Minutes of the December 10, 2011
Regular Commissioners Meeting of the

JOHN’S LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The John’s Lake Management District commissioners meeting was held at the Mountain View Community Center. The meeting was called to order by President Mike Ales at 11:00 am.

Commissioners present: Mike Ales, Paul Jarvis and Ted Miller. The agenda was presented as published for approval. Motion to approve/second/passed.

The minutes from the May 28, 2011 meeting have been mailed. Mike noted a correction to 2012 budget. A motion was made to approve/second/passed.

Treasurer’s report: Presented. Our current account balance is $8,634.75.

Accounts payable: Chad Cason presented a bill for EWM treatment. Mike will forward this on to John.

Old Business:

Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment update: Chad Cason was present to discuss our lake treatment. He has been providing this service for several years with great results. Chad discussed the recurrent EWM problem in the bay and below the inlet on the Allbaugh property. He suggests a liquid form of 2,4-D that won’t sink into the muck this year for these problem areas. The treatment may disperse, and we will know in a couple of weeks if it works better than the granules. The liquid is a cheaper alternative to the granules. Chad will again help us with mapping the lake and seeking treatment permits from the DNR.

New Business: Fishing Committee report: Dave Byhardt reiterated the decline in fishing even in the last six years. Dave Bartz, DNR Fish Biologist, was asked to come and answer questions regarding stocking and habitat. Our fishery will not improve without structure for fish to feed, grow and survive in. The easiest and quickest solutions are to drop trees near the shoreline and bundle brush under piers. Individual property owners can place a fish crib in their riparian zone without a permit. Please refer to the DNR website for instructions and limitations. The most recent Fish Survey from 2009 confirmed small numbers of pan fish and many bass below minimum size. The state has been slow to respond to our request to eliminate size limits for bass on our lake. This might help pan fish thrive, and decrease competition for bass to grow larger. Rule changes may become even slower with the current discussions in Madison.

Our next step is to pursue tree drops on district frontage, possibly using trees from an adjoining property. The trees could be harvested and staged before deep snow, then dragged into position after the lake freezes. Ted made a motion to approve spending up to $500 towards fish habitat improvement. Seconded by Mike and passed. Dave Byhardt will explore this further with Kirk and Becky Cram and possibly schedule a work weekend for interested members. Ted volunteered to email and mail out requests for participants when a date is selected. Fish cribs were discussed again. Tree drops and brush bundles under piers will be the first improvements made.

Dave Bartz was asked about stocking other species besides trout. Until the lake structure improves, this would likely be money thrown away.

Individual Commissioner’s Comments: There were no additional items brought forward from the board.

Individual Members Comments:

12:00 pm Motion to adjourn/second/passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

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