

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
COMMISSIONERS MEETING
April 9, 2014
*APPROVED***

Call to Order: Chris Demers called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Roll Call: Bob Long, Chris Demers, Jessica Brusseau

Residents in Attendance: Fred Garofalo, Paricia Brady, Daniel Brady, Grete D'Hondt and Francine Bowman

Approval of Minutes:

Mar. 10 Commissioners Meeting: Chris Demers moved to approve the minutes, Bob Long seconded, and motion passed.

Mar. 15 Annual District Meeting: Chris Demers moved to approve the minutes, Bob Long seconded, and motion passed.

District Business:

Manifests: Chris Demers moved to approve the manifests for March 4, 2014 to April 9, 2014. Jessica Brusseau seconded and motion passed.

Financials: Financial reports for Water Dept. and District accounts for the period ending March 31, 2014 were reviewed with no questions raised.

Water Bill Report: The commissioners reviewed the report provided by Kristi Garofalo, Administrative Assistant. New water bills have recently gone out and more than \$22,000 in overdue bills remains to be collected. The commissioners requested a new list of customers for possible disconnection/property liens at the next meeting. The commissioners also asked for detailed statements on all customers who owe more than \$500 on their water bills. ***Kristi Garofalo will provide both items for the next meeting.***

Staff Health Insurance: Bob Long made a motion to set the District contribution towards health insurance at \$500 per month for Don Drew, Water and Maintenance Supervisor. Chris Demers seconded and the motion passed.

Commissioner Committee Assignment: Bob Long welcomed newly elected commissioner Jessica Brusseau to the Board. She will work with the Recreation Committee.

Maintenance/Water Update: Chris Demers reviewed the monthly report from Don Drew. Maintenance highlights: the tennis courts will be resurfaced in late May; a swing set will be installed in the beach area this year; the docks and rafts will be put out in mid May; and the District Office ladies bathroom floor has been replaced. The report noted efforts will be made to locate geese nesting areas. Grete D'Hondt offered red fox urine as a geese deterrent and Dan and Patricia Brady volunteered to test it at their home. Horse shoe pits are another maintenance project and possible locations were discussed. Dan Brady offered two regulation horse shoe posts set in concrete. ***Kristi Garofalo will let Don Drew know of the post donation.***

Water Department highlights included: water usage is around 20,000 gpd; a frozen service line on Valley Road and burst pipes in a home on Rodgers Road were detected and repaired; low temp and water sensor alarm information went out to District residents with the water bills.

Bob Long reported the water committee is working on the Lower Dam Outlet Project and just received new information from Dubois & King which will be discussed at their meeting on April 10. The

project is estimated to cost about \$200,000 and plans are to start lowering the lake in July 2015 so that construction can be done during the driest part of the season.

Planning Board Update: Chris Demers reported the Board is working on swimming pool requirements and on standardizing named/numbered mapped sections.

Forestry Committee Update: Fred Garofalo reported surveyor/forester Harry Burgess will walk the forest area near the Lodge and provide a quote for the next meeting on April 23.

Recreation Update: Grete D'Hondt reported Winter Fest was well attended and the weather was perfect. The Rec Committee did not meet in March; due to schedule conflicts, meeting dates may be changed to the fourth Monday of every month. The Committee will let the Office know so the changes can be posted. Grete D'Hondt said the Rec Committee plans 4 or 5 big events this year; other activities can be suggested by residents and discussed with the Rec Committee.

Bob Long asked *Summer Program Supervisor Francine Bowman to provide Kristi Garofalo with a list of employees who will be asked to return for the coming season so that paperwork packets can be sent.* Francine Bowman will provide information so letters can go out before April 23.

Action Items Review:

Bob Long: an email explaining new meeting minute follow-up procedures went out; talked to LGC and Chris Demers re: land donation procedures and will contact District attorney for clarification.

Chris Demers: working on setting regular meeting date for forestry Committee; worked with Bob Long on land donation procedures.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Correspondence: The Commissioners received a settlement proposal regarding the Connole property/spillway area. **Bob Long will gather information to forward to the District attorney for advice.**

Lodge Update/Remodel/Wi-Fi: Wi-Fi service at the Lodge was suggested at the annual meeting and would be convenient for weddings and other gatherings. **Kristi Garofalo will investigate the possibilities.** Grete D'Hondt suggested updating the downstairs portion of the Lodge with cleaning and painting floors and walls, and general cleanup and redecorating. **Bob Long asked Grete D'Hondt to provide a list of suggested projects for consideration.**

Person of the Year Presentation: Chris Demers presented Daniel Brady with a Person of the year plaque for his work on the Lodge stairlift project and his contributions to the Budget Committee and Planning Board.

Chris Demers moved to adjourn and Jessica Brusseau seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristi Garofalo