

MRID – City of Horseshoe Bend

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Topics discussed

1. **General** ([00:00:14 - 00:00:39](#))

No summary is available for this section of the meeting.

2. **Lily pads, Crown Lake Property Owners Association, Dam maintenance, Emergency action plan** ([00:00:40 - 00:42:08](#))

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Potential Actions

- Review and address concerns raised by the Crown Lake Property Owners Association regarding shoreline protection and water quality. [\[1\]\[2\]\[3\]](#)
 - Explore the creation of a regulation or ordinance to control lake parcels prior to issuing building permits in order to prevent erosion, sedimentation, and water quality issues. [\[4\]](#)
 - Request and gather information regarding the Diamond Lake Dam and Common Lake Dam, including annual dam inspections, identification numbers, dam permit numbers, and engineering reports. [\[5\]\[6\]\[7\]](#)
 - Develop an emergency action plan for Crow Lake Dam in accordance with the requirements of the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management to ensure the protection of human life and property. [\[8\]\[9\]\[10\]](#)
 - Consider adjusting the fee schedule for renting the community center to cover utilities and maintenance costs. [\[11\]\[12\]\[13\]](#)
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Speaker 1

Yeah,

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Speaker 1

have a humongous turnout of this and councilor. No, thank you. Oh my OK. Yeah. Ok. We bring the meeting to order. First of all, I wanna thank everybody for coming. We moved back here into this room since we had such a turnout on the golf meeting. We had about 20 or 30 people that were standing up in the back of the back of the room. So we want everybody to be comfortable and want everybody to come.

I hope everybody saw on the big table down there where you can sign in for the distribution list. And if you want to help with any of the other things that we're trying to set up at this time, I think let's do the pledge. Pledge to the flag. This is America. P stands one nation under God individual with liberty and justice for all

Speaker 3

dear Lord, guide us and keep us safe. Take us into the future. Help those that are sick, help those that need help, bring our country back together, bring our city back together in your name. Amen. Amen.

Speaker 4

No.

Speaker 3

Can you check your leg up?

Speaker 1

What I'm calling? This meeting is there's no free lunch. I wanna review with everybody that doesn't know kind of what is going on to this point. After the coup. From the 18, we were able to gain entry into Jackson Medicine. We reviewed what records were present in the office. Then he gave us the password to the computer, but we did not have the password to the accounting program, the email or Facebook.

We had to pay the blue it guys to come over to the office to help us gain entry into the accounting software. We now have a system which is backed up the cloud daily in case there's a disaster. Something happens to this building. All, all, all, all the information will be backed up and that's all I do find it troubling that nobody, any of the other, any of the other commissioners.

Our Josh Jackson didn't have the password. I, I think it's a bad deal for one person to be the only one that has passwords because they can hold you hostage just like they did us, the mayor and I went to the bank on the 23rd to sign the signature cards for the bank account. We're met by Karen mcknight with F NBC and she advised that Bo Chevalier and Ray Barnett had already been to the bank that morning earlier and requested that the signature cards not be changed.

So when we came back the next day, attempted the same thing, we were still unable to get access to the bank account. The cashier told us that the request was being reviewed by their legal team. Finally, on October, the 31st mayor and myself and Kim Pounder were able to sign the signature card and access the bank accounts. This was a relief since we had bills to pay and we had at the employee payroll was coming up within two days.

The bank balances as of today and our check main checking account, we've got 100 and 74,405 or \$453 golf course improvement account. 9257. We got two C DS. The first one is now for \$101,285. The second one is now worth 116 478. We still have a loan balance of 67,352. So we got total 4 401,476. If you take the lung balance out, we're down to 3 34 1 24. I hope ever got everybody got one on the Ballard and company monthly statement ending September the 30th.

I'm not gonna go into great detail about the situation at this point. I'd like for everybody to look it over real good. And if anybody in there wants the full statement that Mallard sends us, if they would, please just email all this HB MRI D dot com. We be proud to just share the whole, the whole package with you.

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three years situations and ok.

Speaker 1

And to the one of the disturbing things I saw on the Ballard and Ballard invoice that came in that we received today was there \$31,000 worth of charge for the commissioners, 3100 CV, \$3100 charge for. What was the term?

Speaker 3, Speaker 1

They used court testimony and testifying, court court for the 3100 for court testimony and testifying in court.

Speaker 1

I'm gonna be reviewing that with Ballard and, we'll be, we'll have more information about that at the next meeting. I realized monthly statement also in the handout, the monthly statement ending September 30th 2023 showing a change in that position \$3145. Again, I'm not gonna go through this line by line, but I would, I would certainly like for you to and I'd be happy to discuss it with you after you do.

All right, the community center seem to be some confusion, I guess community center, clubhouse, whatever you'd like to call it. We're going to community center. Now, I'll tell you kind of what we've done to the community center. First of all, we've updated the fire finger from 2017 to 2023 to make the building in compliance with the state fire marshal.

Most of the plumbing is repaired. There's still, I think one lady's restroom downstairs that is showing out of order, but we're working on that still need a good spring cleaning for the whole building. And if there's any brave souls, they're willing to help, there's a sign up sheet out there on the table. This is your building, every one of you owns this building.

So it involved also there was a sign up sheet out there for what I call an, an Mr MRI, the ambassador. So what is that? That is a person that would be willing to when we have functions up here, be willing to come up and open up the building and be here to stay through the function and then close the building up. Next thing, if anybody has any slightly used Christmas decoration, we'd love to have a donation of them.

We act, we really need two Christmas trees. Also on the 15th and 16th of this month of this month, the Arkansas State Tourism Board is a book to come in here and I found out today it is an open meeting. It will be held in this room. It will be on the 15th, they will be in here around one o'clock and on the 16th, they said they were gonna be here at eight o'clock for what purpose, whatever the Arkansas State Tourism Board does.

This is a semi, I understand this is a semi annual meeting and they chose to have it up here. I will say that path, I think facilitated this. If somebody could please tell me how to say his last name, nobody can.

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Speaker 1

All right, we have a craft show that is scheduled for December the first and the second. We have three Christmas parties booked and we have two bookings for the next year already. Now, this year we've been honoring the fee schedule for renting the building for what everybody has been charged. I guess in the recent past cost is \$50 a day. Hm You can't rent a hotel room for \$50 a day and we got a 9000 square foot building in here.

So thank at the first of the year, the fee schedule will be adjusted to something reasonable. We're gonna have to at least pay the utilities and the maintenance on the building. What we're gonna try to do. I've got a couple of a couple of contracts here that I wanna go over with you that were made this year and in my best interest in my estimation, they're not the best interests of the taxpaying people.

First of all, we got a law of police, the nonprofit private club with approximately 1300 square foot maximum occupancy of just under 100 people. And that's what I've been told. I'm not sure the new lease by the commissioners was initiated on April the 1st 2023. It's \$300 a month, water serve trash pickup provided to the lease seed, which I would say amounts to around \$100.

So we're actually getting about \$200 after we provide that. I don't think that's a very good deal, but I'm not the final say, I'm gonna be talking to people and see what, you know, what is right? Something reasonable. That's that. Yes, it was, it was in April 1st 23 years.

Speaker 2

Do you intend to request that the contract be broken?

Speaker 1

I don't, I don't, at this point, I don't, I don't know for sure what I wanna do, but I don't, and I don't think that's enough money, but I'm not, I'm not saying I'm gonna re request that the contract be broken at this point.

Speaker 2

I just wonder like, like amount of pain. I'm just kind of wondering if the contract is for three years. How do you nego renegotiate a contract that's already been signed? I mean, they're obviously they don't want to pay more money. So why would they renegotiate?

Speaker 1

Well, I'm not gonna get into that right now, but there's, there's a possibility that that could be renegotiated. Now, Turkey Mountain Essential Agreement Day, first day of February 2023 approximately 500 square square foot of space base rent is \$100 per month, additional \$25 for MRI D staff time working in the pro shop, additional \$25 to reimburse for utilities and supplies for a total of 100 and \$50 under taxes.

The agreement actually says that the MRI D will pay sales taxes and any other expenses related to the business of Turkey Mountain essentials. Now, Josh Jackson has told me that he is paying his own sales tax, but that's not what the contract says. I've not had time to verify one way or the other. Again, I don't think that that was a very good le just in my opinion.

Speaker 2

And Charlie, how long is that one for?

Speaker 1

it's like, I think it was for three years. Of what? Ok. On the golf, the light maintenance has resulted and roof framing, rotting off some of the metal buildings due to leaks in the roof. Prima primarily the maintenance building down there where they work on their equipment and the equipment storage building just salmon. The leaks have been going on long enough that the pearling are rotten down there and a heavy snow load would very possibly have a detrimental effect on that.

But we're gonna have to be addressing that here pretty, pretty soon. I think for the people that don't know. I called to have a meeting with the golfers on the night. We have a good meeting. I requested for the committee for them to make, make a committee of either three or five people to convey their thoughts on the course and bring possible solutions to any problem.

Al Shaw came by today and told me the committee had been formed, the people on the committee or Al Shaw, Jw Lemons, Daniel Taylor Cheryl Roberts, Gene Crane. I asked Mr Shaw to set up a meeting as soon as possible so we can address any concerns and get the

discussion of the finances started. And he said he would try to get something set up soon on the dams.

We have earthen dams on our lakes here in our U dam that is under the MRI. Then they are required by the state to be inspected. We found in the, in the MRI, the computer that there were that the two make bigger lakes were inspected. In 2019, Mayor Dallaire contacted Arkansas Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Division. And on November the sixth got a response that all three dams are delinquent with respect to the inspections.

We're in the process of correcting that action as soon as we can. Two days after we got into the MRI, the building, I showed up early than the maintenance building and upset the MRI D employees. I stopped by just to say hello and ask them what their work schedule was for the day. And they were all very indignant that I was even there much less asking questions.

I was told by all employees that the commissioner had never been to the maintenance building to see what was going on. I assured them that I would be involved from time to time I requested the shop and the area around the shop to be cleaned up and the process is certainly looking better down there. Now, the God, another MRI D this not assessment but another, a many anything that is like a since passing.

Well, I've not forgotten about the pet, but there's also a sign in sheet out, on the table. If anybody is interested in working on reviving the putt putt golf course. I understand that LA during the last administration, there was a group that was working towards that end and they had money or sweat equity pledge to replace the first three or four holes. It is your city, your MRI MRI D people. You can do just about anything if you band together for a common cause.

The lights Lily Pads, in my opinion, are a humongous problem because they're not gonna get better by themselves. I will promise you that the Lily pads on all the lakes will be sprayed this spring. I don't have a whole lot more comment on the likes. We do have one person that is requested to talk to this afternoon. Crown Lake property owners. The gentleman's name is Tim Diesel. So at this point, I'm gonna get Tam to come off. He,

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Speaker 1

ok, first,

Speaker 5

good evening everybody, Miss mcdaniel. Thank you Crown Lake Property Owners Association. I would like to congratulate you on being appointed to the MRI D administrator. Our members

have been involved with different projects. With the former MRI T board and look forward to creating a positive working positive working relationship with you.

Crown Lake is a very special place for all citizens. Of course, you've been deserving our best efforts to protect and preserve this treasure information was presented at the September 25th 2003 city council meeting regarding shoreline protection and water quality issues on all links within for you. Be I would like to share that letter with you.

Now, Mr Mayor of Horseshoe Bend City council members. I stand before you tonight to voice concern regarding the protection of our lake shorelines and water quality. The need for better protection through city regulation or ordinance was discussed at the Crown Lake Property Owners Association and or meeting topics include lake parcel, runoff and erosion as well as lake parcel fill issues with one conclusion we can do better.

Currently, no regulation or ordinance exists to control lake parcels prior to actual building permit being issued by the city of horse concerns discussed for soil erosion, sedimentation, water quality issues during the period of a parcel being cleared, excavated, tiered or raised with fill soils regulation is being asked requires.

So the straw bales, grass seed, straw matting, seed blankets or other methods necessary to prevent the road soils from entering our lakes during parcel preparation. Prior to the issues of a building permit also consider requiring parcels to be seated within 30 days if construction is not scheduled until a later date. Permits. Ordinance enforcement are being requested to aid the protection of all lakes and shorelines of Horseshoe.

Done. Please consider these recommendations. Join us the Crown Lake Property Owners Association with our mission to preserve and protect our lake for future generations. Sincere lake temp president of the Crown Lake Property Owners Association. The association is requesting the support of the MD to create an ordinance and enforcement to encourage those in charge of our city government to act.

A formal request was asked for any or all information regarding the Diamond Lake Dam and a common lake dam. Information concerning annual dam inspections DM, identification numbers, dam permit numbers and any and all engineering reports. Most importantly, the emergency action plan with little information with little information being found.

Crow Lake Dam rates at the highest hazard level of significant by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture and the Arkansas National Resources Commission. An emergency action plan should rate as one of the highest priorities for the MRI D as well as the city of Horseshoe Bank. Having an active emergency action plan is a requirement of the Arkansas Department of emergency management to be considered for any funding or grants that may offset cost up to 65% of the project's

expenses. Protection of human life and property of the citizens are very important necessity provided through an emergency action plan. Information has been researched and obtained

concerning the treatment and removal of Lily Pans issue presented uncommonly numerous attempts in spraying your treatments have been attempted by the MRI D without success.

The association asked for consideration of the general bio health pod system as a non chemical treatment approach. The MRI D is being asked to fund the purchase of two systems for the crumb length. Crowley members have volunteered to install and maintain these units. The Crowley property owners Association would work with the property owners throughout the nine months of operation.

The late buoy project has been questioned. Volunteers were asked to assist the MRD with the buoys on crown, like concrete anchors have been completed with materials supplied by the MRI D and donated by some members of the association broken or sunken buoys were to be replaced as well as repositioning boys into proper placement under the direction of the MRI D.

The association has no control over placement nor has requested any changes. Once again. Thank you for your time. Congratulations on your appointment to be so president of the Crown Lake Property Owners Association. Thank you.

Speaker 1

Take it around the front of the

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Speaker 1

ok. All right, Evan, one other. I think I wanna go over with you. The boating and fishing club came to me and wanted to know if the MRI V would partner with them on improving the launch and the launch area on Diamond Lake. And I met with the two of the boating and fishing club members on Saturday morning. And I told them that we would be very interested in partnering with them initially. Right now, you can't even get a boat in and out of the launch.

So we're gonna try to do the best we can to get a, a temporary fix on that. And they are interested in doing the sweat equity of going down there and cleaning underbrush and the on that particular lot. So we can see what we've got to work with and we're gonna proceed with improving that area and probably gonna be doing it in phases.

Speaker 1, Speaker 4

So y'all have the ability to draw that leg down to the water level.

Speaker 1

Not, not that I'm aware of. It's a lot cheaper to fix it. You drive, but yeah, I have to drive out boats. Yeah, I, I don't know, I'll talk to you about that after the meeting. I've got all right. Let's see. I want everybody to have my email again in his office in HB MRI d.com. My cell phone number, it's 501 550 6768. If you want a full, if you want to the Ballard and Ballard full report for September, the ending September, the 30th.

If you would send us an email, we will certainly scan that and send it all back to you. I want everybody to have all the information to finish this up on my end. I say enough of the backbiting on both sides. Let's pull together make it a better place to live for everybody. If everybody pulling in the same direction, it's amazing what we'll be able to get done with half, pulling one way and half, pulling the other that usually runs into a stagnant situation.

So I'm gonna say either lead, follow or get out of the way, whichever one you choose. I'm gonna open the plumber up to, public comments and, there is no time limit on it, but I didn't bring a sandwich and I hadn't had supper. So please be as concise as you can. There will be no, no, video going to the judge. So you don't have to worry about that. So you, anybody that has any, any comment, invite them up to have, have their say,

Speaker 2

I understand that you, talked to some of the MRI D golf employees, probably about two weeks ago, maybe even a week ago and regarding the future of their employment. Can you share with us what you were, what you told them?

Speaker 1

I don't even remember talking to

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Speaker 1

you. I don't remember that conversation. I appreciate it. Yeah, Charlie, I was wondering if the MRI D is considered, stocking the lake with different fish varieties as a, as a fisherman. I can see that there's fewer fish every year. I think that's a real good point.

And if you'd sign your name for the lake, back there, I did. You hadn't already. I did. Ok. See, I, I don't know, with the water temperature of these lakes, I don't know what fish would flourish and what fish would not do good at all.

Speaker 5, Speaker 1

And it's not that, that, up on finish, I guess so out there, our old, biologist was Jeremy Reiser.

Speaker 5

he's since moved on to the trout program. Paul Port is our new personnel of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. he sent me information about some of the numbers and actually we have a stunted growth of a bass class in here and there's some issues there. We are on to be surveyed sometime yet this fall or early next spring and they're behind for years too due to the COVID thing and all

that. So, but we are on the list for, to get our surveys done shortly here, probably within the next six months. So that's all I got. But Paul Port at Arkansas gave me fish, fish.

Speaker 1

Do, do you, put a lot of validity in their reports on the page?

Speaker 5

I just take the information they give me and transport or to people.

Speaker 5, Speaker 1

So I was just wondering what your personal opinion of that was.

Speaker 5

I don't fish on this lake. I haven't fished in a number of years. So it's just something that's important to the people and the numbers are, are Lake Association. So I just try to stay on top of it. So I mean, they shock and that's how they come up with the numbers. That's all I know.

Speaker 1

I understand that. That's why I'm huge shock several times since we've been here in the last four years. So, you know, we, we haven't seen and we, there's been a steady decline in the amount of quality fish in the way. All right. Well, I'm concerned about that. I don't know about the other shock last year. I'm concerned about that. I'm concerned about it as well. Are you shop?

Speaker 2

I understand that there is, a lot of tournaments on the lake and you talk about golf tournaments and how much money is coming back to the MRI D, how much money is going to start coming back to the students on the lake?

Speaker 1

It will, I have not had time to get in to the lake portion of this yet for everything else that's going on, but you can rest assured I will be getting into it. And when I do, I'll, I'll report that information to you. Ok.

Speaker 2

And as far as the other part of that was, Crown Lake has public access yet. It's at the marina. The marina charges access for access fee for people to come and use the lake yet. None of that money comes back to MRI D. So we have you people paying to use a lake, but the money's not coming back here. What's gonna be done about that?

Speaker 1

All of that will be addressed and I, I don't have an answer right now because I have had in a lawsuit, in a lawsuit. Yeah, that is in a lawsuit. So, it's not something I could talk about even if I did anybody else.

Speaker 4

Yes, early last year, I contacted fishing game and they said that they did their electro and whatever they call that test that they do on the lake and they said that the fish were adequate in our lake. You know, at the time they said that they hadn't studied, I believe it's, I believe they're called Red Ear or the, other little fish that the crappy, but they were going to come back and do that.

And Tim is correct. Jeremy recently moved on to another position within, fish and game and the new man that he was talking about, I think he's, out of Cal Rock office now, that kind of oversees our area. when I got the new Porta Potty, I went above them and I went to one of the commissioners for our area to at least get a New Porta Potty down at Fisherman's Park. So I can tell you that much.

Speaker 1

All right, anybody else,

Speaker 2

any prospects for the use of this tool in anything,

Speaker 1

prospects? I don't know.

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Speaker 1

We're gonna try to do family reunions and anything that the, the, the people, of course you've been, they've been paying for this building for years. What they wanna do that's what we're planning on trying to do but we are gonna try to make it pay for itself in the process. Anybody else? Thank you that. Ok. My my email address is all. Yeah HB MRI d.com it's right on the corner of Charlie.

I I don't know what you got. Yeah it doesn't matter the email address if you, if you pick, pick up the hand out right up in the corner, my, my or the MRI, the email address is on the left hand corner and my phone number is on the right hand corner. Well, Mr Mayor, I think I'm through with what I've got to say. Would you like to add to that?

Speaker 3

The only thing I really have to add to it is the last meeting we had with, fishing game or Damon fish. I, at the boating club. the marine biologist was here and the debate that they gave us was they really wanted to see the natural fish have higher survival rates than if we actually stock the lakes. And I know what you're saying, Alan, if, if we don't stock the lakes and we have a lot of people fishing, we're gonna deplete the natural system, or at least that would be my argument and I don't

know what it costs to do that, but I know that they were trying to convince us that the natural strains that live here have a higher survival rate than if you stock the lake, you lose a lot of fish. They didn't give us actual numbers. But that was the theory that, game and fish are operating under right now. We can still stock the lake. I mean, and if we're gonna do tournaments, I would say we still need to do that.

I would say that we don't have the same fish we had in, pioneer either. We had fishermen there all summer long. I'll bet we didn't have 10 people in there this year. And the fishing stopped early too. If there was fish there, they would have showed up and been fishing. Do they, do they define the natural vision? Well, natural fish is fish that are here and reproducing naturally and they, they felt that those strains would refill the lakes.

What, what strains were those? Well, they talked about that and just the regular strains. I mean, but the talk really wasn't about the actual fish. They didn't go into numbers of what we had. The talk was the newest theory is the natural fish have a higher survival rate than if you buy 1000 fish and dump them in, you lose a lot more fish. But if we're fishing out the natural strains and we're not adding any surplus, it seems to me we're, we're still knocking our numbers down.

I mean, fishing game are really or game and fish are really starting to work with us. And, we can ask them to come here and do a talk on that very subject. Let's bring them in here. Let's get them to talk about the populations of the fish and they can explain that to you. I mean, to me it's still ok. I know the natural fish survive better. But again, if you've got a lot of people fishing and it's been fished down, then you really need to add in.

And where do the natural ones come from? Will some of those new fish added become natural fish in a year or two? I mean, they'll reproduce, won't they add to the families? But we can ask, gaming fish to come here and do a talk on that. That'd be one of the things we can do in this building. We can set that up. That's it.

Speaker 1

I guess we are a german.

Speaker 2

Thank you. Challenge.

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