

**Lower Spring Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District  
Quarterly Meeting-January 29th, 2011**

Called meeting to order: Al called the meeting to order at 10:05 on Saturday January 29th, 2011. Present-Al Fehrmann, Mark Ley, Linda Plennes, Tim Gorsegner-Village Pres., Jan Rooou-County Board Supervisor.

Invited guests: Susan Graham-Lake Management Coordinator and Patricia Cicero-Jefferson County Land & Water Conservation Department

Read and approve minutes: of last meeting held on August 28th, 2010, motion to accept minutes was made by Ed Shields and 2nd by Helene Coletto.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Ley handed out the treasurer's report from January 1, 2010 to December 1, 2010; accounts summary is as of December 31st, 2010. Mark explained the differences in interest income were a direct result of the low market interest rates on our deposits. The other large difference was in Harvester Operations labor cost. The harvester was not deployed for several weeks after the lake was treated.

Harvester Permit: Discussion took place regarding permit, we will submit our request to secure a Harvester Permit for 2011. Lake maps were handed out to show the areas of treatment and harvester areas as well as no harvesting areas. Jim Dixon explained our concerns with the current map. Jim noted that it was unfair that some properties cannot be harvested because of water depth limits. The new law is NR109- you can go directly to the website to read it. This law is very detailed and explains how the decision was made. Manual removable of aquatic plants is allowed and there is no limit as to how much is removed, but no mechanical removable is allowed. Jim Dixon stated that Blue Spring Lake purchased a smaller harvester to go along the shoreline. Jim asked for an explanation for the current cutting pattern to be used on the west shore line, Susan Graham replied that it was because of the kind of native aquatic plants along that shore line. Both Susan and Patricia said that our map can be modified and changed as well as the chemically treated areas, but it would need the involvement of the DRN as we move forward. It was decided to move forward to submit a request for the Harvester Permit.

Geese Depredation Plan: Bill and Beth Alvershire have agreed to take this project on again. The question was asked "what do you do with the eggs" Bill replied "I throw them in the garbage" the geese will sometimes lay more eggs and sometimes not. Over the years the number of nests made and the number of eggs laid has decreased, last year about 80 eggs were removed the year prior there were about 120 eggs. The Geese Depredation permit allows us to cover our lake, the river, and Upper Spring Lake.

Discuss status of Aquatic Plant Management Plan: Patricia has prepared the plan Al, Mark and Linda have read the plan and discussed it. Copies are available if you wish to read it. Patricia completed an overview of the plan: Characteristics of the lake, Aquatic Plants, Public Input, Previous Aquatic Plant Control, Aquatic Plant managements-Recommendations. A letter of acceptance from the board was recommended by Susan. Because we will have an approved plan, Susan stated that she has the ability to approve a longer term Harvester Permit; we could save \$1,200 over the four years. We would then have a 5 year Aquatic Plan and a 5 year Harvester permit. Patricia will provide a copy of this to the Village so that the complete plan is available for all to read on our website. Susan has also submitted our grant request that was due by February 1, 2011- now we wait, we should know if we receive the grant or not by the middle of March. If we do not receive the grant we should continue to apply going forward. The good news is that grant money is still available from

the state budget plan; it has not changed or been reduced. In order to gain credit towards our grant the subject came up about education for the public, in order to receive 1 point credit toward it we would have to log 200 hours of boating education. A long discussion as to how we could successfully meet this requirement took place. A vote was taken to move forward with the plan, all in favor, no nay votes to count.

Open Forum: A suggestion was made to write a Thank You letter to the Village for all their help and support this past year. The WAL Convention was brought up again; references to the insurance issues from our last meeting were revisited. Ed will call Peter to seek information from Peter's attorney friend. The WAL Convention is in Green Bay this year the dates are April 12, 13, 14 the district will pay for you registration.

Set next meeting Date: May 7th, 2011, Village of Palmyra Hall, 10:00 A.M.

Meeting Adjourned: meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M. Jim Dixon motioned and Steve S. 2nd.

Submitted by: Linda Plennes, Secretary