

Special Weed Assessment Meeting

For Devil's Lake

January 5, 2018 at 4:00 PM

-Meeting called to order at 4:00pm by Supervisor David.

-Roll call: Sayre=yes, Willett=yes, David=yes and Combs=yes. Trustee Walker was absent. Quorum has been reached.

-Opening Statement by Supervisor David:

This is a hearing of necessity to renew Special Assessment District for Devils Lake, which must be done by law. The renewal is for 5 years. The annual cost to treat the lake is estimated at \$22,000 which would be \$50.00 per lake front lot. A sheet was made available outlining the rationale for establishing assessments. This meeting is also to hear resident concerns if we should set up weed assessment district and help the Board determine whether to set up a district.

-Steve Hanson from PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. gave a little presentation on treating the lakes and the condition of the lakes. PLM has managed the weed program for seven years. According to Steve there are a lot of different kinds of weeds that are not native. Steve was available for questions from our residents.

Citizen comments:

-Tim Cregan-Looks like we have more weeds? Steve (PLM) there is a lot of native weeds.

-Jim Jankowski- How far does weed treatment spread? Steve (PLM) we target specific areas, the chemicals go to the bottom. The shoreline is pretty good shape on Devils Lake.

-Tim Cregan- Is this assessment going to be on winter taxes? How much? Because of the large public access we should get more people to contribute. Supervisor David; yes assessment will be on winter taxes, at \$50.00 for lake front property. Hard to get lake visitors to contribute to weed control cost. If we assessed visitors we would have to change assessment district. At this time, DNR controls the public access.

-Richard Sherlitz- How is Marina assessed? Supervisor David; assessed per feet on lake.

-Richard Sherlitz-Could you assess commercial property more? Supervisor David; we haven't done that in the past, may look into changing assessment district.

-Richard Sherlitz-How far can Marina go out with docks? Supervisor David; DNR controls that.

-Richard Sherlitz- What about people sleeping overnight on their boats at the Marina? Supervisor David; we don't have information on this subject and this meeting is for weed assessment district.

-Joette Collings-What would happen if we don't continue to treat? Steve (PLM) we could lose control of the weeds then in turn it would cost more monies to get rid of them. We have used weevils, harvest and Chemicals to keep weeds under control.

-Chuck Peterson-Our weed bed by my house has increased? Four years ago we had fewer weeds. Supervisor David-We can have PLM review the area. Steve (PLM) The area has different plants, may need to harvest this area by the docks.

-Supervisor David took a vote of residents that were present, as to if they agree or disagree to re-establishing the weed assessment district? 6 – yes and 0 no.

-Resolution 2018-1 Devils Lake Weed Abatement Special Assessment District. Motion by Willett and supported by Sayre, roll call; Sayre-yes, Willett-yes, Combs-yes and David-yes. No nays. Resolution passed.

-Next meetings will be held on January 23, 2018 at 4:00pm for Devils Lake and at 5:00pm for Round Lake in order to hear objections to the assessment roll.

-Supervisor David adjourn meeting at 4:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by Denice Combs, Rollin Township Clerk

Minutes approved;

Date: _____ Supervisor: _____ Clerk: _____