

Minutes (unapproved) of the March 21, 2013 LGWCC meeting

The meeting was held at the Calvary United Methodist Church fellowship hall. The meeting was called to order by President Elton Brown at 7:20pm. A roll call showed eleven directors to be present, a quorum.

The invocation was given by Rives Manning.

Dan Tanner moved to approve the agenda. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

During the public comments time, remarks were made about the Remetrix report.

Wally Sayko moved to approve the minutes on the January 31, 2013, LGWCC meeting. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

The Treasurers report was given by Rives Manning. Jack Saunders moved to approve the report. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

The Financial report had been sent out to the Directors.

New Business:

Rives Manning gave the report from the contract committee in regard to hiring the chemical applicator for the 2013 season. There were two responses to our RFP--PLM and Skip's Aquatic Solutions. Following lengthy discussion, the vote was 6 yeas and 5 nays to award the contract to Skip's. The LGWCC would assure that Skip's would be in compliance with the RFP and try to negotiate a lower price.

Rives Manning gave the report from the contract committee in regards to the chemical supplier for the 2013 season. There were two responses- Cygnet and Helena. Helena was the low bidder but it was determined that they were using last year's prices, not this year's.

After the Bid meeting was over, the contract committee received an email from Helena withdrawing their bid. Wayne Carter moved the LGWCC award the chemical purchase contract to Cygnet. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Rob Richardson gave the Technical Advisory Group's report. Overall, they felt we were holding our own fighting noxious weeds in Lake Gaston. The group urged the weed council to continue to be as aggressive as possible. They recommended the introduction of 8,238 grass carp this season to help keep the noxious weeds under control. They also recommended that the LGWCC determine the accuracy of the different survey methods being used to get the most accurate results, continue using volunteers, continue revegetation activities, and develop expert driven criteria for determining treatment areas. They recommended that Remetrix be hired for one more year in order to compare their past year's surveys. The LGWCC would try to negotiate a lower price based on the availability of the volunteer data and evolving technology.

The Secretary was instructed to contact Dominion Power and have them start the permitting process and the purchasing of the carp. (The contact has been made with Dominion and they have started the process)

Pete Deschenes gave the report from the Stakeholder's group. His group agreed with the recommendations of the Technical Advisory Group and endorsed their proposals. He moved the LGWCC accept the recommendations of the TAG group and the efforts of the volunteers be incorporated into the planning. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Following discussion of the contributions from the five counties, Tony Brown moved the counties be sent a letter informing them of the

possibility of proration of noxious weed treatment in their county if the full \$116,000 was not paid. The motion was properly seconded and passed.

Jack Saunders asked that all aquatic vegetation be identified in Lake Gaston as a result of “volunteer” rake dragging.

There being no further business to come before the organization, the meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Winebrenner, Secretary