

**MINUTES OF THE  
CITY OF ANTIGO  
INLAND LAKE PROTECTION AND  
REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

The annual meeting of the City of Antigo Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (AILPRD) was held on the above date at 6:00 pm at the City Hall Council Chambers, Antigo, Wisconsin, Chairperson Timothy Kassis, presiding.

Commissioners in attendance were: Rebstock, Fischer, Kassis, Bauknecht, Balcerzak and Henricks. Absent: Feller Gottard, Bugni, and Wagner.

Riparian owners and other voting members in attendance were: Mark Desotell, Kaye Matucheski, Sarah Repp, Dr. John McKenna and Elsa McKenna.

Others in attendance were: None.

Chairperson Kassis reviewed the guidelines for voting eligibility.

Election of officers ensured: (Present officers being Tim Kassis, Chairperson, Tom Bauknecht, Secretary; and Barb Rebstock, Treasurer)

Commissioner Balcerzak moved, Commissioner Henricks seconded, to nominate the current slate of officers and cast a unanimous ballot. Carried.

**1. Budget/Capital Improvement Plan and Expenditures**

**a) Spring Clean Up Expense**

Springbrook Clean-Up was completed during two weekends this summer and again coordinated by Mission Antigo. Mission Antigo did an excellent job coordinating the clean-up and providing volunteers to assist.

Springbrook Clean-Up is scheduled again for 2022. The tradition of offering lunch for the volunteers will be continued.

In addition, approval to purchase trash pickers, trash bags, gloves, and other miscellaneous items used for the clean-up is requested. Advertising for the event and disposal fees are also included in the cost.

The cleanup will also include the Springbrook Walking Trail and Biking Path.

Fund Balance Applied **\$500**

Sarah Repp added that Mission Antigo has taken the lead of this in the past and hopefully they will continue.

**b) Improvement of Water Quality Flow (Milfoil, Run-off Fertilizer Pollution}**

Based on the previous final monitoring reports along with the continued success from previous years' efforts to treat Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) it was decided that the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring by Onterra for CLP would not be necessary in 2021.

The last professional aquatic plant surveys took place in 2017. Replicating those surveys on a 5-year interval is a recommended best management practice by Onterra; the City's lake management consultant. If the data collected aligns with past surveys management action likely would not be warranted with no need to update a formal management plan. If the data collected are different and active management a possibility, the aquatic management portion of the plan could be addressed as a separate effort. That being said, it is Onterra's recommendation to conduct a point-intercept and an early-season CLP mapping survey for 2022. The estimated costs for these services would be \$5,000. The AILPRD could then evaluate the need to update its management plan in 2023 allowing the system to be monitored as a whole and the updating of water quality data sets with an overriding goal of becoming grant eligible for 67% of the study costs.

Levy \$0                      Fund Balance Reserve **\$12,000 Lake Treatment**

For 2021, no funds have been expended to date; any funds expended before the end of the year will be deducted from the fund balance appropriation for 2022.

Levy **\$5,000**                      Fund Balance Reserve **\$5,000 Lake Planning & Monitoring**

Mark Desotell indicated that it has been five years since the last study.

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Balcerzak, Mr. Desotell explained the need to levy an additional \$5,000 is in case additional funds are needed as a result of the testing.

Kaye Matucheski also noted that they try to even out the levy from year to year so it is not all over the place. This levy is equal to 1.3 cents.

Commissioner Bauknecht and Kassis think the \$5,000 levy is a good thing to keep in at this point.

#### **c) Hydraulic Study**

Updates to the existing hydraulic data base might be required in conjunction with future projects such as detention ponds, building construction, retaining wall replacement, bridge removals or stream rehabilitation. No specific projects are identified at this time for the 2022 calendar year.

Levy \$0                      Hydraulic Study Reserve \$8,800

#### **d) Restoration of Native Species**

The plan is to continue the Springbrook Banks and Woodland Park restoration program as administered by the Parks Department and Timberland Invasives Partnership (TIP) to eradicate non-native plants and to restore wild native plant species. The program will focus on the removal of wild parsnip, garlic mustard, purple loosestrife, barberry, and other non-native species, and cattails. Removal of invasive plants and replacement with native species will promote wildlife while helping to enhance the waters of Antigo Lake and Springbrook. Work was completed in 2019, 2020, and 2021 through the TIP.

The removal/maintenance of cattails at the viewing stations (located in Basin #'s 1 thru 3) as identified in the Antigo Lake Comprehensive Management Plan was last addressed in the late winter of 2020. Staff from both the Street and Parks crews will continue to collaborate on removal. Harvesting/cutting in the viewing areas will continue in subsequent years as needed. If the AILPRD desires to remove cattails along other areas currently not listed in the management plan then an update of that document will be required by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The need for a pontoon boat or upgraded harvesting equipment will be evaluated at that time.

The overall success of our cattail harvesting and invasive species removal will be evaluated for consideration of native species plantings in areas responding well to the eradication efforts.

The funding requested in this category will be for any combination of cattail harvesting, invasive species removal and native species plantings.

Levy **\$0** Fund Balance Applied **\$26,000**

**e) Basin Dredging/Analysis Program**

Because of the limited payback rate of return identified by the 2018 study no work has been scheduled in 2021 under this category. It is recommended that the AILPRD continue to consider levying funds in this category as City staff continues to investigate and identify the best management practices moving forward. Opportunities could range from specific projects designed to minimize incoming siltation or to the eventual dredging of particular basin areas as needed.

Levy **\$0** Fund Balance Applied **\$0** Fund Balance Reserve **\$70,000**

Mr. Desotell provided the Commissioners with a proposal from Ayres Associates for \$9,618 for a sedimentation pond feasibility study. This study is broken in to two tasks. Task One would be investigation and getting the process started with the Department of Natural Resources. Task Two would be a summary of findings, cost of construction, how much sediment could be controlled, etc. This is a good start to this process.

Mr. Desotell noted that MSA Professional Services looked at the storm sewer infiltration in the basins and did not believe it would be cost effective.

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Kassis, Mr. Desotell noted that they would start 60 days once the contract was signed and 90 days after that to have a study completed.

Commissioner Henricks moved, Commissioner Rebstock seconded, to approve the proposal from Ayres Associates in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 under the City's purchasing policy. Carried.

**f) Restoration of Springbrook Flowage from Faust Dam to Seventh Avenue**

In 2018 MSA Professional Services provided a summary of the final Restoration Study report including their recommendation for potential future projects. No restoration funds are being requested to be spent for the 2022 calendar year. Potential grants will continue to be sought. In order to prepare for future grant matching requirements it is being suggested that \$10,000 be levied in this category in lieu of expanding the dredging fund balance at this time.

Levy **\$10,000** Fund Balance Reserve **\$82,500**

Mr. Desotell indicated that he and staff are looking at an appropriate grant to which this could be utilized as matching funds.

**g) Trail Maintenance/Improvements and Future Expansion**

**SPRINGBROOK TRAIL & OUR COMMUNITY:**

The Springbrook Trail is an incredible asset for our community. Recreational pursuits can be enjoyed on paved or rough trail; creating inclusive and accessible recreational opportunities for our entire community and visitors to the area. Economic opportunities for our local businesses exist through tourism dollars.

Additionally, it is a sought after amenity for those considering relocation for a business or family. This project was constructed through the use of Grant, Lake District and Tax Increment Finance (TIF) dollars; maintenance and expansion efforts of the Springbrook Trail will continue to benefit our community.

**MAINTENANCE:**

The current trail system is over 12 years old and requires annual maintenance (woodchips, crack sealing, boardwalk board replacement, blacktop replacement, sealing, etc.); the use of inland lake funds in combination with general operating funds allows our community to maintain a recreational trail, which enhances the opportunities for public enjoyment along the three lake basins and watershed area. Areas that show signs of needed repair are noted and addressed during the construction season.

**2021 Maintenance:**

While the following have not yet been addressed in 2021 it remains a priority to address them with any funds expended before the end of the year to be deducted from the fund balance appropriation for 2022.

- Sealing the trail, or portions of the trail to extend the life of the blacktop.
- Making necessary repairs during the construction season that may have occurred over the winter months such as cracking and heaving.
- Continuing the trenching along the trail to prevent root damage.

**EXPANSION:**

Maintenance of the current trail system at the highest level possible while also expanding is being requested. Expansion provides the opportunity for, as stated in Wisconsin State Statutes Section 33.22:

*(4m) "A district may undertake projects to enhance the recreational uses of a lake within its jurisdiction, including recreational boating facilities as defined under s. 30.92 (1) (c).*

*(4r) "If authorized by an annual meeting of a district, the district may appropriate money for the conservation of natural resources or for payment to a bona fide nonprofit organization for the conservation of natural resources within the district or beneficial to the district."*

The proposed dollars levied through Inland Lakes will be used to maintain and expand the areas along Antigo Lake and the Springbrook Waterway, which allows the public to recreate and enjoy the natural resources along the lake basins and waterway.

**2021 Expansion:** Trail expansion funds would not be used beyond the Langlade County Fairground property boundary.

The remaining fund balance after expending approximately \$5,000 in 2021 and \$5,000 levy should be used to maintain the current trail system and expand in approved areas. This request is anticipated to continue annually.

Levy **\$5,000**                      Fund Balance Applied **\$5,000**

Ms. Repp noted that they have been making repairs on the trails as needed. There have been a few areas of reoccurring issues.

Mr. Desotell advised he anticipates \$10,000 in needed repairs next year.

Commissioner Balcerzak noted that the public utilizes the trail and he has no problem with funding the upkeep.

Upon inquiry by Commissioner Bauknecht, Ms. Repp noted that the trail expansion TAP Grant funds cannot be used on the upkeep.

**h) Any Other Budgetary Items** Arising from Discussion (No action may be taken on these items.)

None

**2. Adopt Budget and Tax Levy**

Ms. Matucheski explained the levy is at \$0.053 per \$1,000, so for a \$100,000 home it is \$5.30. She does not have the 2021 assessed value yet, so she assumes this amount will decrease some.

Commissioner Henricks moved, Commissioner Fischer seconded, to adopt the budget and tax levy as presented. Carried.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO BE CONSIDERED**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Rebstock moved, Commissioner Kassis seconded, to adjourn at 6:43 pm. Carried.



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Timothy Kassis, Chairperson