



SLPID Monthly Meeting

January 21, 2021

Due to the ongoing pandemic, meeting held via ZOOM.

Call to order at 6:30

Organizational resolution meeting. Attached are resolutions to these minutes.

Motion to close Organizational Resolution meeting at 6:49 pm

Regular meeting

Call to order at 6:49 pm, presiding Chair Kathy Simmonds

Commissioners present: Town of Stillwater-Karl Hardcastle, Town of Saratoga-Tom Carringi, Commissioner at Large-Victor Mazzotti, City of Saratoga- Kathy Simmonds, Town of Malta- Walter Supley.

Commissioners absent- None

Staff present: SLPID Recording Secretary, Deborah Curto, SLPID Lake Administrator: Cristina Connolly

Others present: Lake Consultants- Tracey Clothier, Dean Long. Assistant Treasurer- Michael VanPatten.

Excused: Weed Harvesting Supervisor: Lonnie VanBuren.

Public present: John Cashin

Public Comments:

Secretary reminded Commissioners and the public, comments are limited to 3 minutes and the board is not to engage in public comment.

John Cashin thanked the board especially Tracey Clothier and Dean Long. He would like to have clarification of SLPID's policy to not get involved in land use issues and only comments on the extent of potential impacts on the water quality of the lake.

PRESENTATIONS:

Secretary Report (Deborah Curto)

*December minutes presented:

Discussion: A review of the December minutes were presented. The Bylaws were sent to the County Board of Supervisors. Karl Hardcastle questioned whether an oath of office had to be taken as well as a conflict-of-interest statement. Secretary stated this would come from the county. Walter stated he did not see his email with the conflict-of-interest statement or sexual harassment document, Cristina Connolly will re-send documents. Documents must be signed and sent back to her either scanned, a photo, in-person or mail.

The following documents/exhibits used at the meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Draft Minutes

Motion to accept December minutes:

First: T. Carringi

Second: V. Mazzotti

All members present voted: YES

Treasurer Report (Mike VanPatten)

*Present monthly bills to be paid.

Discussion: The register report and statement of revenue and expenditures were distributed to Commissioners via email before the meeting for review for \$5,589.99

Motion to accept to pay the monthly bills:

First: V. Mazzotti

Second: W. Supley

All members present voted: YES

Treasurer's monthly report: 2020 and 2021 Budget Concerns

Discussion: Mike cautioned the board on any further spending. The detailed budget calculations are on the attached report. Mike explained SLPID's biggest expense for 2020 was herbicide treatments. The herbicide treatment far exceeded the budget and recommendation for 2020 treatment. Commissioners need to be cautious on further spending for 2021. Mike explained, years past, Commissioner Joe Finn was assigned to oversee the herbicide program with Solitude and keep the application and costs down. Since Commissioner Finn, stepped down, the costs have increased, and now paying Dean Long to oversee Solitude.

The following documents/exhibits were used at the meeting:

1. Financial Statements: Balance Sheet, Income Statement.
2. Monthly Bank Reconciliations
3. Weekly Payroll Reports
4. Monthly Vendor and Invoices

Motion to accept Treasurer's report:

First: V. Mazzotti

Second: W. Supley

All members present voted: YES

Lake Administrator (Cristina Connolly)

1. Safety Report-
2. Lake Steward Report-
3. Lake Admin. Report-

Discussion: Safety Issues: No report

Lake Stewards: No report. Planning and Meetings will begin next week.

Deposits on new harvesting equipment have been made. Karl questioned whether all fees are included. i.e. shipping. Cristina stated there will be a shipping fee on the conveyor. Karl questioned if the equipment would be here this year.

RESOLUTION # 16-2021

Whereas the Commissioners approve to Hire PublicSectorHR Consultants at a fee of \$175.00 per hour to review the SLPID HR Manual, Procurement Policy, and as needed for any HR management services to ensure SLPID is compliant with state, local, and federal laws. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commissioners direct the action for Cristina Connolly to pursue PublicSectorHR Consultants and this action be incorporated in the minutes of the District.

First: K. Simmonds

Second: T. Carringi

All Commissioners present voted: YES

RESOLUTION # 17-2021

Whereas the Commissioners approve to hire STOREDTECH Services for a Microsoft business premium plan for a one-time fee of \$1,760 and \$15 per month for setup, storage, and encryption of 3 email accounts for the Recording Secretary, Asst. Treasurer, and Lake District Administrator. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commissioners direct the

action for Cristina Connolly to pursue STOREDTECH Services and this action be incorporated in the minutes of the District.

First: K. Simmonds

Second: V. Mazzotti

All members present voted: YES

RESOLUTION # 18-2021

Whereas the Commissioners approve to hire STOREDTECH Services for a managed services plan. A one-time fee of \$1,284 and \$33 per month for remote monitoring of 3 computers with SLPID files for the Recording Secretary, Asst. Treasurer, and Lake District Administrator. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commissioners direct the action of Cristina Connolly to pursue STOREDTECH Services and this action be incorporated in the minutes of the District.

First: W. Supley

Second: V. Mazzotti

All members present voted: YES

Weed Harvesting (Lonnie VanBuren, in absence- Cristina Connolly)

Discussion: No report. Kathy Simmonds questioned if there was an update on the delivery of equipment. Cristina Connolly stated she has not heard anything different from last month, still on schedule for some time in May, no exact date has been received.

Lake Level (Commissioner Carringi)

Discussion: 200.87

Water Testing, CSLAP (Commissioner Hardcastle)

Discussion: All forms have been submitted and sent. The conference this year will be virtual, likely in April.

Aquatic Weed Control (Dean Long)

*Herbicide treatment update

*Floating island update

Discussion: Dean forwarded documents to the board for review via email. Dean's recommendation for the floating island is Bio-west. Victor Mazzotti asked if the discounted price is \$3990. The island size is 5x10. Stillwater is interested in paying for some of it. Tracey Clothier confirmed that the Town of Stillwater would be willing to pay for anything under \$10,000. Victor questioned whether SLA would be willing to pay for it. John Cashin (*not audible*) would reach out to SLA. Tracey suggested just trying Brown's Beach this year and if we have success, then move on to other locations in 2022. Victor stated that was a good idea, in the articles he read, the results have been good. He deferred to Tracey and Dean. Dean stated the evidence shows good results. John Cashin will bring it up with the SLA board at the next meeting. Walter Supley asked John Cashin if Dean and/or Tracey should attend the SLA meeting. Cristina has spoken to Eliot Creswell already and will forward further information.

Dean has been in contact with Kara at Solitude regarding the 2021 herbicide treatment plan, documents have been forwarded to the board. Milfoil treatment 73 acres down to 32 acres herbicide application zone \$53,220. The original plan for water chestnuts was 2 years of mechanical harvesting, then go back to herbicide treatment in 2022 if necessary. Expenses of mechanical control for 2020 SLPID paid over \$20,000. \$100,000 has been allocated for weed control in 2021. Victor questioned what Dean would recommend. Karl Hardcastle suggested doing a hand pull with volunteers as was done a few years ago. Dean also stated Lake Stewards can do them. Victor questioned if Skidmore had any programs that we could get students to volunteer. Cristina told the board that SLA, SRA, and Skidmore reached out to her

regarding water chestnuts in Fish Creek. They do not want to do hand pulls and were inquiring about mechanical harvesting. Cristina will be reaching out to WEEDOO for pricing and the other organizations piggybacking the use of the weedoo rental. Cristina asked if SLA, SRA could use our permit for mechanical pulls, Dean said No, they cannot. Also, with her position managing the lake stewards, she will dedicate weekly hand pulls for the chestnuts in the lake. Walter Supley suggested doing a contest/challenge. Pull weeds put them in garbage bags and the person who will the most get \$250. Just an idea to get more volunteers. Walter suggested doing a Facebook post showing how to hand pull the weeds. Commissioners were in favor of Walter's hand-pull competition. Cristina mentioned the hydro-raking last year was for 2 weeks and 2 weeks was too much time, she and Lonnie discussed one week should be adequate for 2021 and schedule regular hand pulls with the lake stewards to keep up.

Resolution # 20-2021

Whereas the Commissioners approve to accept the two attached Solitude proposals dated January 21, 2021, for use of herbicide treatments to control Eurasian watermilfoil on the east side of the lake for a fee not to exceed \$53,220.00. Solitude will prepare and submit proper permit applications to the NY State DEC for herbicide treatments for Eurasian watermilfoil with ProcellaCOR and Invasive water chestnuts with Clearcast for a lump sum fee of \$4,500. A price quote for mechanical harvesting of either the weedoo or hydro-rake of water chestnuts will be added for total fee of herbicide and mechanical treatment not to exceed \$80,720. Any change order request by Solitude will be submitted to Cristina Connolly SLPID Lake Administrator. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commissioners direct the action of Solitude Lake Management proposals and this action be incorporated in the minutes of the District.

First: V. Mazzotti

Second: K. Hardcastle

All members present voted: Yes

Grants, Watershed Management Plan (Tracey Clothier)

*Watershed management plan update

*Grant opportunity for a portable boat wash station

Discussion: Capital Region Prism Grant. This grant is to purchase a waterless boat wash that is mobile and does not require a lake steward to manage it. There is software on the machine which would monitor the usage, etc. Grant is for \$25,000, SLPID would have to pay \$12,000. (Cristina forwarded documents to Commissioners) maintenance cost is approximately \$1000 annually. The floating islands were not a good fit for this grant. If it is placed at the State launch, approvals would be required from Parks and a site would have to be identified. Mike stated the \$12,000 would come out of our remaining budget. Victor questioned if Stewarts would be able to contribute. Tracey stated that Stewarts usually caters to children and education. Walter suggested tabling it until next year. Kathy stated she would like Tracey to pursue the grant application. The grant would be issued in April. Cristina questioned if we ended up going with a tag system, would this machine be ok to use with it. Dean stated we would have to come up with a system to implement for a tag system. Tracey also indicated the mobile unit is solar and using compressed air. The machine is capable of cleaning 200 boats a day.

RESOLUTION # 19-2021

Whereas the Commissioners discussed and reviewed the CAPITAL REGION PRISM GRANT request prepared by Tracey Clothier. This grant request is for \$25,000 maximum to be used to purchase a CD3 wayside mobile unit portable boat wash station for \$37,000 with SLPID providing the balance of \$12,000 and annual maintenance costs approximately \$950. SLPID will seek partners to assist in the funding of the CD3 wash station on a long-term basis. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Commissioners direct Tracey Clothier to proceed with the grant application request and actions be incorporated in the minutes of the District meeting.

First: V. Mazzotti

Second: K. Hardcastle

All members Present voted: Yes

Communications (Commissioner Supley)

Discussion: No Report

Old Business

Victor Mazzoti has reviewed the insurance documents and consulted with the vendor. The garage is appraised at \$353,800, which means we are currently underinsured. There will be an additional cost of \$169.40 more per year for coverage. Additional \$50 per year for tools. Cristina is to contact the Insurance company to add-on the extra insurance.

New Business

None

Motion to Adjourn at 8:38 pm

First: V. Mazzotti

Second: K. Simmonds

All Present Voted: Yes