



**Little Tamarack Flowage Baker Spring
Lake Protection and Rehabilitation
District**

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**Minutes of the 2020 Annual Meeting of the Little Tamarack Flowage Baker Spring Lake District,
July 4, 2020, Conover Town Park**

Board Chairman, Karl Jennrich called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Karl introduced Board of Commissioners members, Karl Jennrich, Chairperson, Clancy Senechalle, Vice-Chair and Secretary, Bob Vogt, and Al Williamson, Treasurer. Recording secretary, Bob Senechalle was introduced also. Commissioner Vern Wiggerhauser, the County Board appointee, was absent due to illness.

Karl led those in attendance with the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Virginia (Ginny) Steber, seconded by Karl Frederick, to approve the agenda for today's annual meeting.. That motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Christine Kronsoble and seconded by Dick Steber to approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting. That motion carried by unanimous vote.

Karl gave his Chairperson's report. Highlights were his reminder that Sue Holloway and Nancy Vogt were the Lake District's representatives on the Conover Lakes Committee. Committee reports are available on the Town website. The Lake District Board Member Manual first draft is complete. This will be a helpful resource for new Board members, summarizing the duties of the Board and then of each of the particular officers of the Board. The Lake District's \$150,000 loan from the Wisconsin Department of Public Lands, taken to fund our Dam reconstruction project, has been repaid in full. Karl invited anyone interested to talk to Sue Holloway about improvements to the Lake District Website.

Al Williamson presented the Treasurer's Report. He reiterated that with the payment he made this spring to the WI Dept. of Public Lands, our construction loan is fully repaid. Al explained the difference in the District's two Bank Accounts, the operating account, which is a checking account, used to pay the day to day bills of the District and the Non-Lapsable fund, which is our savings account. The Non-lapsable account must be segregated and used only for capitol or other extraordinary expenses such as dam repair or improvement, dam inspection costs, or expenses related to water quality issues or presence of invasive species.

Al had a written Treasurer's report, which he read to the meeting. Al explained that, as anticipated at last year's annual meeting, a contribution from the non-lapsable fund was needed to bridge the gap from funds on hand in the operating account so that there was sufficient moneys to make the final loan payment. To accomplish this, \$2500.00 was taken from the non-lapsable fund and used towards the final loan payment in March, 2020. When the final installment of the 2019 tax levy is received by the Lake District in August, 2020, the \$2500 contribution will be repaid to the non-lapsable fund

Al then went over and explained the proposed Budget to those present. Al explained that the proposed \$7000.00 tax levy would allow the Board to pay its regular operating expenses and have at least \$4000 to contribute to the non-lapsable fund. Al explained that this savings plan would help reduce the need for future large levies in the event that an issue arose with the water bodies or our dam that required a significant expenditure of funds. A motion was made by Karl Frederick and seconded by Nancy Vogt to approve the proposed 2020/21 budget and tax levy. That motion carried by unanimous vote.

Karl Jennrich reported that the Audit Committee (Karl Jennrich and Clancy Senechalle) conducted an audit of the Treasurer's books and bank records for this fiscal year. Some additional bank statements and a cancelled check were not yet available so the Audit will be completed in the next two months. What was available looked to be in proper order.

Rich Ruffalo gave his dam tender's report. Rich gave a summary of significant precipitation events during the year and actions that he has taken. Rich recommended last fall that a half log be removed in anticipation of winter freeze and that it be replaced in the spring after thaw and when water levels indicated time for replacement. The Board met late last fall to consider Rich's recommendation. Some Board members did not find that conditions warranted the removal of the half log until spring. Instead, a motion was made and carried that the dam tender be given authority to remove the ½ log but that it be replaced in two weeks. Rich concluded that the effort to remove the cover to the dam, remove the ½ log only to replace it in a few weeks was not worth the time and effort.

Rich reported high lake levels this spring with water over some docks and some water on shorelines. As the spring progressed, the lake levels gradually subsided and are at normal level as of the time of this Annual meeting.

Rich recommended to those at the meeting and the Board members present that if water levels are up in the fall, one log be removed as a winter draw down. It would then be replaced in the spring when water levels indicated the appropriate time for its reinstallation.

Bob Vogt suggested that any decision about a fall draw down be made on a year-to-year basis in the fall, and taking into consideration the lake level at the time the draw down is being considered. Any predetermined draw down that doesn't take the then existing lake levels into account should not be done.

Lon Mosbrucker voiced concern about the high spring lake levels and the resulting flooding of his pier and erosion of shoreline. Lon voiced support of Rich's suggestion of a fall draw down.

Sue Holloway's "Conover Lakes Committee" report was read by Clancy Senechalle. Sue was unable to attend the meeting. Sue's report outlined the history of the formation of the Lakes Committee and discussed its mission and goals. A list of all the member lakes was read. Sue and Nancy Vogt will continue to attend the committee's meeting as representatives of the Lake District.

Clancy Senechalle, as board secretary, distributed ballots to fill the commissioner vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Al Williamson. Al has agreed to serve another term and the Board has nominated him for the vacancy. Clancy counted the ballots. 17 of the 18 ballots cast were votes for Al Williamson and the remaining ballot was blank. Al Williamson was elected to serve another three-year term as commissioner.

Karl reminded the membership that Clancy Senechalle's term as secretary expires next July. A replacement needs to come forward and Karl encouraged someone to volunteer for this important position.

Karl reported on developments in the Town including the building of a new park building, repairs to Rummels road and the rebuilding of the bridge at Bauer's dam. Tom Christofferson commented on how nice the new campground is at Torch Lake.

The plan is to hold the 2021 Annual Meeting on July 3, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

A motion was made by Karl Frederick and seconded by Tom Christofferson to adjourn the meeting. That motion carried by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Clancy Senechalle, Secretary