

Moose Lake Advancement Association Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, November 6, 2024 – zoom meeting

Present: Rory Leyden, Hilarie Puestow, Yvonne Lindl , Tom Kielma, Bob Mikulec, Sue Laabs, Tammy Gallagher, and Lynn Leidel. Absent: Gery Sawall

1. Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.
2. Rory summarized the meetings that he, Bob, Tom, Gery, and Greg O'Hearn had with the engineering firms (ra Smith and Merjent) that had prepared proposals for a solution to the high water issues. The group consensus was that ra Smith was the preferred firm for several reasons: the proposal and their understanding of the project were more comprehensive; the proposal outlined sequential steps to be followed and allowed the Association to proceed with only those as deemed necessary, and the cost of their services seemed reasonable.
3. The first step proposed by ra Smith is to arrange and hold a pre-application meeting with all interested parties that would need to be involved in the approval process. The fee for arranging, preparing for, and conducting this meeting would be \$5,000. The expected product of the meeting would be a better sense as to the likelihood that the DNR and other parties would approve the project. Hopefully, after this meeting, we would be able to better assess the viability of the project and if it appeared promising, could then work to complete the studies needed to obtain the approval and begin to form a lake district.
4. The \$5,000 for the pre-application meeting would be in addition to the \$5,000 that the membership had previously approved to be used to move the project along. Rory stated that the Association's bylaws allow the Board to approve an expenditure of this amount without a vote of the entire membership. He felt that this seemed to be a better use of our funds at this time, than to use them to pursue the formation of a lake district since support for the lake district would likely hinge on the assumption that this would result in the successful completion of a high water solution. Rory felt that it will probably take 10-12 weeks before a meeting is set up. The meeting would be open to attendance by the Board members.
5. A discussion of the proposal followed. Items discussed included the proposed water level that would be the ultimate goal (slow-no-wake level), the three alternative solutions that the engineering firm would model with the understanding that these might change based on the meeting with the DNR, and the lack of language in the proposal to specify that signing this contract would obligate the Association only to the initial step of the pre-application meeting.
6. Rory will work to modify the contract to address the above concerns. With these modifications, a motion was made by Tom, seconded by Hilarie, and unanimously approved to authorize Rory to sign the contract with ra Smith and to spend \$5,000 for the pre-application meeting. Rory will send an email to Association members informing them of the decisions made in this meeting.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pmm.

Submitted by: Yvonne Lindl, Secretary