

Lake Madison Development Association

Meeting Minutes - Nov. 15, 2017, 7:00

Submitted by Bob Van Liere

- President, Mike Anderson called the meeting to order at 7:05.
- Treasurer, Cheri Wolf verified there was a quorum in attendance.
- Mike recognized the guests in attendance: County Commissioner - Roger Hageman, Jeremy Hinkey - East Dakota Water Development District, Todd ? and Cody Simmons – GF&P, Lake County Sheriff - Tim Walberg and Lake County Emergency Manager – Doug Huntrods.
- A motion was made by Terry Ryan, Seconded by Kyle Elenkiwich to approve the minutes of the 08/17 LMDA meeting. Motion was approved.
- Treasurer, Cheri Wolf reviewed the Treasurer’s report. A motion was made by Terry Ryan to approve the Treasurer’s report. The motion was seconded by LaDell Swiden. The motion passed.
- Terry Ryan provided a report on Membership. A Dues reminder will be sent out in Feb. Current membership is at 605.
- Commissioner Roger Hageman was asked for a Commissioner’s report. There was nothing to report.
- Lake County Sheriff Tim Walberg gave a report on current activities around the Lake and in the County. Starting to see an increase in the frequency of Fentanyl and Meth related drug cases. The Sheriff’s Department has been placing the portable Speed Signs around the area to increase public awareness.
- There was some discussion regarding the purpose and functionality of the Tornado Sirens since some individuals were not able to hear them during the Sept. storm. Doug Huntrods explained primary purpose of the sirens is to warn individuals that are outdoors and may not always be heard when indoors. They have provided additional training to the 911 staff regarding when/how to deploy the warning.
- Doug Huntrods provided an update on the Lake County Dive team. They have enough volunteers now to re-deploy the Dive Team. Doug will be addressing the County Commissioner’s at the November 21st meeting to request funding to assist with the training and equipment certification of the team. The LMDA will plan to have representatives also attend the meeting to express our support of the funding for the Dive Team.
- Doug Huntrods discussed the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Drill and would like to have a spokesperson from the team discuss disaster mitigation, specifically regarding fire response and fire fights at one of our future meetings.
- Cody Simmons provided a Game Fish and Parks report. Cody discussed boat safety and a couple of incidents that occurred this year on the lake. Cody provided a fishing report. 195,000 Walleye fingerlings were stocked in Lake Madison this year.
- Todd S? discussed the condition of the Concrete Weir, which is the retaining wall at the mouth of the outlet designed to control the flow of water out of the lake and maintain a pre-determined maximum level. Their assessment of the weir is that it is structurally sound and does not need repair at this time. They will continue to monitor its condition. They are having an engineering firm assess the outlet weir on Lake Brant since that is in much worse condition.
- Jeremy Hinkey from East Dakota Water Development District provided a presentation regarding the services their agency provides. They have been coordinating water quality sampling through resident Assisted Water Sampling. Jeremy shared the water quality results from the sampling. In general, the Bacteria/E.coli in Lake Madison is not an issue. Although Phosphorous levels are high and the main issue for the Algae blooms, they wouldn’t consider this levels to be an issue. The tradeoff for cleaner water, will be an increase in aquatic plants. As long as we have volunteers willing to continue to collect water samples, the East River Water Development District will provide the water quality results.
- There was discussion regarding the Buffer Strip Bill and potential benefits/impact to Lake Madison. To date, enrollment in the Buffer Strip tax incentive program has been very low. The only areas eligible for the Buffer Strip tax relief program that would potentially impact Lake Madison, is the creek between Lake Herman and Lake Madison and the shoreline of the lake. There was much discussion on how/what LMDA could do to help educate and/or incent land owners to sign up for the program. Todd ? said he does have a resource person that is

dedicated to public education on ways to improve or preserve water quality. We could potentially have this person speak at our annual meeting. There was no other action taken.

- Mike discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting will be the 60th annual LMDA annual meeting. Since the Madison Chamber did not have their Lake Appreciation picnic last year, there was discussion whether the LMDA should invite the Madison Chamber to combine their appreciation picnic with our annual meeting. Bob Van Liere made a motion to invite the Madison Chamber to participate in our annual picnic. The motion was seconded by Kyle Elenkiwich. The motion passed. Mike Anderson will contact the Chamber.
- Cheri Wolf asked if the LMDA would consider providing a laptop computer for his wife Cheri, who is the Treasurer so she can keep the records electronically and do her transactions on-line. Cheri will get estimates for a new computer. Bob Van Liere will check if Premier Bankcard has a used one that can be donated.
- Kyle Elenkiwich Made a motion to Adjourn. It was seconded by LaDell.