

**ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING FOR FOWLER LAKE PROTECTION
AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
August 16, 2022**

Mayor Magnus opened the Public Hearing for the Lake Management District #2 Fowler Lake 2023 Proposed Budget at 7:03 PM.

Sullivan-Murray displayed a picture of the 2023 Proposed Budget notice on the screen and reported the budget consists of Aquatic Plant Management (\$2,500) and Goose Roundup (\$5,000.) She also noted there is a reserve fund of \$30,000 per year, which was started a few years ago, to help pay for a weed harvester. No other comments were received. The public hearing closed at 7:04 PM.

Mayor Magnus called the Fowler Lake Annual Meeting to order immediately following the public hearing and announced that any elector and/or property owner in the Fowler Lake District may participate in the meeting. The Clerk confirmed appropriate notice was given.

Roll Call: Commissioners Spiegelberg, Mulder, Rosek, Douglas, Ellis, Aultman Kloth
Staff Present: Mayor Magnus, Gallo, Pfister, Frye, Sullivan-Murray, Lam, Kielich, Steinke, Hoepfner and Coenen
Others: Aldermen Kowieski and Schellpeper and Atty Riffle (*arrived 7:23 PM*)

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Ellis to approve the minutes of the 8/17/21 Fowler Lake Annual Meeting as written; second by Mulder. Voice vote carried.

Staff Reports: Frye reported that eel grass in Fowler Lake does dislodge and float to the surface and it is not caused by the weed cutting operation; plant growth is weather dependent and our average amount of material removed from the lake through mid-August is 1140 cubic yards with 2022 being at 1242 cubic yards; for the last four years, goose roundup has not taken place and the reason is that the City must guarantee to the DNR at least 35 geese will be caught (since 2014, 153 geese have been removed from Fowler Lake); our Aquatic Plant Management permit was last updated in 2018 and the Southeast Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission is working on a new 5-year permit (2023-2028); \$100,000 was spent to refurbish our weed cutting equipment prior to the 2019 season with the cost of replacement being \$423,500 which we will offset with a 35% grant or \$148,850 that the City received; and beginning Sept. 12th we will begin drawing down Fowler Lake for dam repair at a rate not to exceed 6" per day as required to prevent pressure changes on the dam.

1) Jack Thomas, 515 E. Grove St. questioned if there was no wake after sunset on Fowler Lake. Kowieski stated there should be no wake from dusk to dawn and asked staff about signage and boat patrol. Frye and Pfister will review signage and patrolling.

2) Marilyn Olson, 333 N. Lake Rd #602 commented that there are a lot of speed boats on Fowler Lake and a wake boat and asked if we cut the weeds deeper for the water ski shows. She also stated in 2021 that she asked staff if we have ever approached the DNR to ask for a greater compromise on cutting the weeds deeper and would like an update. Kielich stated currently the DNR allows the City to cut a deeper channel (loop) for the ski shows, however there is no guarantee they will continue to do so. Frye stated the City is in the process of having an Aquatic Plan Management study done and we will address this issue then. Currently, the DNR allows only cutting to a depth of 2 ft. Magnus stated staff will get back to her.

Adoption of 2023 Budget: Sullivan-Murray gave a PowerPoint presentation. Motion by Mulder to adopt the 2023 Budget in the amount of \$38,200; second by Spiegelberg. Sullivan-Murray reported the levy amount for 2022 is \$37,555, which is about \$4.52 per average home (\$350K.) Voice vote carried. Rosek and Ellis voted no.

Set Tax Levy for 2022: Sullivan reported the tax levy amount for 2022 is \$37,555. Motion by Spiegelberg to set the 2022 Tax Levy for the Fowler Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District at \$37,555; second by Mulder. Voice vote carried. Ellis and Rosek voted no.

Set Meeting Date for 2023: Without objection, the 2023 Fowler Lake Rehabilitation and Protection public hearing and meeting will be held on August 15, 2023 at 7:00 PM, preceding the regular Council meeting.

Any other business that may properly come before this body: Marilyn Olson, 333 N. Lake Rd #602 stated she did not receive a mailed notice regarding this meeting and asked why because the City website states notice is mailed to all residents in the district. Sullivan-Murray stated the City only mails notices to owners who do not live in the City. 95% of City residents are in the Fowler Lake District and the City does put the meeting notice on the City Website, however we will look at including a notification on our Utility billing to provide better communication. Rosek stated that he has asked staff several times over the last years to review what the City needs to do to dissolve the district and he will put his request in writing per Wis. Stats to eliminate it.

Motion by Mulder to adjourn; second by Aultman Kloth. Voice vote carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Diane Coenen, City Clerk