

### **Current topics being addressed by SLMD Board.**

- 1) 2024 spring newsletter (Ed Kissinger) and new web site Launch (Todd Chesboro)
  - a) Lake District Sec 33 modifications recently passed require an Opt-out option for owners on email notifications for meetings and budget.
  - b) Meeting notice notification in Waushara Argus still required.
  - c) Property owners who have not provided email (50 owners) receive USPS letter with Agenda and proposed budget.
  - d) Those owners will also receive the spring newsletter via USPS
  - e) Feb 2024 board meeting to discuss opt out procedure.
- 2) Aquatic Plant Management (Mark Magnusson)
  - a) Preliminary application for a WI DNR large scale water way grant to manage invasive Hybrid Water Milfoil (HWM) and Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). Submitted 9/15/2023
  - b) Final application submitted by SLMD and Onterra on 11/15/2023
  - c) Grant period will be 2024 through 2027. Grant awards will be notified in February 2024.
  - d) Cost Basis of grant was a whole lake ProCella-COR herbicide treatment in 2024 for HJWM/EWM.
  - e) Grant funds can be spent in first year.
  - f) SLMD will be completing a \$54K 2022-2023 surface water grant in March 2024. We need the Onterra 2023 Aquatic Plant management yearly report (provided in February 2024)
- 3) 2024 applicator Bids for whole lake herbicide treatment (Mark Magnusson, Onterra, Board)
  - a) 3 firms will be contacted.
    - i) Aquatic Plant Management (Minocqua WI)
    - ii) Clark Aquatic services
    - iii) Current firm from prior 2014/2016 applicator, Amy Kay
  - b) Projected cost for whole lake treatment is \$160K, excluding monitoring and reporting.
- 4) Continue Clean Boat Clean Water (CBCW) inspections at Hwy 21/73 landing for 200 hours in 2024 (Bill Herbert)
  - a) 75% funded by a WI DNR grant.
  - b) Grant award will be in February 2024
  - c) Inspectors contracted through Golden Sands Resource Conservation and development.
    - i) Inspectors always needed; Golden Sands advertises for applicants in March/April timetable.
    - ii) Our inspector splits time between Silver and Pearl Lake (Red Granite)
      - (1) 400 hours in total for May-Sept (200 hrs for each lake)
      - (2) SLMD pays a \$500 bonus for a local person staying the whole season, May-Sept
- 5) Aquatic Invasive 7<sup>th</sup> grade science day tour (Jim Morgenroth)
  - a) >100 students attended in 2023
  - b) Four pontoon boats and driver volunteers needed.
  - c) Budget for educational handouts, water and snacks.
- 6) Waushara Land Conservation Day activities for Students (Jim Morgenroth)
  - a) Budget contribution.
  - b) Apparel or other activities promoting Silver Lake Management District during the event.
- 7) Waushara County Water Shed Lakes Council (Meets quarterly).
  - a) Jim Morgenroth, WCWLC board member.
  - b) Represents Silver Lake in topics which vary from zoning, rentals, watershed management.
    - i) Lake living packet creation and distribution to Lake Districts
    - ii) Updates from Waushara County parks and recreation (responsible for water safety)
    - iii) Land conservation and Aquatic Invasive Species grants
    - iv) Lake topics from Golden Sands Resource Conservation Council (DNR AIS grant process)
    - v) Hydrology/Ground water topics from WI DNR (high capacity wells, high/low water)
    - vi) Zoning (Regulations on rentals)
    - vii) Current topics, local ordinances, wake surf boats)
    - viii) Well testing results in the county.