

**EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**January 14, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Board President, Russ Boverhuis at 7:00 pm. This meeting was held via video/conference call.

Board members present – Mark Drewitz, Randy Manlick, Jason Herfel, Randy Manlick, Jean McLeod and Mike Peck

Board members absent – None

**SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The Secretary's Report from the September 2020 meeting was distributed via email prior to the start of the meeting. No comments or corrections were made to the report. Randy made a motion to accept the report. Jason seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's Report was distributed via email prior to the beginning of the meeting. Randy noted that the fish stocking budget was \$700 over last year's budget as planned. No corrections were made to the report. Randy made a motion to accept the report. Jason seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS/Organizational Items**

**Board Meeting Schedule was set for 2021:** The next meeting will be held April 22 at 6 p.m. in the Emily City Park (weather permitting). **The remaining meeting schedule dates** will be held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. on the following dates: May 20, June 17, July 15, and September 16. **The boat parade** is scheduled for July 4 and the **annual meeting** on August 14.

**Open Board Position:** Discussed need to recruit new board member to fill Deb Hansen's position. Jason mentioned asking Grant or Mary, Mike will check with Steve Smith, and Russ will check options from the membership drive. Russ asked us to email him with updates.

**Newsletter Schedule:**

**Winter Newsletter** needs to be completed by mid-February. It is combined with the annual membership drive (to be printed in color). Topics include water quality results, fish stocking, new board officers /members, Deb's termination, AIS control, milfoil treatment/costs, and a thank you to the City of Emily and DNR contributions. Russ will send out a draft of the newsletter in early February for review.

**The Summer Newsletter** needs to be completed 30 days before the annual meeting.

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Document Storage:** We discussed exploring an option to move all of our documents to a cloud storage for better access. Russ is exploring options and would like to find a reasonable cost to do this.

**501c Renewal:** The renewal of our 501c status needs to be completed by Randy with the Secretary of State.

**County Tax Data:** Mark transferred the county tax data to Russ so he can update the mailing lists.

**Membership Drive:** Randy will stuff, stamp and mail the list of 232 names with the winter newsletter.

**PLM Contracts:** Russ and Jason need to approve/sign both Lake Emily and Mary's contract. They will mail it back to PLM by February 15, 2021 in order to work with them. Randy made a motion to accept. Mike seconded it. Motion was carried.

**Crow Wing County AIS plans:** The 2021 plans are the same as last years. We need to secure grants from DNR for AIS treatment. We commented that if we want to secure additional funds of up to \$250, we would need to include some educational material in our summer newsletter. We made note that the Crow Wing County Plan determined that Lake Emily has a high risk in the next 5 years to be infested based upon the lake depth, traffic, etc. The risk could lower if docks, lifts and boats are checked for zebra mussels.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

Jean made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Mike seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean McLeod