

Sylvan Lakes Metropolitan District Regular Meeting 8/5/15 4:00 PM
Lake County Public Library - AMAX Room

Board Members Present:

Ginny Peros

Greg Conway

Jerry Vargo

Irv Tracy

Alan Agee via phone if needed

Attendees:

Ante Peros

Chick Ritacco

Pete Prestarri

Jeff Borek

Meeting was called to order at 4:10 PM

Minutes: 7/25/15 minutes read, added to and then Greg made a motion to approve the minutes, Irv seconded – no further discussion. All in favor

It was decided to put the minutes and Treasurer's report on the website – Greg made the motion, Jerry seconded. All in Favor.

Treasurer's report:

7/31/15 Check Statement \$29,926.45

check no. 522 for \$5,326.98 paid Monson

7/13/15 Deposit – Lake County \$6,663.97 plus 1.94 in interest

No recent statement – Alan will do a quick estimate of balance \$26,944.00-

Recent bills paid \$3,00.00 to TZA

Ginny made a motion to accept the treasurer's report

\$30,417.18 received so far from the County.

8507.00 so far to Monson this

5564.00 to TZA

SDA dues \$300.00

Insurance \$100.00

Liability Pool \$3,000.00

Irv made a point that we have an unknown amount for the CSU Water Lease and MM Lawyers.

Ante talked to Tom Dea yesterday and we do have the CSU lease.

WATER:

Greg presented his Summary of Parshall Flume and Staff Gauge, Lake Measurement Results.

3 stages: Experimenting with gauge levels –Hartner 2
Middle of July diurnal bump (rain storm). We lose .38 cfs of water through seepage and evaporation.

The lakes were turned off August 6, 2015. There is a chart to go over the decay of the lakes after the gate was turned off. Chickadee decayed the fastest. Between August 6 to August 19th Greg gathered all of the data. September 3rd he collected all of the data.

Pie chart is a little simpler – H2 28 Da7 (9.86 af). – Shows how much water we lost in 28 days. How much I evaporation and how much was seepage. Greg reviewed all of the charts (Attached). We should compare our numbers to the Hayden pond, which is a similar lake, but at a lower altitude and is in the open. Ginny will call Mike Conlin to see where we could get their information.

Alan asked if we need to do more testing but the state gave us a number and that will be less expensive. It was suggested we make some improvements to the ditches and make sure we are losing less water. We use the errant ditch by Lake Flora as an emergency outflow in case there is an over amount of water from Chickadee. But we could block it with sand bags to be removed in case of an emergency. Greg suggested we could put in a $\frac{3}{4}$ in air tube would increase the flow. Improve the grate covering the water output in Chickadee. Alan suggested re-bar. Could we put a netting before the opening to prevent the debris from getting stuck in the pipe? We could call Homestake and see how they maintain their ditches and outflows. Could we remove/burn some of the vegetation to help with the flow and mitigate some of the leakage?

Irv suggested we have a love your Lakes work weekend and call on volunteers and form a partnership with the SLPOA to create green space and useable community areas.

He also went through the presentation he and Greg put together for the estimated acre-feet needed to restore ponds to full condition. He thanked Greg for all of his work and photos – invaluable. It shows that the Twin Lake Shares could be used to fill the lakes as it shows in the paperwork 3.68 acres. (attached). We discussed trying to fill the lakes before winter. Gary Hanks has given Ante permission to divert more water from W. Tennessee into our head gate No. 2. The CSU lease is for 2015? We have to be prepared to pay the CSU lease at \$100.00/cfs. The more we refresh the lakes could help with their sustainability. It will freeze in the lakes and the water will stay until next spring.

Irv made a motion that Greg be the poc with the division 2 – district 11 for all SEO accounting actions to include board approved water requests – district coordination to turn on, set and turn off water. Ante would be the secondary contact and will still maintain Hartner #2 System. Greg seconded – no more discussion. All in favor. Ante suggested that we put together paperwork/contract between Hartner #2 and Hartner #1 (SLMD and Greg).

Irv made a motion to use any water we have this year (CSU lease, Twin Lakes shares and any water from MMLE & TC) to fill Sylvan Lakes in the Hartner #2 system only. If there is extra water we could lease it to Greg – but we need to be careful with

taxpayers money- the public lakes vs. private lakes – We need to be very transparent.

There is also a response from the Attorney for the HTC that they are willing to work with us to lease their extra credit water. Someone did not explain our lease to them properly. We will have to see if the Boards could get together to discuss how to come to terms. Irv asked Jerry to call Tom to get clarification.

Irv made a motion that the acre-feet we receive from CSU we get all at one time as the water levels are low and to try to fill the lakes now. It could help us prove that the leakage might be less if we keep the lakes full in the winter. Greg seconded.

Discussion. All in favor.

Finished up with Irv's recommendations.

Letter from Tom Dea to Steve Witte, P.E. State Engineer

RE: Administrative Exchange Request for Sylvan Lakes, Lake County, Water Division 2, District 11. Attached.

Copy of SLMD proposed budget from Alan Agee. We will add in Maintenance Contract budget item of \$5,000.00, which will make our ending balance of \$9,000.00

Indian Springs (Standley's old property – the Egas' now) needs to be addressed. Pete feels it is a health issue and needs to be cleaned up.

Wurtz Homestead papers were brought in by Pete Prestarri – water rights and ditches came with the Homestead. Archived in Denver – could we find out how we lost our water rights?

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Next meeting will be Saturday November 21, 2015 at 4:00 PM at the Lake County Public Library in the AMAX room.