

Paradise Lake Improvement Board

Special Meeting and Public Hearings

Minutes – Zoom 03-26-2021

The meeting began at 5 P.M.

Present were: Paul Teike, Levering, MI; Arden Bawkey, Arizona; John Siegel, Carp Lake, MI; Toni Drier, Pellston, MI; Bob Smith (logged in at 7:20) , Petoskey, MI.

Agenda: Teike requested that the RLS contract be moved first on the agenda. Moved by Bawkey, seconded by Siegel to accept the agenda as changed.

RLS contract: Crystal Morgan, attorney, mentioned that the contract read 2020. She also recommended that the same addendum on the 2020 contract be attached to the 2020 contract. Jennifer Jones, RLS, said the date had already been corrected and that the addendum would be added. Moved by Bawkey, seconded by Siegel to accept the RLS 2021 contract. Roll call vote: 4 ayes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Bids- Jones summarized the bidding process. The RFP was sent to three reliable contractors. Referring to the Bid summary sheet, PLM has the best price for Navitrol which is what Jones recommends for initial treatment of lakes not previously treated with chemicals. PLM is a very large company and can purchase supplies in bulk so their cost is the lowest. The recommendation is 3.0 gal/Acre.

Discussion:

Is the dose set for the density of the weed bed? *The applicator would carefully calibrate the dose/acre based on the density.*

Would the board be well advised to have “hold harmless” in contract? *Morgan: It is in there.*

Negotiations will begin with PLM. Morgan will work the contract with PLM. Teike will also be involved. No actual work can begin before the public hearing and acceptance of the study. Bawkey moved, Siegel seconded a motion to have Morgan, Teike and Jones move ahead with negotiations. Roll call vote: all aye.

Morgan asked for a date for a combined public hearing, special meeting. All meetings must be virtual until March 29. March 26 was selected, time is 5 P.M. ‘til 8 P.M.

Teike will work with Mary Mitchel, Emmet County, on the SAD roll. Bob Smith, former treasurer has agreed to assist Teike.

The length of the proposed program will be five years. Morgan also needs the costs for the notice.

Drier mover, Bawkey seconded a motion to select the lowest bid. Roll call vote: all aye.

Mike Solomon suggested adding the DNR boat wash property to the SAD roll as Michigan has been paying for these assessments. The board agreed and Smith will get necessary signatures.

Smith directed Jones to use a budget based on 391 A.

Laminar Flow:

Teike stated that we have one more year on this contract. He has spoken with John Tucci who does not recommend running the system in conjunction with the herbicide treatment. Tucci said he is willing to leave the equipment in place for one year at no cost (except our electric bills). Then if it is needed the second year because of the weed debris, a new contract can be negotiated. The board agreed that this is the way to go. Teike should get a letter from Tucci and Morgan will draw up an addendum to the current contract.

SAD change: Smith has only received one signed form for the Van Patten change made at the last meeting. Please sign a copy of the change form and send it to him.

Public Comment:

Thank you for your work.

Hebron residents were hoping to get their weeds treated also. Will there be any treatment in Hebron as far as the PLIB is concerned? *If folks in Hebron want treatment, they must contact the contractor and do their own contract.* Is a map of the area in Hebron available to the public? *It is on the website.*

Teike asked the Board if another meeting is needed before the Public Hearing. Drier commented that as long as the SAD roll is prepared, there should be no need for one. Other members concurred.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 P.M.