

FRIENDSHIP LAKE DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY May 7, 2019 5:30PM
ADAMS COUNTY COMMUNITY CENTER
569 N. CEDAR STREET, ADAMS, WI 53910

1. **Call Meeting to Order:** Chairman Bob Berry called the meeting to order at approximately 5:36pm. Present were commissioners Karen Pokorny and Tina Meinen. Also present were Ron Johnson from the Town of Adams, Lee Parlow, from the Village of Friendship, and Rick Pease from Adams County. Matt Morrow from the Town of Preston was not present. There were approximately 16 district members present. Also attending was Mike Cummings, representing Adams Community Bank, and Jennifer Bergman, Wisconsin DNR Fish Biologist.
2. **Review and Approval of the Minutes from the April 2, 2019, Commissioners Board Meeting:** The minutes from the April 2, 2019 Commissioners Board Meeting were reviewed. Tina Meinen made a motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Ron Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.
3. **Review and Approval of the Treasurer's Report:** Tina shared that the Now Checking Account has a balance of \$380.71, the Money Market Account balance is \$64,453.98, and the Friends of Friendship Lake Fundraising Account is \$5,261.57, giving a total of all bank accounts of \$69,096.26, that includes \$16.01 interest earned. The current mortgage balance owed is \$102,629.71. Tina said that the previous line of credit of \$49,152.85, was paid in full before it matured on May 1, 2019. Tina said that we know that the district will have to cover the full cost of the DNR Municipal Dam Grant of approximately \$254,000.00, as well as repairs not in the grant. A new line of credit has been prepared by Mike Cummings and Adams Community Bank for the board to review and sign after the meeting. Tina said that the board will need to vote on resolution #572019 which is next on the agenda to proceed with that loan. Tina said that expenses for the past month included, \$532.50 for printing and postage of the spring newsletter, \$87.10 newspaper bid publication fees, payroll employment taxes in the amount of \$1207.36, and some miscellaneous office supplies, utilities, and IT services, Ron Johnson made a motion to approve the monthly treasurer's report and was seconded by Karen Pokorny. The motion carried unanimously.

4. **Resolution #572019 New Line of Credit with Adams Community Bank to cover Repair Costs 2019 Dam Repair Project:** Bob Berry read proposed Friendship Lake District Resolution #572019 stating that it authorizes Friendship Lake District Board of Commissioners, Robert Berry, Chairman, Karen Pokorny, Secretary, and Tina Meinen, Treasurer, to obtain a new line of credit in the amount of \$300,000.00 with Adams Community Bank to be used to cover the cost of repairs for the Friendship Lake 2019 Dam repair project, at an interest rate of 4.70%. This is a 12-month interest only line of credit. A motion was made by district member Greg Weiss and seconded by district member Chuck Spargo. The motion carried unanimously. Bob Berry signed the resolution and a copy was given to Mike Cummings who was in attendance from Adams Community Bank.
5. **Friendship Lake Dam Repair Update:** Bob said that there really isn't much new to report. He is looking at getting bids on the brick work and tuck pointing needed on the Dam powerhouse. An initial estimate is that it would cost around \$100,000.00 to repair the brick. Bob is talking with other contractors looking to have other estimates in the next month or so. Bob is also getting bids on upgrading the powerhouse to eventually sell power to Alliant. A few questions were asked and answered by Bob such as how that process works for the selling of power. Bob also confirmed that July 8, 2019 is the projected date to begin the draw down. Karen said that Adams County passed the updated floodplain ordinance in April. Karen has sent written request to the DNR to change the hazard rating permanently to significant now that the ordinance is approved.
6. **Jennifer Bergman Wisconsin DNR Fish Biologist Restocking Presentation:** Bob introduced Jennifer Bergman from WDNR. Jennifer began her presentation stating that Friendship Lake is eligible for at least a two-year fish restocking program through the DNR. Jennifer gave a general overview of how and when fish restocking occurs under the DNR. Because of the timing of the drawdown, Jennifer explained that certain species that are stocked in August, such as large-mouth bass and blue gills, will be postponed to August of 2020. Northern pike will be stocked this year in early October after the refill of the lake. Jennifer has recommended a private fish hatchery located in Dodgeville, Wisconsin to work with the district this year for pan fish that the DNR does not provide, such as perch and crappie. The DNR will perform a fish count in Spring of 2020 to survey the population at that time. They will compare the results to the last study of 2012 on Friendship Lake. Those results will determine the next steps the DNR will offer in restocking the lake. She suggested that at this time the district should begin actively to try and eliminate the carp population. Many fish will travel up or down stream during the draw down, however, she explained that if large deep pools remain in the lake they will stay. She said that we should maintain a large blue gill and bass population in the future as they thrive on carp. Jennifer opened the floor to questions from the members. Sam Peterson from Adams County Land and Water, a local DNR warden were also in attendance and offered answers to district member's questions.

7. **Report from Friends of Friendship Lake:** Linda Graf said that the final plans are being worked on for the May 18th Spring Fling at the Cedar Shack. Linda Moonan is chairing the event and it looks like we have around 75 people attending. July 3, 2019 is the date of the annual brat fry to be held at County Market. Linda said that she will need volunteers for cooking, serving, bakery items for sale, and to oversee the t-shirt sales. We will also be helping with the fishing tournament scheduled for June 29, 2019. We will need volunteers again to cook and serve food and will offer a few raffle items. Finally, the August 3rd golf outing is being planned and Karen Pokorny will share more on that. As always everyone is welcome to attend our monthly luncheon meetings. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 15, 2019, at 11:30am at Moundview Golf Course.
8. **Report from the Golf Outing Committee:** Karen Pokorny said that she has a great committee and we are moving forward with our plans. We have room for 72 teams of 4 golfers on each team. A Hole-in-one challenge will be included with a chance for a golfer to win \$20,000.00. Many other fun games, silent auction items, and raffle baskets are planned. If you are not a golfer no problem dinner and raffles will be available in the evening.
9. **Any Unfinished Business:** Bob said that he and Karen attended the Town of Adam's annual board meeting in April. In 2018 at their annual board meeting they budgeted \$3000.00 towards Friendship Lake Dam Repairs. By motion and vote at their 2019 meeting they promised the donation will be sent to our district by September of this year.

Bob said that the DNR and the Army Corps of Engineers have approved the construction of the harvester ramp. The DNR has issued the permit to proceed with opening bidding on the project.

Adam Resch shared some thoughts on replacing the small harvester. He said last year with the help of Aaron the hired operator, they were able to keep it running. It is Adams opinion that the main problem is that it is leaking oil and that if we could get Fenner Garage to replace the head gasket we could get more years out of it before we would have to think about spending a lot of money to replace it. Bob, Karen, and Tina agreed that is a great suggestion. Bob said that he will reach out to Fenner and see if they would be able to work on that this year since we are not going to be doing any weed harvesting.

10. **Any New Business:** Bob shared that Friendship Lake District was recently awarded the 2018 Community Improvement Award from the Adams County Chamber of Commerce. Mike Cummings from Adams Community Bank presented the award. Tonight, Mike was in attendance, so Bob and the members present applauded Mike and Adams Community Bank for their support of our district.

A Bass Fishing Tournament has been set for Saturday June 29, 2019 on Friendship Lake. Castle Rock Bassmasters has volunteered to help us with this tournament. Our district member, Ed Aksamit, is chairing this event. Ed is currently traveling back to Wisconsin from a winter in Arizona so look for details to be available soon.

Adams County was awarded a grant to host a table top exercise in June to prepare if there would be a Friendship Lake Dam Failure. Karen is meeting with Jane Gerai at Adams County in the next week or so to help with the plans.

Linda Moonan has resigned as the Friendship Lake Management Advisory Chairman. We need of a new Chairman to oversee this very important plan. Please consider filling this position and reach out to any one of the board members if you are interested.

Rick Pease from Adams County stated that he was recently at a County Wide meeting with Enbridge. He said that they are the pipeline company working in Central Wisconsin. It was shared that they have community grants available. Rick said they he thought about Friendship Lake District and that this would be a great opportunity to apply. Karen will reach out to Steve La Valle, our district grant writer, and recommend that he begin that application.

11. **Set the Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday June 4, 2019, 5:30pm., Adams Community Center
12. **Adjournment:** Ron Johnson made the motion to adjourn and was seconded by Tina Meinen. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully

Karen Pokorny

Commissioner Secretary

Friendship Lake District

May 20, 2019