

# Otter Lake Water Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2018

Chairman Jake Rettberg with all Commissioners present except Hank Sutton convened the regular meeting of the Otter Lake Water Commission at 5:00 pm, with John Gudgel arriving at 5:05 pm. Others present included; Dennis Ross, Tom Moroney, and Andrea Hanney.

## **MINUTES:**

David Skinner made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on October 9, 2018. Ron Jombock seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 6-0 vote.

## **AUDIENCE TO VISITORS:**

None Present

## **BILL LIST:**

Ron Jombock made a motion to approve the bills totaling \$387,785.91 for payment. Terry Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried with an 7-0 vote.

## **RECREATION:**

Park Financial Report:

Total income for October was \$87,729.46 with a year to date of \$457,194.13. Total monthly expense Otter Lake Park owes the Water Commission for October is \$18,992.71. With a total owed to date of \$0.

Overnight Camping Stats:

o <b>October:</b>	<b>YTD:</b>
Primitive – 0	Primitive - 89
Electric Sites – 4	Electric Sites - 236
Dock Rental – 0	Dock Rental - 104

## **PARK MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Tom Moroney reported:

- On October 6, the annual Chili Cook-off took place at the pavilion. This year's winner was Todd Carnduff (154N) and a tie for second place between Randy Herr (88S) and Wes Barr (24SE).
- On October 15, the water was shut off to the campgrounds and the bathrooms were winterized and locked up.
- On October 16, Dennis, Brian, Jerry and I attended a workshop for certifications to renew our pumbers license for private sewage disposal.
- On October 25, we harvested the bass and crappie from our fishery. Of the 350 bass and 350 crappie, we recovered 165 bass (35 over 7 inches and 130 less than 7 inches) and 178 crappie (all under 7 inches).
- On November 3 & 4, boy scouts from area wide districts participated in "Last Scout Standing" competitions. Eight teams of four scouts demonstrated their survival skills which included archery, shooting, hiking canoeing, decoding, pioneering, first aid, etc. We provided the pavilion on Saturday, where the boys worked on Morse code communications. Later, they left the overnight campground and embarked on a three mile canoe trip to the north end of the lake where they set up camp for the night. . We provided our patrol boat, along with other volunteer boaters, for safety and rescue for the canoe journey. Sunday morning, they hiked back to the boy scout camp at the south end of the lake where they received their awards and a well-deserved meal.
- USA Bassin' has begun construction on a fish weighing station just east of the boat ramp.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Nothing to report.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Rod Dowell Farm lease is up for renewal. Fred Fickas made a motion to renew the 14.29 acres farm lease at \$150.00 per acre. Ron Jombock seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.
- The Board reviewed the Travel Expense Report 2018-30R submitted by Dennis Ross.
- Ron Jombock made a motion to approve Resolution 2018-02, the purchase of a 6.23 acre parcel for \$62,300.00 from Jeff Stanley. The property is located across from the water plant at 13719 Emmerson Airline Road. Fred Fickas seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 7-0 vote.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Dennis Ross reported:

- Palm Road Project – Water mains are installed with two tie ins left. We also have the PRV to install. A fiber optic line was hit. The mark was 4 feet off. The fiber company has not determined who was at fault. Obviously, our position is that the locate was the issue.
- 319 Grant – We were notified that we will be receiving a grant for \$347,174 with the mini dredge purchase used as our match. The agreement will be prepared after the deliverables are agreed upon.
- MWIP – The Metro Water Infrastructure Partnership has dissolved. Their mission was to improve the knowledge of customers in respect to infrastructure needs in the metro St. Louis area. I represented the ISAWWA in the group. I attended the closing banquet and was given a check for \$1,500 to forward to the Water Buffalos.
- Rural Electric presented us with a capital credits check for 1983 in the amount of \$3604.26.
- 2019 Budget will be presented at the December meeting.
- Sludge Drying Bed #2 was cleaned by Metro Ag. We clean one of these beds each year. It is then applied on local farmers fields.
- OSHA officers visited the Palm Road project jobsite on Friday, November 9<sup>th</sup>. I am working with OSHA to ensure the commission is in compliance.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- Jake Rettberg made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Fred Fickas seconded the motion. At 6:05 pm The Board entered Executive Session. Terry Davis made a motion to exit Executive session. Jake Rettberg seconded the motion. At 7:05 pm the Board came out of Executive Session.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

- A Compensation Committee meeting will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup> at noon. Members include: Jake Rettberg, Mike McCarthy and Dennis Ross.
- Christmas Party – The annual Christmas party is scheduled for Friday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP by November 19<sup>th</sup>. Last year each employee was given \$75.00 for Christmas, the board agreed to do the same this year.

At 7:10 pm Fred Fickas made a motion to adjourn. Mike McCarthy seconded the motion. With no further business to discuss the meeting was unanimously adjourned. The next Commission Meeting will be at the Commission Office at 6475 W. Montgomery Rd. in Virden on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

*Andrea Hanney*

**These Minutes were approved by the Board 12/4/2018.**