

The Arkdale Lake District board meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Haskell at 10 AM on February 4, 2023 at the Strongs Prairie Town Hall. Present were Steve Haskell, Tim Meyer, Eric Moulton, Craig LaCount, member Steve Hermanson, and recorder Mary Jo Meyer. Absent was commissioner Seth Hamilton. Steve had hand-outs for everyone, which are attached at the end of these minutes. These will be referred to in the minutes.

Steve went over the upcoming maintenance projects (see hand-out). We added engineering for dam inspection, which has to be done every 10 years. This was just completed in 2022 so this won't be due until 2032. We need to create a non-lapsable fund, basically for maintenance, such as removing stumps from the south berm.

Regarding the dredging project, the Strongs Prairie township will take the sand for their use. We will need to help the township remove the hay bales and do general clean-up of the boat landing. Steve Hermanson has some equipment to help us with that.

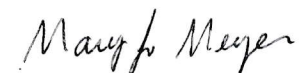
The ALD 2022 budget was discussed (see hand-out). Our working revenue is \$71,141. Under budget review (upper right of hand-out), it shows \$5258 available for future efforts. This is the amount Steve would like to put into non-lapsable funds. Steve then read through the 2023 proposed budget. Again, refer to the hand-out for these figures.

Three weed management options were presented (see hand-outs on Options 1, 2, 3). Should we add another option, which would be to do nothing. Under Option 1, Steve Hermanson found a person who will sell us a used, but in good condition, 3010 John Deere for \$5700, and also buy our Ford tractor for \$1200. The estimate for repairing the Ford tractor is around \$11,000. Under Equipment Covering/Shelter, raise the Dam Shed expense to \$3000. Under Option 2, tractor replace will need to change. A motion was made by Tim Meyer to buy the 3010 John Deere for \$5700 and sell the Ford tractor for \$1200. Second by Eric Moulton. Vote to approve was unanimous. As for Option 3, more research will need to be done as to how this would work for us. We would need an outside firm to apply the chemicals.

At the Annual Meeting we will bring up that we will do Option 1 this year. We will replace the tractor and repair the harvester, fix weed wagon and plan on harvesting this year. We will tarp our equipment this year, and also investigate chemically treating the weeds. We will vote on the non-lapsable fund. We will discuss paying off loan 1, and paying down the principal on loan 2 (see hand-outs regarding loans 1 and 2). We will offer options regarding changing the meeting date of the Annual Meeting. Those options are: First Saturday in May; Last Saturday in September, or keep as is (Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend). Volunteers will be needed to run the harvester and weed wagon (training will be involved), and someone is needed to do a water plant survey.

Being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Tim Meyer, second by Eric Moulton. Meeting adjourned at 11:58 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Mary Jo Meyer, Recorder