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Daniel W. Carroll, Operations Manager and Water Safety Patrol Chief

TRI-LAKES
COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES
September 19, 2018, 6:00 PM
4480 Gonring Drive, West Bend WI 53095

PRESENT:

BIG CEDAR LAKE: Roger E. Walsh, Mike Burns, David Claussen, Brian Krebs, Dan Carroll-
Operations Manager and Water Safety Patrol Chief

LITTLE CEDAR LAKE: Chuck McGrady, Mary Therese Breger, Brian Krebs

SILVER LAKE: Jim Heipp-Town Chairman, David Anderson

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Roll Call and introduction of Commissioners present from the three P & R Districts and others present at the meeting.

Julie Riley called the roll. Those present and absent are listed above. Roger Walsh introduced newly appointed commissioner, David Claussen, and also noted that he, Walsh, was re-elected as commissioner for a three-year term through 2021. David Claussen was also elected to a 3 year term through August, 2021. David Anderson from Silver Lake was also jut elected to the Silver Lake Board.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last Tri-Lakes P & R District Commissioners Meeting of July 19, 2017.

Mary Therese Breger of Little Cedar Lake made a motion to approve the minutes of the Tri-Lakes P & R District Commissioners Meeting of July 19, 2017. David Anderson of Silver Lake seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Discussion of issues, problems, and proposed actions common to the three lakes, including:

- Operation under the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement, including 2017 and 2018 Summer Water Safety Patrol, 2018 Winter Water Safety Patrol operations, and 2017 and 2018 Public Works and Weed Harvesting operations, report and planning for balance of 2018. 2018 hourly rates for employees.
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Chuck McGrady brought up a concern with lake-goers on Little Cedar Lake breaking Slow No Wake boating hours. Also, Doug Stark (not present) had a question regarding necessity of a lawyer to be present for citations that are contested, and how those proceedings take place.

Dan Carroll clarified how those proceedings take place, who needs to present, etc. Dan Carroll also suggested that Little Cedar possibly place additional funds into their budget in order to plan for those costs.

David Anderson noted that Silver Lake was pleased with the Water Safety Patrol operations and wanted to thank the officers for following through with their request to stay within certain areas while patrolling.

Dan Carroll explained that Silver Lake had a total of 115.75 hours to date for 2018. There was a total of 91.5 hours for patrol to date as compared to 117 for a season total in 2017. Six (6) citations were issued.

Dan Carroll explained that Little Cedar Lake had a total of 30 administrative hours to date, 188.5 hours on the water patrol, for a total to date of 218.5 as compared to 271.75 for a season total from 2017. Twelve (12) citations were issued.

Carroll also noted the types of citations that were issued on both Silver and Little Cedar Lakes. Silver Lake has not had an active Winter Patrol for a couple of years, and do not feel it is necessary for any hours to be put in by the BCLPRD Patrol Officers for the 2018-2019 winter.

Dan Carroll explained that weed harvesting will continue through the end of September this year. The district will begin to winterize in the early part of October. He also noted that the numbers he has given are not in total for 2018 as September is not included.

Silver Lake commissioner asked when the BCLPRD will be removing the buoys, etc. Dan Carroll intends to contact them about confirming September 24, 2018 as a date to winterize over at Silver Lake.

Dan Carroll explained that the hourly wages for 2018 for the services that BCLPRD provides were included in the earlier billings. Increases are given based on years of service.

- Discussion of issues associated with Public Access, including status of boat launching and car-trailer parking facilities at each lake.

Dan Carroll updated the commissioners on the status of BCLPRD Ordinance 2018-1 and how it has affected traffic at the public launches on Big Cedar Lake. The Gonring Drive launch had a maximum time of 45 minutes that the launch was “closed” for launching. Traffic was only allowed to be approximately 5 vehicles with trailers in line waiting. Dan also explained the launch activity at the Gonring Drive, Hacker Drive, and Cedar Park Drive. He will be presenting research and reports over the winter months to the commissioners in regards to Ordinance 2018-1. Little Cedar Lake noted that they have not seen an increase in traffic over there with the new ordinance in place on Big Cedar Lake. Mary Therese Breger noted that some of the residents thought that weekends on Little Cedar Lake appeared busier, but personally she did

not notice that the weekends where Ordinance 2018-1 was enforced on Big Cedar Lake that had additional traffic on Little Cedar Lake.

Brian Krebs asked Roger Walsh for clarification of Ordinance 2018-1 and the possibility of it having an expiration date. Roger Walsh stated that it had been written that there is no expiration date, and will continue to be enforced for 2019 from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend as it was written.

- DNR's aquatic weed harvesting regulations and fees

Little Cedar Lake is going through the application process for permits which will expire on December 31, 2023. Mary Therese Breger of Little Cedar Lake informed that weed harvesting on Little Cedar Lake has been slow during the late part of August and into September due to the SNW for high water levels with the extremely high rainfall totals. Starry Stonewart is present near the launch on Little Cedar Lake.

Silver Lake has applied for harvesting permits. They are in the process of working on eradicating starry stonewart in Silver Lake. State and Federal Grants are helping with the cost of supplies, etc. in order to help stop the spread of this plant. They are seeking additional funding to help with this from the county as well.

- Update on water quality protection and improvement projects on each lake.
- Exotic species control; Zebra Mussels, Purple Loosestrife, Buckthorn, Garlic Mustard, Yellow Water Iris, Eurasian Water Milfoil, Starry Stonewart (SSW), and others.

(see above)

- Stormwater management issues in each of the Lake's watersheds

Little Cedar Lake updated the commissioners on the status of some roadwork that the County is working on near Little Cedar Lake

Silver Lake has had a study done in regard to the different issues with runoff, etc. They have found that a large amount of water is coming from Big Cedar Lake. They have placed water "traps" that the storm water will drain into and be filtered somewhat which the county will clean out occasionally.

- Attendance at 2018 Boating Safety Classes

Dan Carroll informed that commissioners that there were two sessions for 2018. Enrollment was down, and it is thought that many people are taking online courses offered by the DNR. One of the sessions had approximately 7 students, and the second had approximately 13 students.

- Control of water levels: 2018 experience.

Mary Therese Breger from Little Cedar Lake noted that with the large amounts of rainfall in late August and early September the water levels fluctuated immensely. She also noted that it was learned that the protocol for controlling the water of Big Cedar Lake by using the dam operated by Maclay greatly affects the incoming waters to Little Cedar Lake. Little Cedar Lake water level increased by 21 inches in a very short amount of time, once the dam on Big Cedar Lake was adjusted for high waters on Big Cedar. It was noted that all three lakes had a SNW order in effect for a few days with the rain amounts.

- Other topics raised by the Commissioners or other attendees of the meeting.

David Anderson raised the question of if the tri-lakes group will again be participating and funding studies that are ongoing on the three lakes. Dan Carroll will be forwarding a requested report from Brad Steckert of Washington County which will include details of the studies that were done and a breakdown analysis. Partial funding was given by Washington County and Waukesha County.

There was also discussion about researching the starry stonewort trouble on Little Cedar Lake and actions necessary to eradicate the plants as soon as possible.

A Silver Lake commissioner also commended Dan Carroll for the work done by the Water Safety Patrol Officers and the other district employees for the 2018 Summer season.

5. Adjourn

Roger Walsh moved to adjourn. Brian Krebs seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by Julie Riley.