

# Mid Lake Protection and Management District

Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 11, 2023  
7:00 p.m. CST  
Virtual (Zoom)

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## **Board of Commissioners**

Present: Joe Pilarski, Barb Coulter-Smith, Robert Grant, Scott Bullock, Andy Bullock, Mike Timmons, and Jim Winkler

Joe Pilarski called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

## **Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed by the quorum. The meeting commenced accordingly.

## **Budget Report**

The Budget Report was provided by Barb Coulter-Smith.

Final numbers for 2022: Projected loss - \$22,248 / Actual loss - \$15,194. For 2023 the projected loss is \$17,000.

Joe Smith spoke to Lentz for the use of a truck and may have found an alternative solution for insurance through State Farm. Additionally, Joe was also able to fix the harvester himself without having to arrange a professional repair. Mill rate projection for 2024 is estimated to be \$31,538. This will lead to a projected loss of \$8,000. Payroll numbers were lower than expected last year due to light weeds. The only projected expense with a significant increase is aquatic plant management. Hand pulling is approximately \$2,000/day. Mike Timmons explained to the group that tax income comes in three separate checks. Two are early in the year and the last is in July/August timeframe. Currently there is no reevaluation planned for properties taxes. Mike also brought up the concern over wages. Due to the labor shortage, it is difficult to find people willing to work \$16/hr. Robert Grant suggested raising payroll to account for higher labor costs. Barb verified that weed pickup requires that employees are 18 years old because they ride on the machine. The district cash reserves are being maintained by the board in order to combat any invasive weed surge.

## **Board member approval requirements to represent the District**

Mike Timmons continued this topic from the previous meeting. Mike provided the following statement, "Any person can have their own opinion on issues for Mid Lake, but to speak for the district the following shall apply: any member of the Mid Lake Protection and Management District to represent the district shall have permission to do so. To be granted permission, a meeting of the whole body or the board at a posted/published meeting shall be granted that approval. Any board member may be removed from office for doing so without said permission. This would not apply to board members doing specific duties that need continuing action for representation (day-to-day operations)." This By-law addendum (or some modification thereof) can be added to the agenda for the annual meeting.

**In person Aquatic Invasive Species Workshop with Stephanie Boismenu Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator and Conservation Technician Oneida County Land & Water Conservation**

Joe has been in contact with Stephanie Boismenu (through Jim). She is unable to come to our annual meeting but is available at other times. She can come do in-person aquatic invasive workshop on Mid Lake. The proposed location would be at Grundy point. Joe was trying to decide the best week to hold this workshop. This would be AIS identification and monitoring tailored for Mid Lake. The consensus is to try and hold the workshop the week after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Tentatively with will be held the weekend of 7/8/23. Joe had forwarded Stephanie the comprehensive management plan.

**Water Sample Collection for next Summer**

Barb's neighbor Dennis has been doing the water samples for the DNR. This summer will be his last summer. He is willing to train another person. We will bring it up during the annual meeting in order to try and find a volunteer.

**Onterra proposal update**

Joe has confirmed with Onterra that we are on their list for this summer.

**Comments**

Jim – Provided the conservation department website on the zoom chat and will bring some business cards to the annual meeting.

Andy – wanted to take a moment to thank Robert Grant for all the extraordinary effort he has given to the Board over the last nine years. He has gone above and beyond time and time again.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be the annual meeting held in-person on 7/1/23 at 8:00 a.m.

**Adjourn**

After the agenda was completed, Joe adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

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*Minutes recorded by Scott Bullock, Secretary.*

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