Library. A lake specific copy was made for each lake association or lake representative. One copy of the Plan, provided by Onterra and which includes all appendices will be kept by the Chair of the Lakes Committee. A link to a digital copy of the Plan is being placed on the Town website.

ii. Future Direction – no discussion

B. Status of 2022 Programs –

i. BLIMS –

1. Maintenance – The seasonal removal of cameras and equipment from all landings is being done by John Richter and Sam Patterson today. Storage of the batteries, solar panels and other equipment has been arranged by John.
2. Enforcement and Video Monitoring – no report

ii. Little Star Remediation – The final report from Aquatic Plant Management is pending and will be distributed to the Committee when available. Doug will follow up with Tim Hoyman regarding reworking the grant so that funds not used this year due to the less than expected need for hand harvesting can be used in future years.

iii. Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CBCW)

1. Monitoring – 2022 monitoring of landings by paid volunteer Mac McCoy ended October 9. Mac’s final bill for services is pending.
2. CBCW 2023 Grant – Doug prepared a draft copy of the Clean Boats Clean Waters grant for Will Maines review and signature.

iv. Small Lakes Program/North Lakeland Discovery Center – The cost for the PI studies for the three remaining small lakes was incorporated into the 2023 Committee Budget and approved by the Town Supervisors.

v. Fish Sticks –

1. Plum Lake – Work will begin January 2023. Several local volunteers have offered to help with the project. John is finalizing details with the contractor regarding equipment and work involved. See also 3.A.ii. above
2. Lake Laura – see 3.A.i. above.

C. 2023 Budget and Grants –

i. Budget – Doug and Bob presented the proposed Committee budget to the Town Supervisors on October 11. The Supervisors approved the budget as presented.

ii. Grants –

1. Clean Boats Clean Waters – see 4.B.iii.2. above
2. Fish Sticks – see 3.A.i. and 4.B.v.1. above

5. New Business

- A. Mike Olson submitted a bill for \$640 for his work reinstalling I-LIDS equipment on Lake Laura.

Upon a **motion** made by Mike Stroh and seconded by Doug Pinney, payment of the expense was approved unanimously.

- B. Two bills have been submitted by Onterra for Phase III work on Razorback and Big Muskellenge, each for \$1,120.50.

Upon a **motion** made by Mike Stroh and seconded by Doug Pinney, payment of the expenses was approved unanimously.

- C. Recognition of past work by volunteers – Mike Stroh suggested recognizing past notable volunteers on the Committee such as Chris Wise and as Frank Splitt, perhaps by placing small signs recognizing their contributions at the appropriate landings. Mike will work on details for the proposed plan and present them to the Committee via email this winter or at the May meeting.

- D. Decontamination Unit – The Committee agreed that the decontamination unit is currently not a cost effective unit for the CBCW program.

Upon a **motion** by Bob Jackson and seconded by Mike Stroh, further discussion and development of the program was tabled pending further direction from the County. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Other New Business and Citizen Comments and Concerns - None

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:13 am.

The next meeting of the Lakes Committee for the Town of Plum Lake will be held on Wednesday May 24, 2023 at 10:00 am in the Town of Plum Lake Town Hall. Committee work in the interim will be accomplished through email and phone. Subsequent meetings are planned for the fourth Wednesday of each month through summer 2023.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Wiggins, Secretary