



**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES of 8/11/2018**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Sorenson at 8:00 a.m.

A. Roll Call:

Present: Jack Sorenson, Ron Diederich, Jim Kroeplin, Greg Wisniewski, John Summers, Don Sukala and Sue Pruessing.

B. Approve Agenda:

The agenda was unanimously approved on a Sukala / Kroeplin motion.

C. Approve Minutes:

A Wisniewski / Summers motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2018 passed unanimously.

D. Community Comments:

Chairman Sorenson introduced Sue Pruessing who is the new county board appointee to the lake district board. She is a Supervisor on the County Board.

Jerry Peterson asked if the District knew who may be chemically treating the bog in Don Jean Bay. Herb Sharpless gets a yearly permit to remove purple loosestrife in the area.

Sandy Schershel questioned whose responsibility it is to remove dead trees from the water because he thinks the tree in the channel between Middle and Green Lakes is an eyesore. It is the riparian owner's responsibility.

E. Treasurer's Report / Continue 2019 Budget Discussion

Wisniewski noted that current bank balances (attached) were updated online. He adjusted the proposed budget as was discussed at the previous meeting. He looked at the WSP costs again and pointed out that the District pays the cost of the Water Safety Patrol up front, and then \$40,000 is reimbursed from the Town to pay expenses for their boat and there is a reimbursement from the DNR at the end of the year after an audit – the last two yearly reimbursements from the DNR were \$60,000 and \$67,000. The District pays

expenses for its boats. The WSP projection is a bit higher at \$54,000 this year because WSP salaries went up.

The proposed 2019 budget is \$256,000 with a levy amount of \$182,459, about \$20,000 less than last year (attached).

Comments:

Joe Dahir thinks money should be added to the budget for a 15-foot-high mesh fence behind #4 green to prevent golf balls from entering the highway. Wisniewski explained that the next item for discussion was funding for golf course capital projects. Historically, the golf course has been responsible for funding all of its own maintenance – a new roof, tree trimming, regular maintenance projects – but the course doesn't have the funding to take care of major capital improvements like new cart paths, fixing the bunkers, etc. We do have an equipment reserve that has helped to fund maintenance equipment recently.

Dan Grunwald thinks there should funds budgeted for maintenance at the clubhouse building. Wisniewski noted that a large portion of discussion has dealt with what to do with the building. Those funds would come out of the capital reserve, which is another issue for discussion.

A Kroepflin / Summers motion passed unanimously - the proposed 2019 budget and tax levy will be presented at the annual meeting with the idea that an \$30,000 allotted for golf course improvements will be discussed at the annual meeting.

The board also addressed the reserve accounts for the APM, golf course, and water safety patrol. These accounts can only be used for equipment.

- APM reserve: we are not proposing to add funds to the APM equipment reserve for 2019, as it is adequate at this time. We are hoping to keep the harvester going and are not planning a harvester purchase.
- Water Safety Patrol: \$15,000 of the equipment reserve was used to replace a motor this Spring. Both boats have new engines and are in pretty good condition. We will remove \$45,000 from the WSP equipment reserve and move it to the LLCC equipment reserve.
- Golf Course Equipment Reserve: proposed \$45,000 be moved into the golf course equipment reserve from the WSP equipment reserve to fund it at \$76,000 to be prepared if something should happen to the pump house – that is the “wild card” for the golf operation. This does not affect the tax levy.

The board also discussed the possibility of asking the electorate if they would like to utilize approximately \$40,000 from the existing capital reserve account (\$108,000) to relocate the golf course driveway to Sterlingworth Drive. After much discussion and many comments from constituents, the board decided not to add this item to the 2019 budget discussion for the annual meeting.

A Kroepflin / Summers motion passed unanimously - to recommend adjustments to the reserve accounts at the annual meeting as proposed (\$45,000 to be moved from WSP to LLCC). The Dam Reserve and Aquatic Plant Management reserves will stay the same.

F. Project Reports:

Clubhouse – John Summers introduced Mark Polocus, an engineer who has looked over the clubhouse, and who attended the meeting to address the possibility of renovating or rebuilding the existing clubhouse.

Mark Polocus: The structure is certainly not up to today's code standards. He hasn't gone in to detail in terms of rehab for the building, but rehab would be possible. The building could be rebuilt in the same character. We could do a more comprehensive study for rehab of the building to bring it up to code and come up with a cost proposal – and at the same time come up with a preliminary plan and budget numbers for rebuilding. Then we would be able to compare the cost for rehab or rebuild. The parking costs in last year's proposal could be alleviated if we were able to stay in the existing footprint and not change the use of the building. If we make the building bigger or change its use, we could lose its grandfathering. The well and septic may need to be updated as well.

Septic – Summers reported that there is nothing new to report.

Piers – Michael, the new hire for pier inspector didn't work out, so Summers will be acting as the pier inspector until a replacement can be found and he continues to work toward writing an agreement with the Town.

Water Safety Patrol – Diederich reported that we have had one OWI arrest. Nothing else new to report.

Aquatic Plant Management – Wisniewski reported that they have removed 175 tons of weeds through the third week of July. Equipment is operating okay. The harvester bumped a pier, which has been taken care of.

Dam – Kroeplin reported that the Sterlingworth Easement has been recorded with the County. He has been in contact with the DNR about our original low-bid contractor whom he still hopes to use. The DNR suggested that we get in touch with other bidders as well, so we have done that and are awaiting responses from them. We are still hoping to move forward with the dam improvements in fall.

Town – Sukala noted that the Town is remodeling and expanding their garage as they are running out of space. The Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Department Steak Fry was later that day at the Lauderdale Landing. The Town has a meeting Monday and primary elections are Tuesday.

County – Pruessing had nothing new to report.

Golf Course – Sorenson reported that the golf course is having a good season after a slow start due to weather. The course is in great shape.

G. Other business:

The Lauderdale LaGrange Fire Department Steak Fry is later today.

Bill Hamilton filed nomination papers for the Commissioner election at the annual meeting. John Summers, Jack Sorenson and Bill Hamilton will appear on the ballot. The District Dialogue will be in mailboxes soon.

The next meeting will be the annual meeting on September 1st.

Jerry Peterson reported that Lake Beulah has limited wake board activity to areas that are 200 feet from shore. They have adjusted the buoys accordingly.

J. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. on a Sukala / Diederich motion.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea White.

**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2019 BUDGET / TAX LEVY**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
			2017 Rev/Exp. (unaudited)	2018 Approved Budget	2018 Rev/Exp YTD 6/30	2018 Projected 12/31	2019 Proposed Budget
1	PROJECTS						
2	Aquatic Plant Management W/O Add'l Res.		47,613	49,550	16,850	50,000	50,000
3							
4	Dam Maintenance		248	4,000	1,210	4,000	3,000
5	Septic Pumping						
6	Pumping Cost	52,408					
7	Special Charge Receipts Lagrange Sugar Cr	(48,771)					
8	Net Septic Pumping		3,637	2,600	(28,966)	2,000	2,600
9							
10	Environmental Projects						
11	Clean Boats Clean Waters		17,400	21,500	4,238	21,000	21,000
12	Cost	7,725					
13	Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant Receipts	(5,794)					
14	Net Clean Boats Clean Waters		1,931	2,000	120	2,000	2,000
15							
16	Pier Inspection & Permit Fee Receipts		961	2,750	788	3,000	4,000
17							
18	Insurance W/O WSP & Golf		30,379	10,600	(3,318)	10,000	15,000
19							
20	Professional Services						
21	Professional Fees - Legal		4,290	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
22	Professional Fees - Accounting & Audit		7,830	10,400	2,147	10,000	10,400
23	Professional Fees - Hwy 12 Consultant		15,625	18,000	7,500	9,000	-
	General Lake District Costs - Administration, Communication, Community Center, Maintenance Building		28,154	18,822	14,095	20,000	30,000
24							
25							
26	Water Safety Patrol						
27	State Aid & Town of LaGrange Receipts	(100,944)			(67,646)		
28	Cost /Reimbursement to Lagrange	117,261			103,305		
29	WSP Rev. / Exp. Net	7,387					
30	Net Water Safety Patrol		23,704	46,200		54,000	48,000
31	<i>Total</i>		181,772		50,323		
32	Golf Course						
33	Income		269,681		108,384		
34	Other income		4,460		13		
35	Cost of goods sold		(42,184)		(16,247)		
36	Expenses		(215,709)		(98,976)		
37	Net Golf Course		16,248		(6,826)		
38	Contingency Fund/Cash Year End			50,000	-	50,000	60,000

