

ELTA Board Meeting Minutes

July 29, 2019

7:00 PM

Amy's House

Agenda

- Roll Call
- President Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee Review/Reports
 - Lake Quality
 - Communication
 - Safety/Legal
 - Area Rep/Membership
 - Long-term Legal Lake Level
- Round Table
- Adjournment

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Len Bosma, Brett Cummings, Amy Coon, Steve Ott, Kasi (Casterline) Barrow, Jim Caporale, Frank Loedeman

Members Absent: Ken Toy, Phil DeYoung

President's Report

The lake is finally going down! Not much else to report at the moment.

Treasurer's Report

Jim presented the Treasurer's Report. Nothing major to report in any of the 3 accounts. The expenditures have all been as expected. There was discussion on the SAD 1 budget and the fact that no new funds will be allocated until 2023 so that gives us \$30k or less to use each year for weed control. There is a possibility that we could cut back a little on bioaugmentation in SAD 2 and use some of those funds to supplement our weed treatment if necessary.

Lake Quality

Aeration is on hold for the remainder of 2019. We have had 2 bioaugmentation treatments so far and have another one coming in August.

Communications

Ken was out of town. We are shooting to have the next newsletter out in mid-August.

Legal/Safety

Nothing to report at this time.

Membership

We are at about 70% (235) right now for membership.

Area Reps

Nothing new to report at this time.

Long-Term Legal Lake Level

Len and Phil reported back after the last Taskforce (Township level) meeting. It was a positive meeting and there seemed to be good momentum towards a long-term solution. The engineers are suggesting a horizontal drain and filter system that eliminates the need for anything mechanical. The Taskforce has recommended one for each lake.

Routes have been identified and the Township/engineers are approaching the necessary property owners to see if they can get approvals for easements. 5 easements have been identified from Eagle to Crooked and 1 from Crooked to the wetland.

They are estimating \$1.7 Million for the total budget. The engineers are trying to figure out a timeline for when we switch from the short-term solution to the long-term (as far as the lake levels go). Tom Wheat should be reporting back in the near future with updated estimates.

The Taskforce has recommended that the lake subcommittees hold off on the legal lake level petitions until they get agreement on the easements. VanBelle has openly stated that he has no interest in the augmentation wells. He was asked if he would sign a memorandum of understanding for the pump policy that he would acknowledge.

The SAD being considered will likely consist 3-4 tiers based on impact but that could change.

There was discussion on holding a joint meeting with Crooked Lake for information sessions. There are some reasons why this makes sense and some why it doesn't. We will revisit the topic once we get all the information we need to hold the sessions.

Jeff VanBelle has utilized an attorney out of Okemos for legal lake levels before and he suggested that maybe everyone could use her to cut down on costs and expedite the process. The subcommittee will look into whether this is a viable option or not.

Matt Vernon volunteered to interview some attorneys to see what they would do for us and what kind of cost estimates they could provide. He is working on it and will report

back to the subcommittee.

Len suggested a second petition for the subcommittee to look into and present to the drain commissioner recommending 899.84 to be our legal lake level, which is the current high-water mark.

Next Board Meeting

The next meeting will be the annual meeting on September 9th at the church on 5th Street 7:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM