

Sylvan Lakes Metropolitan District Board Meeting 5/24/2014 5:30 PM
Lake County Public Library – Amax Room

Board Members Present:

Jerry Vargo
Alan Agee
Tracy Irving
Ginny Peros

Absent: Dick Reed

Attendees:

Ante Peros
Keith Kessenger
Greg Conway

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM

Minutes: Minutes were not available from the previous meeting and will be approved or amended at the next SLMD meeting.

Treasurer's Report: We have \$38,638.40 in our checking account after the last deposit. Tax money is deposited each month. We earn less than one percent interest a month and Alan suggested we pay off the lakes earlier. The amortization table could be adjusted with each payment. The only expense since the last meeting has been the purchase of 20 to 25 bags of bentonite for lake repairs at \$11.00 per bag. Alan will bring specific information to give a complete treasurer's report at the next meeting.

New Business:

Dick Reed is resigning his position on the board due to health and family matters. He has spoken with several members of the board and a letter is expected soon. His resignation is accepted.

Greg Conway was nominated to be appointed to Dick's existing position and a lively discussion ensued. He has signed up for a seminar on Board member duties and responsibilities and was informed of how a government entity is much different from other non-governmental boards and that he and we must be careful about any communications without board approval. The sunshine law was pointed out as an example. Jerry moved that his appointment be made. Ginny seconded and there was a unanimous approval.

Since Dick Reed was the Chairman of the Board, Ginny moved that Jerry Vargo be appointed as the new Chairman, Tracy Irving seconded and there was a unanimous

approval. Jerry accepted with the assurance that the board would be willing to step up and help at all times.

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Minutes continued

Jerry has received various communications from DOLA about this year's election cancellation. Since no one stepped forward to be on the board the existing board members were "elected" without an election. However, there has been a change to the cancellation of election law and new forms are required. Jerry has sent in the appropriate forms. Oaths of office took place for: Irv Tracy, Ginny Peros and Jerry Vargo. Greg Conway also took the oath of office for his appointment to the board.

Agenda Items:

- Water Levels and Maintenance:

Ante Peros reported that he had met with the County who came up and cleared four culverts of ice so that the snow melt would not destroy the roads. The ditches are clearing. He and Greg will be meeting May 29th at 5:00 PM at the Peros residence with Gary Hanks, the local water representative and his boss, Bruce Sutton, from the State Water Board, to discuss opening up of the head gates. For spring run-off There will also be discussions of how to prolong water availability long term. A discussion of using the importance of maintaining our natural environment to help with maintaining water in the lakes ie: wetlands- brought up issues of wildlife : frogs, salamanders, fish, deer, beaver, etc....

The County has been contacted to let them know that the SLMD, owners of the Hartner ditch No. 2, is working with the new owner of Hartner Ditch number 1, Greg Conway, and that we want to discuss future storage rights for the County's water . Ante and Greg will meet with Mike Bordogna, BOCC chairman, in the near future. Greg Conway submitted his hydrology study for Hartner Ditch number one that he will give to the County to support the combination of both lake systems to provide enough volume to support the County's water storage needs. There was also a discussion about the Memorandum of Understanding that Greg submitted that would show due diligence of the SLMD and Greg's willingness to work together. The MOU will be evaluated discussed and amended at a future date, but it does show that we have made the first step at co-operation.

Irv Tracy brought up a question about the evaporative loss issues and expenses that seem to be a major problem for lake owners. The board will look into getting a better understanding of how this works. However, Greg Conway brought up the fact that Lance Hooper has maintained a weather station in Sylvan Lakes for many years and we will contact him to see if we can evaluate how the state calculations could be adjusted to our particular situation: ie more snow, less surface area, higher elevation, etc....)

Old Business:

Mosquito Spraying:

A discussion was held as to the mosquito problem which will be coming up soon. Last year we missed getting an application/spraying as we waited too long. A motion was made and passed that the District would go ahead and order 2 applications for the summer not to exceed the \$1,000 that was dedicated to spraying in the budget. Ginny will call Colorado Mosquito Control and get a bid. Jerry also asked if she would get a bid from at least one other company for comparison or to save money.

Fiber-optic cables Pete Prestari

Website: Linda Prestarri

The Prestarri's are in Ireland at present but Greg spoke with them before they left. They will give a full report when they return, but informed Greg that a mini cell tower could be supported with the existing fiber optic cables that are installed along Hwy 24 (but would need to be extended in the Sylvan Lakes Area) but not connected. A connection node would need to be installed somewhere near Hwy 24 and Co. Road 20 – Deer Crossing Dr.. This is a SLPOA issue. The board discussed whether or not they would be able to invest in half of the expense of a website as it is not specifically mentioned in our service plan. Jerry pointed out that as elected officials we need to keep our constituents informed and so it should be a valid expense. We will continue to discuss the matter with the SLPOA who is willing to share the expense and create an informational site for both entities.

Greg Conway submitted his extensive Wildfire Mitigation Plan to the board and explained the grant work he has done. This plan is more for the Sylvan Lakes Property Owners Assoc. but he will keep everyone informed. Irv brought out a print out of House Bill 14-1009 which is a tax credit for Wildfire Mitigation work and suggested that it be looked into to support the work that has already been done.

There being no other discussion, Ginny Peros made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jerry seconded and all approved.

The next meeting will be announced at a future date.