

**MOUNTAIN LAKES DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2015**

Moderator Robert Roudebush opened the Annual Meeting at 10:33 AM. He introduced District Commissioners Jessica Brusseau, Christopher Demers, and Robert Long, then introduced District Treasurer Daniel Brady, District Clerk Karen Rajsteter, and District Administrative Assistant Kristi Garofalo.

Article 1:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Eighty Four Dollars (\$214,184) as the amount recommended by the Commissioners for general municipal operations for the 2015 fiscal year. This article does not include appropriations contained in special or individual articles addressed separately. *The Commissioners recommend this article.* (Majority vote required)

MOTION made by: Chris Demers **SECONDED by:** Peter Olander

VOTED: YES

ARTICLE 1: PASSED

Article 2:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Four Dollars (\$169,584) as the amount recommended by the Commissioners for the operation of the Mountain Lakes Water Department for the 2015 fiscal year. This sum to consist of One Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Two Hundred Ten Dollars (\$157,210) from Water User Fees and Twelve Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Four Dollars (\$12,374) from the Water Fund Unrestricted Fund Balance. *The Commissioners recommend this article.* (Majority vote required)

Ken King, Water Committee chairman, gave an update regarding Water Committee projects:
-In July 2015, the lower lake will be lowered to redo the Lower Dam. The cost for this major project will be approximately \$235,000 and grant/loan programs are being explored to cover the costs.

-The water source search continues and the Water Committee is hopeful that usable sources will be found soon.

MOTION made by: Chris Demers **SECONDED by:** Charles Edson

VOTED: YES

ARTICLE 2: PASSED

Article 3:

To see if the District will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be added to the Water Department Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously

established, with said funds to come from the Water Department Unrestricted Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. *The Commissioners recommend this article.*
(Majority vote required)

MOTION made by: Chris Demers

SECONDED by: Charles Edson

VOTED: YES

ARTICLE 3: PASSED

Article 4:

To see if the District will vote to change the purpose of the Water Surplus Capital Reserve Fund to be used for water breaks and other water emergencies and the fund to be renamed as the Water Emergency Capital Reserve Fund; and further to appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to be added to that fund and to authorize the Board of Commissioners as agents to expend this fund. This sum will come from the Water Department Unrestricted Fund Balance. No amount to be raised from taxation. *The Commissioners recommend this article.* (2/3 vote required)

MOTION made by: Chris Demers

SECONDED by: Joseph Rodger

VOTED: YES - Unanimous

ARTICLE 4: PASSED BY 2/3 VOTE

Article 5:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to be added to the Mountain Lakes Facility Improvement Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Commissioners recommend this article.* (Majority vote required)

MOTION made by: Chris Demers

SECONDED by: Patricia Brady

VOTED: YES

ARTICLE 5: PASSED

Article 6:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) to be added to the Mountain Lakes General Operating Legal Expenses Capital Reserve Fund previously established. *The Commissioners recommend this article.* (Majority vote required)

MOTION made by: Chris Demers

SECONDED by: Gail Dubrule

VOTED: YES

ARTICLE 6: PASSED

Article 7:

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) for improvements to the Mountain Lakes District Lodge. This is a special warrant article. *The*

Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

MOTION made by: Chris Demers **SECONDED by:** David Selent

VOTED: YES

ARTICLE 7: PASSED

Article 8:

To see if the District will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000) to be placed in the Forestry Program Capital Reserve Fund previously established, with said funds to come from timber proceeds. *The Commissioners recommend this article. (Majority vote required)*

Dave Long gave a brief presentation on the work of the Forestry Committee and the current logging project. The project was advertised for proposals and received five bids, with the contract being awarded to Tom Harris of T.H. Logging. They will begin selective cutting this spring on the 174-acre parcel near the power lines. Patricia Brady asked about the anticipated revenue. Dave Long responded the conservative estimate was \$50,000-60,000 after twenty percent commission for forester Harry Burgess and ten percent for timber taxes.

MOTION made by: Chris Demers **SECONDED by:** Joseph Rodger

VOTED: YES

ARTICLE 8: PASSED

Article 9:

To elect the following District officers:

- **A Commissioner for a term of three (3) years.**

A motion was made by Peter Olander and seconded by Charles Edson to nominate Robert Long as Commissioner. As there were no other nominations, a motion was made and adopted to close the nominations and for the Clerk to cast 1 ballot for Robert Long for a term of 3 years.

- **A District Clerk for a term of one (1) year.**

A motion was made by Patricia Brady and seconded by Dottie Long to nominate Karen Rajsteter as District Clerk. As there were no other nominations, a motion was made and adopted to close the nominations and for the Clerk to cast 1 ballot for Karen Rajsteter for a term of 1 year.

- **A Treasurer for a term of one (1) year.**

A motion was made by Laraine King and seconded by Dave Selent to nominate Daniel Brady as District Treasurer. As there were no other nominations, a motion was made and

adopted to close the nominations and for the Clerk to cast 1 ballot for Daniel Brady for a term of 1 year.

Article 10:

To transact any other business that may legally be brought before the District Meeting.

- Don Dubrule, Planning Board chairman, explained that work on updating the Mountain Lakes master plan will begin soon and asked for volunteers to be part of the Master Plan committee.
- Zoning Board of Adjustment(ZBA): Commissioner Long made the following recommendations regarding the terms of ZBA members:
 - Laraine King be appointed as a new regular member of the ZBA
 - David Selent be named as a new alternate member of the ZBA.
 - Michael Williams be named as a new alternate member of the ZBA.
 - The following members should be re-appointed to the ZBA for a term of three years: Karen Rajsteter, Peter Olander, Don Dubrule and Rosellie FarrCommissioner Demers made a motion to accept Commissioner Long's recommendations and make the appointments as stated. Commissioner Brusseau seconded and the motion passed.
- Commissioner Long presented Donald Drew, Water Department and Maintenance Supervisor, with an award naming him as Person of the Year and recognizing him for his ten years of dedicated service to the District.

It should be noted that 37 ballots were given out to registered voters. There are currently 222 registered voters in the District.

A motion was made by Patricia Brady and seconded by Joseph Rodger to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 am.

Respectfully submitted

Karen Rajsteter
District Clerk