

Norm Wetzel called the meeting to order at 10:00am in the Lac du Flambeau Town Hall and recognized compliance with the Open Meetings Act and that a quorum of the committee was present.

Secretary Hoover called roll. Members present included: Tom Achtor, John Bartosz, Georgine Brown, John Dean, Roberta Gast, Bryan Hoover, Kris LaMarche, Gretchen Watkins, and Norm Wetzel.

Guests present included Ryan Matthews from the Lakeland Times, Celeste Hockings from the LdF Tribal Natural Resources Department, and Pat Hayes from the Gunlock-Shishebogama Lakes Association

The Agenda was approved as presented by voice vote following a motion to approve by Gast with second by Bartosz.

The Minutes of the September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Regular TLC Meeting were approved by voice vote following a motion to approve by Dean, with a second by LaMarche.

**Public Comments:** Ryan Matthews from the Lakeland Times noted in a fashion true to LdF that there wasn't any coffee and donuts available at the meeting.

**Financial Reports:** Treasurer Wetzel distributed and presented the latest TLC expense and donation reports.

### **ACTION TEAM REPORTS**

**Watercraft Inspections:** Bryan Hoover brought up some feedback that he had received at the last Town Board meeting from another Town Supervisor and the Town Clerk, both of who inquired as to the level of participation by volunteers for boat-landing watercraft inspections. They were concerned that volunteers were no longer active in these activities, and urged the TLC to get the word out more that these activities were still taking place locally, as a way to encourage more volunteers to also participate.

**Lake Monitoring:** There was a discussion related to the potential purchase of a Spiny Waterflea monitoring net due to invasive animal's increased prominence locally. It was decided to place the item on a future meeting's agenda for discussion and potential action to purchase the tool.

**Public Relations:** No official report but there was some discussion about the newsletter that was previously distributed seasonally and what it would take as far as a volunteer to start doing that again.

**Lake Stewardship Program:** No Report.

**Purple Loosestrife:** It was reported that a hose went missing from the watering area at the strawberry farm.

### **PLANNING**

**i. Approval of the *Bear River Comprehensive Lake Management Plan***

Norm Wetzel gave a brief status update on the Bear River Comprehensive Lake Management Plan and the committee voted unanimously to approve and submit the latest draft of the plan to the Town Board following motion by Wetzel and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bartosz.

**ii. Approval of TLC activities for 2015**

Norm Wetzel presented the latest "Focus on the Future Activities: 2013-2017" document which was unanimously approved by the committee following a motion by Gast and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bartosz.

**iii. Approval of budget request for 2015**

Norm Wetzel presented the draft operating budget request 2015 which was approved unanimously following a motion by Bartosz and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean.

**iv. Approval of Patrick Hayes as alternate for 2015**

The committee unanimously approved accepting Patrick Hayes to be an alternate TLC member in 2015 following a motion by Dean with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bartosz.

**Vilas County Partnership Report:** The committee unanimously voted to submit a letter of appreciation to Ted Ritter as he is retiring from his position of Vilas County Invasive Species Coordinator following a motion by Bartosz with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by LaMarche.

**Letters and Communication:** John Bartosz presented a training opportunity for the committee to consider in Washington DC related to the Clean Water Act. John Dean presented a \$100 donation to the TLC to help pay for the dissolved oxygen meter previously purchased.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40am by voice vote with a Motion to adjourn by Dean with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wetzel.

Minutes Submitted by Bryan Hoover, TLC Secretary.