

WIGGINS LAKE LEVEL AUTHORITY BOARD
Held at Sage Township Hall
July 18, 2023

Meeting called to order by Terry Walters at 7:30pm.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Terry Walters

Present: Ron Taylor, Terry Walters, Mike Hermann, Rick Dvorak and Lucy Zeestraten

Absent: Renee Zelt

Motion to approve minutes of May 16, 2023, by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Mike Hermann. All in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda: None

New Business:

There was discussion on the Auxiliary Pond and the overflow tube that the road commission wants placed. Ron Taylor asked can we tell them we aren't going to do it. It's been there for 50 years, and no one knew about it. Terry said we would get with Spicer Group and get their option. Ron Taylor's option is that Stacy (FSBR) and Spicer Group need to sit down with the road commission and get them to pay half. Ron doesn't see how they can expect the district to pay all of it. Mike Hermann doesn't see the urgency of doing this. Motion to have Terry follow up with Stacy and Spicer Group by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Mike Hermann. All in favor. Motion carried.

Rick Dvorak is resigning from the board. Terry thanked him for being here and all the work he has done. Motion to nominate Tom Stack as a replacement by Mike Hermann. Seconded by Rick Dvorak. All in favor. Motion carried.

Financial ledger received and filed. Mike H. feels that the account will be fine for this year but not fine in the future. Mike H. brought up the potential budget for the next 5 yrs. Taking in account the current expenses. Mike explained how he came up with the budget. Mike H. figures the assessment will be under \$20.00 a unit. Mike also explained how the calculations are figured. Terry and Ron stated that there will have to be a public hearing. The County Commissions will have to adopted after that. It would be \$100.00 annually. There was discussion on what the last assessment was. Ron thinks we should keep it to the minimum. Ron asked if you assessed for \$50.00 or \$60.00 a year, how would that build up the fund. Mike H. stated providing nothing happens like the pond draining, if we don't have to lift the sidewalk, if the next inspection says everything's fine. With what's on the agenda we will not be able to pay for it. Lucy explains what will happen at the public hearing. Ron said he doesn't have a stake in this, but he will listen to the people. He feels we need to make sure the people know what the assessment will be. Motion to research the assessment, have a public hearing for everyone to review by Mike Hermann. Seconded by Ron Taylor. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mike Hermann gives a update on the dam. Since the spring thaw the lake has been between 814.74 and 814.66. He has not heard anything that the lake was too high or too low. These numbers are from the sensors at the dam. The dam is running on one gate and has since the thaw. The team is minimizing fluctuations downstream. There has been a couple of power failure alarms the last couple of weeks. None of them were of consequence. The rip rap project is complete. Mike stated that they did a really nice job and put stone down on the path if machinery needs to go down there again. He also put in a drain that was very nice. Ron Taylor stated that this is the first year he hasn't had a complaint about the fluctuation on the river. There were complaints in previous years.

Jeff Taylor commented we are not arguing that the money wasn't spend right. But when the construction was completed, we were told 5 to 7 years without any assessment. Jeff feels if you keep it under \$100.00 or even \$90.00. The impact with the people here once you get into the three digits. Mike comments that he's not focusing

on \$100.00. He understands a portion of this is contingency.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Mike Hermann. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

Lucy Zeestraten, Secretary