



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

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**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES – JULY 1, 2023
CONOVER TOWN PARK**

Call to Order: Chairman, Karl Jennrich, called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

Welcome: Karl welcomed all those in attendance.

Board Introductions: Karl introduced the members of the Board, all of whom were present: Karl Jennrich, Town of Conover appointee and Chairperson, Kay Yanke, Secretary, Bob Vogt, Vice Chairperson, Al Williamson, Treasurer and the Vilas County appointee Joe Muehlbach. Karl also introduced Nancy Vogt, Recording Secretary and Tom Setum, Dam Tender.

Agenda Approval: Al Williamson moved to approve the agenda; Bob Vogt seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Minutes Approval: Kay Yanke moved to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2022 annual meeting; Virginia Steber seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman's Report: The District received a report from the DNR after a field visit regarding the number of logs in the dam and reached out to Chris Goodwin, the Ayres engineer who oversaw construction of the dam. Chris offered to assist the district at a cost of \$25,000. The Board decided not to proceed with engaging Ayres at this time. A lake level survey was sent to property owners with a good response. The Board will review the results at their meeting following this meeting.

Treasurer's Report: The balance in the checking account as of July 1st is \$2,668.00. The balance in the non-lapsable fund is \$24,201.61. Total cash assets are \$26,870.01. The District's books were audited by Jen Steiner. She noted they are in good order but recommended the monthly financial statements match the bank statements. This recommendation will be implemented. Clancy Senechalle moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Ron Dorushka seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

2023-2024 Budget: Al Williamson presented the proposed budget (see Attachment) for the coming year and the Board recommended a \$7,000 tax levy. Bob Vogt moved to approve the budget and the \$7,000 tax levy; Virginia Steber seconded. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Proposal to Remove Article V from Bylaws: Kay Yanke noted it is difficult for some board members to travel in winter and requested to remove the bylaw that only allows a commissioner to attend one meeting via phone. Following a discussion regarding removing the bylaw versus amending it, Kay Yanke moved to amend Article V. 2. by striking once, and replacing it with three times; Tom Setum seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of Candidates for Commissioner Position: Al Williamson's Commissioner position is expiring. Jim Hessenauer and Tracy Dahms have been nominated and introduced themselves.

Election: A secret ballot election was held to fill the expiring Commissioner position. The results were Tracy Dahms 15; Jim Hessenauer 14. Due to the close election, ballots were counted three times.

Dam Tender Report: Land O'Lakes had 161 inches of snow this past winter, which was 50 inches more than last year and set a new record. Frost was out of the ground a month sooner this year than last year. That, along with a more gradual snow melt and fewer April rain showers resulted in the Flowage not going over its embankment and not flooding property like last year. A log was removed on May 3 because the water was on its way to eventually top the embankment. The staff gauge was not yet installed so a reading was not available. The buoys were installed May 7th. North Lakeland Discovery Center installed the gauge on May 12th. The log was re-installed on May 18th because the water level had stabilized. The Dam Tender noted the elevation of 1,672 feet is not normal pool in his opinion and expressed concern that navigation will soon become difficult due to the low water level.

Water Quality Committee: Committee members are Clancy Senechalle, Sue Holloway, Kay Yanke, Bonnie Mosbrucker, Mary & Tracy Dahms, Scott Gerloski and Betty Setum. Sue Holloway reported that she participates on the Conover Town Lakes Committee and a report for the District is submitted annually. The Water Quality Committee has monitored nutrients in Baker Lake. We are in the last year of a 3-year grant to test for nutrients. Phosphorus levels on Baker Lake have gone down slightly and are at the high end of the healthy level. Bonnie Mosbrucker reported that Secchi readings on Baker Lake are averaging 4-5 feet and have remained steady. There was a blue-green algae bloom on a couple shoreline areas on Baker Lake this past October. The Phragmites eradication was postponed until this year because the plants were poisoned last year by someone. The Committee requested leaving the Phragmites alone so that eradication can take place this year.

Loon Report: Kay Yanke reported that black flies took over the Flowage, Spring and Baker loons. They re-nested, but only the Baker Lake loons hatched two chicks.

Bat Monitoring: Bonnie Mosbrucker reported that monitoring continues. Sue Holloway reported that some improvement in bat numbers has been noted.

Public Comment: Karl Jennrich invited public comment. One property owner requested more expansive minutes. Another questioned if the current road construction might improve the fire rating for insurance.

Closing Comments: Karl Jennrich expressed appreciation to Al Williamson for his service as commissioner and treasurer. He also expressed appreciation to the two election candidates for their willingness to serve, plus former Board members Rich Ruffalo, Mark Tuttle, George Holloway and former recording secretary Bob Senechalle. Karl noted this is the 10th anniversary of the Lake District and reviewed the history of forming the District.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:07 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Yanke
Secretary