

Arkdale Lake District

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The Arkdale Lake District board held a quarterly meeting at the Strong's Prairie town hall on April 22, 2023. Chairman Steve Haskell called the meeting to order at 9:01am. In attendance were Craig LaCount, Tim Meyer, Eric Moulton and Steve Haskell. Eric Moulton attended remotely over the phone. The agenda for the meeting included a discussion about the proposed sandblasting and painting of the weed harvester, a review and approval of the annual meeting agenda and new business.

Tim Meyer informed the board that the cleanup of the south launch may be delayed because the Strong's Prairie Township is busy with street repair and other pressing needs. Tim plans to attend the town meeting and express the districts urgency to get the south launch open this spring. We need the launch open in order to get the weed harvester into the lake for the season. The board discussed that based on the timing from the township, there is a likelihood that the launch won't be open and we won't be harvesting weeds this year. If that is the case, we will adjust the 2023 plan to spend the summer doing the repairs to the harvester, build the dock and the shed on the north berm.

Steve Haskell reviewed the annual meeting agenda with the board. A discussion was held over the need to present options for weed management. Steve asserted that since the chemical treatment option was not available for 2023 due to the timing to get a contract in place and there were no other options for outsourcing of the weed harvesting being investigated, that there were no options to present at the annual meeting. It was agreed that we would run the weed harvester in 2023 and if a lack of volunteers or other issues developed through the course of season, then the alternatives for weed management would be further explored and presented at a future district meeting.

Tim Meyer lead a discussion on the proposed sandblasting and painting the harvester. After questions had been raised by Eric Moulton during the past couple of weeks, Tim had a conversation with Phil at Aquarius Systems. Phil used to work for Aquamarine which is the manufacturer of our weed harvester. Phil informed Tim that the metal on those harvesters were likely only 14 gauge and the likelihood of sandblasting a hole on a 40 yr old harvester was pretty good and he would not recommend that approach. Tim and Phil discussed another approach using a chemical treatment that bonds with rusted metal that can then be painted with the marine paint. Eric Moulton confirmed that he had used the same chemical treatment previously and it works well. The treatment runs about \$220 and a top coat that is needed is roughly \$166 a gallon. The whole job, (done ourselves) should be around \$1000, which is much

cheaper than the sandblasting quote we have. We would have to scrap off the loose rust, then roll on the chemical and paint it ourselves. Tim told us that he and Steve Hermanson planned to remove the pontoons from the harvester to check rust on the metal sides of the barge on Tuesday April 25th. Steve Haskell said he would join them.

The board reviewed and approved the rest of the proposed agenda for the annual meeting. Eric said that if the district approves the Nonlapsible fund, he will setup a separate savings account at the bank to make it easy to report on the fund. We discussed the treasurers report and how we can add it into the annual meeting power point that Steve is creating. Tim mentioned the plan for building a shed down on the north berm to house the dam gate equipment and the future lawn mower. Eric volunteered to bring up a couple of carpenters to stick build the shed, the district just needs to supply the materials. Tim talked about the location for the shed. Steve, Craig and Tim decided to go look at the location after the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 10:50am with Tim Meyer motioning to adjourn and Craig LaCount seconded.