

INLAND LAKES P & R DISTRICT #1 - 5 year Budget				6/6/20
	2020	2020	2020	
	Revised Plan	June 6, 2020	Plan	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	
Tax Valuation	\$ 92,694,322		\$ 94,353,235	
Mil Rate	0.001550	143,676.20	0.000860	81,143.78
REVENUES				
Rate per parcel	\$ 200.00		\$ 100.00	
Parcels	717		719	
Tax Levy \$60/parcel	143,400.00	140,256.41	71,900.00	
Interest	30.00	212.44	200.00	
Donation- Boxes/Cash	200.00		200.00	
Grants	7,000.00			
transfer from on-lap				
Carryover	27,414.00	27,414.96	9,217.00	
TOTAL	\$178,044	167,883.81	\$81,517	
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administrative Costs				
Dues & Fees	1,675.00	775.00	900.00	
General Office	450.00	66.99	450.00	
Insurance	6,000.00		6,000.00	
Wage-Treasure	400.00		400.00	
Wage-Sect	400.00		400.00	
Wage-Comm	400.00		400.00	
Wage-Recording Sect				
Web site	1000		1000	
Volunteer Appreciation	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Total	\$11,325.00	841.99	\$10,550.00	
Aquatic Plant Control				
Electricity	400.00	194.88	400.00	
Fuel, Lube, Filters	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Maintenance, Equipment & Facility	10,000.00		5,000.00	
FICA & Tax	2,000.00	465.79	2,000.00	
Wages	14,000.00		15,000.00	
Lake Management Plan Accrual	6,000.00		6,000.00	
Aquatic Plant Survey	0.00	4,628.75	0.00	
Lake Management Plan				
Aquatic plant treatment	83,402.00		30,000.00	
Grant Expense	1,500.00	1,520.00		
Harvesting Permit				
Aquatic Plant treat Non Lapp	0.00		0.00	
Misc (First aid Kits, Fire Ext, life jackets)	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Total	\$120,302.00	6,809.42	\$61,400.00	
Information & Education				
Conferences (Mileage & Expenses)	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Newsletter	1,200.00	676.28	1,200.00	
Clean boats, Clean Water	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Lake Education	300.00		300.00	
Total	\$4,500.00	2,176.28	\$3,000.00	
Public Safety				
Sign Maintenance			300.00	
Buoy Maintenance	1,200.00		300.00	
Dock Maintenance	1,500.00	41.87	300.00	
Total	\$2,700.00	41.87	\$900.00	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	138,827.00	9,869.56	75,850.00	
Revenue less Operating TOTAL	39,217.00	158,014.25	5,667.00	
Capital Expenses				
Major Repairs - Equipment/Facilities Fund				
New Equipment Fund				
BALANCE after capital	9,217.00		5,667.00	
NON-LAPSABLE FUND				
Major Repairs - Equipment/Facilities Fund	0.00		0.00	
New Equipment Fund				
Lake Management Plan Accrual	6,000.00		12,000.00	
Aquatic Plant Treatment Accrual	0.00		0.00	

Annual Meeting Now August 22nd, 2020

(See inside for location and details)

Sign In @ 8:30am Meeting Starts @ 9am

Meeting Held @ District SHED

17223 Brookside Court

Reminder

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INLAND LAKES P & R DISTRICT #1,
2020 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER
PO Box 196
Townsend, WI. 54175-0196

Reservoir Pond and Lake District
Information inside!

INLAND LAKES P & R DISTRICT #1, TOWNSEND, WI AUGUST 2020 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

Due to COVID 19, Meeting will be held outdoors at the District Shop, 17223 Brookside Court, Saturday, August 22. Please bring a lawn chair, Suntan lotion, face mask, and practice social distancing.

CHICKEN BOOYAH WILL BE FOR SALE AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING - \$10.00/HALF GALLON. THIS IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE ANNUAL APPRECIATION DINNER.

AGENDA FOR AUGUST 22, 2020 ANNUAL MEETING

1. **9:00 a.m.**, Call to order
2. Verification of proper notice
3. Approval of 2019 annual meeting minutes
4. Treasurer's report, Audit of 2019 financials
5. Review/approval of 2020 revised budget, 2021 proposed budget and annual assessment
6. EWM treatment review, harvesting plans for the summer
7. Board opening for County Appointee
8. Commissioner nominations & elections
9. Public Comment

COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS

Your district has seven commissioners, 5 are elected by district members, one is appointed by the town board and one is appointed by the county board. Elected commissioners serve a three-year term; appointed commissioners serve a two-year term. This year two board positions are open. Jim O'Neil is up for re-election and Kevin Vincent will not be running. Commissioners have 4 quarterly meetings and 1 or 2 other meetings per year. Meetings are held on Saturday mornings as much as possible. All district members are encouraged to be a commissioner. **To vote**, you must also a U.S. citizen over 18 years of age who is either an elector (a qualified voter who resides in the district) or an owner of property within the district (the person whose name appears on the tax bill and their spouse, or the official representative, officer, or employee authorized to vote on behalf of a trust, foundation, corporation or association. *Proxy votes are not allowed.*

In addition to these two elected board positions, the County Appointee position will be open this year. Joanne Jones, who currently has that position, will be stepping off the Board and will assume the position of recording secretary.

Anyone interested in joining the board as either an elected position or County appointed position should contact Mike Rasmussen or any commissioner as soon as possible.

MINUTES OF 6/8/2019 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Inland Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District #1 was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on June 8, 2019 by Chairman Mike Rasmussen. Commissioners present were Mike Rasmussen, Kevin Vincent, Jim O'Neil, Tom Birr, Al Benson, Joanne Jones and Dwight Ziegler. There were 128 electors present and 4 guests.

VERIFICATION OF PROPER NOTICE: Jones reported that the agenda was mailed via the newsletter to all electors using the addresses given to us by Oconto County. The agenda was also posted at the Town Hall, the Post Office and Sunset Bar & Grill by Wed, 6/5. In addition, the meeting notice was included in the 5/20 & 5/27 issues of the Beacon, was on our face book page (Inland Lakes Protection Rehabilitation District #1) and on our website (www.inlandlakesdistrict.org).

APPROVAL OF 2019 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES: A motion was made by Al Benson and seconded by Tom Derrickson to approve the minutes as printed. The motion carried.

AUDIT OF 2018 FINANCIALS: A review of the 2018 financials was conducted by Terri DeMoulin. Her letter stated that the financial statements fairly represented the financial activity for the 2018 year.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jones reviewed 2018 actual expenses and revenues compared to budget. A motion was made by Scott DeGroot and seconded by Sandy Staszak to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Rasmussen then reviewed 2019 changes to the budget. The district has a CBCW grant but will need 400 hrs of volunteer time to receive it. The Lake Management Plan accrual will be used this year to pay for the DNR required Lake Management Plan. A Lake Management Plan is required every 5 year. A motion was made by Dan Shadian and seconded by Nancy Dutton to approve the revised 2019 budget. Motion carried. Rasmussen then reviewed the proposed 2020 budget. The closest estimate to chemically treat EWM (Eurasian Water Milfoil) in 2020 is \$270,000. We anticipate receiving a 75% up to \$150,000 grant from the DNR for this treatment. We have 450 acres that need treating at \$600/acre. This includes just about all of Reservoir Pond, the entrance to and around the perimeter of Little Horn Lake, the Brook, the entrance to and a couple spots in Explosion Lake, and a couple spots in Horn Lake. Rasmussen is investigating a

company that has a 3 year guarantee on their treatment. It attaches to the plant within 3-4 hours, versus the typical 3-4 days. Since this will be close to a whole lake treatment, the DNR will be deeply involved. Taxes per parcel will need to be raised from \$60 per parcel to \$200 for one year.

Discussion followed about taxing per parcel versus a mil rate and about EWM treatment. There are 717 total parcels in our district; 150 are not on the water. A number of electors who have off-water property expressed concern that they would be paying \$200 per parcel, the same as electors who are on the water. They questioned the fairness of this. There was a suggestion to go back to a flat tax per owner. Another suggestion was to only tax those with property on the water. As a government unit, Wisconsin State Statutes prevail regarding taxation methods and neither of those 2 suggestions would be allowed. After much discussion about taxing per parcel vs mil rate, there was discussion about the safety of EWM treatment. Rasmussen responded that chemical is harmless after it attaches to the plants and hits the bottom of the lake. The DNR will approve the type of chemical that we use and will monitor the amount that we use. They will also approve the chemical treatment plan based on our Lake Management Plan. The downside of our prior treatment is the water flow in our system. We expect that the new chemical we're looking at will be a better option since it adheres to the weeds faster. No-wake issues were then brought up. If you see violators, contact Jim Plotkin, Northern Oconto County Contract Officer at 920-834-6900. Preferably give him documentation, i.e., boat registration & description, address where stored, etc.

APPROVAL OF 2020 BUDGET AND ANNUAL ASSESSMENT: Following the discussion, a motion was made by Scott DeGroot and seconded by Dan Jones to approve the 2020 budget and the increased assessment. The motion carried by the majority with 2 nays. **TAX PER PARCEL VS MIL RATE:** Rasmussen reviewed the difference between taxing equally (flat amount per parcel) versus equitably (mil rate). Depending on our vote today, tax bills received in 2019 will either have a \$200 charge per parcel on it or a mil rate, which is estimated at 0.00155 per \$100,000 of property value. Using this mil rate, properties valued at \$100,000 would be taxed \$155.00. Properties valued at \$200,000 would be taxed \$310. A value of \$300,000 would be taxed \$465, and a value of \$400,000 would be taxed at \$620. After additional discussion about the fairness of taxing off water properties the same as properties on the water, a ballot vote was taken. Of the 128 electors present, 126 voted with 63 voting to change to a mil rate and 63 voting to continue an equal tax per parcel. Two electors abstained from voting. Since this was a tie vote, an additional vote was taken, using the numbered cards given during sign in, with the stipulation that these cards would be destroyed after the vote was tallied and that the board would not get them. For this vote, a total of 107 electors voted with 55 votes to continue an equal tax per parcel and 52 votes to change to a mil rate. A motion was made by Scott DeGroot and seconded by Kevin Vincent to approve and accept the results of the vote. The motion carried. The tax will therefore be \$200 per parcel on the next tax bill.

OPERATING REPORTS:

- a. **EWM** - Rasmussen reviewed where EWM is in our waters. He also circulated maps showing EWM.
- b. **CBCW** – Judi Fellows is coordinating our CBCW program this year. We will need 400 volunteer hours to get the grant. Sign up with her if interested. A training session will be scheduled. Volunteer hours will be needed at Water Lane, Burnt Dam and Horn Lake boat landings. A question was asked about the slow no wake hours. The Town of Townsend ordinance set the current hours.
- c. **Weed Harvesting** – Additional help is needed for weed harvesting and truck driving. We have new maintenance help this year – Pat Lowery, who taught at Wabeno High.

FISHERIES UPDATE: Benson reported that the Fisheries committee will be meeting soon to discuss the DNR walleye initiative and future fish planting.

COMMISSIONER NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS: Two positions are up for election this year. Al Benson and Mike Rasmussen are both running. There were no other candidates for these 2 positions, which are 3 year terms. Paper ballots were submitted with 114 ballots cast for Benson and 111 cast for Rasmussen, no write-ins. The new board consists of Mike Rasmussen, Al Benson, Jim O'Neil, Kevin Vincent, Tom Birr, Joanne Jones (appointed county rep) and Scott DeGroot (appointed town rep).

Ken Dolata, Oconto County Conservationist – Rasmussen introduced Ken Dolata who discussed assistance for landscaping on shorelines and noted that fertilizing contributes to weed growth.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A question was asked about when weed cutting will start. The small cutter is in the brook. Training will need to be done since we have quite a few new operators. Cutters and truck drivers will be meeting next Saturday, 6/15, 9:00 a.m. at the district shop. Anyone interested in operating harvesters, driving truck, or just checking out the shop and equipment should attend. Cutting will typically start at 7:00 a.m. since there is minimal wind then. We will have flexible scheduling, half days, possibly Saturday mornings, etc. Per DNR regs, we can cut travel lanes 50 feet from the shore and within 20 feet of either side of docks. A question was asked about weed cutting in Horn Lake. A petition was submitted in 1994 by residents of Horn Lake asking the district to not do any weed harvesting in Horn Lake. If current residents of Horn Lake want cutting done, they will need to get signatures and submit a petition to the board. A question was asked about EWM once chemically treated. All we can do with EWM is control it; it will never be eradicated.

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Bruce Larson and seconded by Jim Kuzik to adjourn. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.