



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

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Minutes of 2019 Annual Meeting  
July 6, 2019, Conover Town Park

Board Chairman, Karl Jennrich, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. Karl welcomed all those in attendance. Karl introduced the Board and then invited each person in attendance to introduce him or herself.

A motion was made by Karl Frederick, seconded by Al Williamson, to approve the agenda for today's meeting. That motion carried by unanimous vote. A motion was then made by Virginia Steber, seconded by Cynthia Bachman, to approve last year's annual meeting minutes. That motion carried by unanimous vote.

Karl gave his chairman's report on the year's activities. Among the items highlighted by Karl was the dissolution of the Flowage Preservation Alliance, the updating of the Lake Brochure, the creation of a Manual for Lake District Board members and the conduct of an engineer's inspection of our Dam by Ayres engineering. Karl summarized the Ayres report, which found the Dam in sound condition, with only some eroded soil at the outflow side of the old culvert site in need of repair. Karl indicated that the Town will make that repair when the road crew's schedule permits.

Al Williamson gave the Treasurer's report. Al reviewed the current state of the District's finances and outlined the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-20. A motion was made by Karl Frederick, seconded by Ron Dorushka, to approve the proposed budget and \$7000 tax levy for 2019/20. That motion carried by unanimous vote.

Clancy Senechalle reported that the audit committee completed an audit of the District's financial records as required by Wisconsin law. The audit confirmed that the District's financial records are correct and verified by bank records.

Rich Ruffalo, chairman of the Dam Maintenance and Operations Committee, gave his report. Rich reported that a half log was removed in May during the Dam inspection, in response to record high water levels and at the direction of the engineer from Ayres. A very dry late May and all of June resulted in the lowering of the lake level. On the recommendation of the engineer, the ½ log was reinserted in late June. Comments about water levels on the Flowage and Baker Lake were made by numerous property owners. Many favored a higher lake level and cited difficulties getting boats off lifts and challenges accessing Baker lake through the channel; others expressed the view that the lake levels

historically fluctuated with precipitation and other weather changes and noted the DNR and engineer advice against non-emergency log height adjustments in response to changes in precipitation.

Sue Holloway, chairperson of the Lake Wellness committee, gave her report. Sue commented on last year's blue green algae bloom in Baker Lake and the explained

study commissioned by the Lake District to understand the genesis of the bloom. Sue also mentioned that blue green algae in Wisconsin lakes is now a top five priority for the DNR. The committee continues to monitor the water clarity on all three District water bodies. Other news reported by Sue included the two kayak tours she guided on our lakes, the nesting of trumpeter swans and new loon chicks on the Flowage and Baker Lake, and the move by interested citizens to have the Town form a Lakes Committee as a standing committee of the Town Board, It was the consensus of the property owners at the annual meeting that we favor the formation of such a committee and would participate if one is formed.

A question was asked of Sue about whether the Lake Wellness committee was studying the effect of lake water quality on the Flowage fish population. Sue and Clancy responded that this issue was not a focus of the Lake Wellness committee but that if there was an interest in such an endeavor, another committee could be formed for that purpose. There was no further discussion about that subject.

Ballots were cast and counted for the vacancy on the Board created by the expiration of Clancy Senechalle's Board term. Ballots were counted by the election committee. Bob Vogt, the Board's candidate, was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board.

Karl made his chairman's comments. He encouraged volunteers for future Board vacancies as they arise. Karl thanked the 2018/19 Board members and committee members for their contribution of time and work this past year. Karl gave a brief summary of significant activities going on in the Town of Conover.

A motion was made by Jack Pierner, seconded by Rick Pokorny, to adjourn the meeting. That motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Clancy Senechalle  
Secretary and Vice Chairperson