



**Little Tamarack Flowage
Baker Spring Lake Protection
and Rehabilitation District**

MINUTES OF 2018 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LITTLE TAMARACK FLOWAGE
BAKER SPRING LAKE DISTRICT
(July 1, 2018)

The meeting was called to order by Board chairman, Karl Jenrich, at 9:35 a.m. Karl introduced the Board members who were present: Rich Ruffalo, Clancy Senechalle and Al Williamson. Also present was recording secretary, Bob Senechalle. No representative from the Vilas County Board was present.

A motion was made by Clancy Senechalle and seconded by Rick Pokorny, to approve the agenda for today's annual meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ginny Steber and seconded by John Hembrook, to approve the minutes from the 2017 Annual Meeting. That motion carried.

Karl Jennrich gave the chairman's report that included an overview of the work of the Board in the past 12 months. Karl indicated that the Board met five times since last year's annual meeting. Matters addressed during the year included committee formation and development; water levels and other Dam operations issues; a no trespassing sign on the filled in site of the old outlet stream, construction debt retirement, and updating and improving the Lake District brochure for distribution at our two boat landings.

Al Williamson gave the treasurer's report. Clancy Senechalle informed those present that an Audit Committee (George Holloway and Clancy Senechalle) audited the check book ledger and disbursement records and found those financial records to be correct and in order.

Al Williamson then explained the written budget proposal for the year 2018-2019 which was included in the notice of annual meeting sent to all property owners. Highlights were that the levy for the coming year will be the same as last year and will result in a reduction of the District's loan balance to \$8,446.16. The plan is to make the final loan payment in 2020.

A motion was made by Cynthia Backman and seconded by Rick Pokorny to approve the proposed budget for 2018-2019 as presented. That motion carried.

Rich Ruffalo gave a report from the Dam Operations and Maintenance Committee. Rich reported that lake heights were monitored regularly throughout the year. Because of unusually high water levels after ice-out a log was removed from the vertical whistle tube in late May. The committee is investigating the possibility of installing a “debris guard” on the lake side of the outlet pipe. Water is exiting the whistle tube freely at this time.

Sue Holloway and Clancy Senechalle gave a report on the Lake Water Quality and Wellness Committee. Sue reported that the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation committee has offered to send a representative to the Flowage to lead a tour of the three bodies of water. The various forms of plant life present in Baker and Spring Lakes and in the Flowage will be identified. After the tour, Committee members will be better able to monitor plant life going forward. Sue also mentioned that the DNR is holding a seminar on July 26, 2018 in Boulder Junction on lake algae. Sue is planning to attend on behalf of the Committee.

An election was held for the Commissioner seat being vacated by Rich Ruffalo. Mark Tuttle was nominated to fill the position by the Board. No nominations were received from property owners. Mark Tuttle was elected by written vote of the property owners.

During “Public Comment” Rick Pokorny mentioned the importance of property owners being good neighbors and keeping our lakes the peaceful, enjoyable place that we all enjoy. Bob Vogt mentioned concern about the possibility of sea plane landing at Baker Lake. Karl Jennrich explained that the Board had discussed this issue at earlier meetings and that Bob Senechalle had attempted to contact Mr. McKenzie about this issue. It was discussed that this issue could be on the agenda for the next regular Board meeting. Comments were also made about the “no wake” status of Baker Lake and the no wake rule in all lakes when a watercraft is within 100 feet of the shoreline.

In his closing comments, Karl gave a report on current news and activities in Conover. Karl also recognized and praised the service to the Board provided by Rich Ruffalo. Karl summarized some of the invaluable contributions made to the preservation of the Flowage by Rich. Bob Senechalle added further comments of praise and appreciation to Rich. The Board presented Rich with a Plaque of recognition and some small gifts provided by Karl and Al Williamson.

A motion was made by Jack Pierner and seconded by Rich Ruffalo to adjourn the meeting. That motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clancy Senechalle, Secretary