

Commissioners:

Roger E. Walsh, Chairperson Christopher C. Genthe, Treasurer Paul Sacotte, Secretary
Mike Burns Frank "Buzz" Carr James McGath Brian Krebs
Daniel W. Carroll, Operations Manager and Water Safety Patrol Chief

**BIG CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT MEETING
July 26, 2018 MINUTES**

PRESENT: Roger E. Walsh, Christopher Genthe, Paul Sacotte, Frank "Buzz" Carr, Brian Krebs, Mike Burns

EXCUSED: James McGath

Also present: Multiple individuals, lake district residents and non-lake district residents

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Roger Walsh led Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:33 pm. Julie Riley called the roll. Those present and absent are listed above.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the July 11, 2018 Meeting of the Commissioners

Roger Walsh presented the commissioners with the minutes from the July 11, 2018 meeting. The commissioners are to review the minutes and approve them at the next monthly meeting on August 6, 2018.

3. Approval of purchases, leases, contracts, work orders or repairs whose cost exceeds \$500 including:

None.

4. Approval of Bill and Accounts

- Review of register. Dan Carroll explained entries.

Chris Genthe moved for the approval of checks 8971-8973, 8976, 8978-8979, 8981-8984, and e-checks 2331, 2334-2352. Mike Burns seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Review progress related to the ability of the District to have effective enforcement of Ordinance 2018-1 on its effective date of August 1, 2018, and to modify the effective date of Ordinance 2018-1 if effective enforcement will not be able to be provided as of August 1, 2018.

To effectively enforce Ordinance 2018-1, it appears that it may be necessary to station a water safety patrol officer at the Gonring Drive launch, the Hacker Drive launch, and also the Cedar Park Drive launch. Roger Walsh asked Dan Carroll if this is possible with the current staff and scheduling of water safety patrol officers. Dan Carroll stated that it will NOT be possible to do so on August 1, 2018.

Roger Walsh also asked Dan Carroll what measures he has taken since the July 11, 2018 meeting, in order to effectively staff and schedule Big Cedar Lake personnel when Ordinance 2018-1 goes into effect. Dan Carroll explained that employment opportunities for Water Safety Patrol Officers have been posted approximately 6 weeks ago and 5 applicants have been looked

at. One individual has been hired this week, and background checks are being performed on the additional applicants.

Roger Walsh inquired as to a date that these applicants, if hired, would be trained and certified to perform the duties as required by a Water Safety Patrol Officer. Dan Carroll explained that once the background checks are completed, these individuals would be given a final interview, drug screening would be completed, and field training, etc. and they would be able to independently work possibly by August 12, 2018. Keeping in mind, that the individuals may NOT be able to be hired if they are not a good fit for the position. Dan Carroll explained that one additional new hire may be ready by August 12, 2018 for stationing at the Gonring launch only.

Frank "Buzz" Carr asked if it is necessary for the new hires to be fully trained on the water if they will only be enforcing at the launch. Dan Carroll explained that it is not necessary if they will only be enforcing at the launch and not on the water. It is necessary for the water safety patrol officers to complete a certain amount of hours with a field training officer prior to working independently on the water.

Brian Krebs asked for clarification of how many officers, hours, etc. are currently out there for this boating season. Dan Carroll explained that the PRD staffs not only Big Cedar Lake, but the officers are also scheduled for patrol at Little Cedar Lake, and Silver Lake. Big Cedar Lake is the priority for a majority of the staffing.

Dan Carroll explained that the intent of monitoring the Gonring Drive launch is to have a water safety patrol officer physically at the launch to open and close the "cable" and to have an additional PRD employee available with a communication device and mobile transportation (6-wheeler) to report status of the other launches and parking availability.

Roger Walsh asked how the launch will be physically closed. Dan Carroll explained that the intent is to have posts with a cable across that only PRD employees will be allowed to give access once vehicles have paid their daily launch/parking fee and an available parking space can be confirmed. The positioning of the posts will leave room for vehicles to turn around if necessary and NO parking is available. Approximately 5 vehicles with boats on trailers will be allowed to wait until a parking space opens

Dan Carroll also explained that a "cable and posts" system will also be used at the Hacker Drive and Cedar Park Drive launches and will be in place on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Roger Walsh followed up from the last meeting with how lake district residents will have access when the cables are in place. Dan Carroll explained that there will be NO priority access for anyone. Access will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Roger Walsh suggested that if there are district residents that need to remove a boat for repair or other reasons, that they launch it back into the lake on weekdays or early in the morning on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Roger Walsh suggested that since it appears that Ordinance 2018-1 cannot effectively be enforced on August 1, 2018, the effective date will be no earlier than August 12, 2018. Dan Carroll added that Hacker Drive launch and Cedar Park Drive launch may just be "cabled" on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays once parking lots are full, until appropriate staffing can be achieved.

Frank “Buzz” Carr moved that the effective date of Ordinance 2018-1 be changed to August 12, 2018, provided appropriate staffing is available. Brian Krebs questioned whether the DNR is required to have 60 days’ notice of this ordinance going into effect. Roger Walsh explained the 60 day notice does not apply in this situation. Dan Carroll noted that the DNR has been contacted and they have not contacted him about Ordinance 2018-1.

Brian Krebs brought up that a vote is not necessary to change the effective date of Ordinance 2018-1, since there just won’t be manpower at the launches, and it has already been posted with effective dates.

Roll call vote to change the effective date of Ordinance 2018-1 is as follows:

Frank “Buzz” Carr	Yay
Mike Burns	Nay
Chris Genthe	Nay
Brian Krebs	Nay
Paul Sacotte	Yay
Roger Walsh	Yay

The motion fails. Signage, social media, and newspaper notices will be used to update the public as to any changes in regard to Ordinance 2018-1 and the effective date.

6. Other Business.

None.

12. Adjourn

Mike Burns made a motion to adjourn. Paul Sacotte seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by Julie Riley on behalf of Paul Sacotte, Secretary.