

LTEA Board Meeting

April 28, 2021

Vermilion County Farm Bureau

6:00 PM

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Dr. Bartosh: *6:06 PM by Dr. Bartosh*
2. Roll Call – Secretary: *Present – Bartosh, Butchko, Cole, Neff, Peterson, Hines (arrived at 7:10), Stipp, and Smoot. Absent – Bennett & McQueen*
3. Recognition of Guests: *Bill Bartlow, Ernst Petersen, Sherry Mascari, Janice and Gary James, Richard Cole, John Courier, Donnie Davis, and Chris Butchko.*
4. President’s Report, Dr. Bartosh: *“None at the moment”.*
5. Vice-president’s Report & Health and Safety – Pat Bennett: *Smoot – Pat reported receiving a contract sale agreement for a property on Eagle Bluff.*
6. Treasurer’s Report, John Hines and Rich
 - a. March Report: *Total funds available are \$118,231.21; total expenditures were \$2,149.93; Bridge Loan funds plus interest was \$60,002.20; remaining FY21 Budget balance was \$24,586.94; and Money Market deposits were \$14289.46. Donnie Davis questioned the Board’s “right” to borrow the money. He said it was wrong. 55 Special Assessments were paid in March.*
 - b. FY22 Proposed Budget: *Income – \$116,750; Expenditures – \$116,750; Estimated FY21 Carryover – \$17,152; FY22 Ending Balance – \$17,152.*
 - c. Special Assessments
 - i. Penalty for those that do not pay: *Will refer to attorney.*
7. Secretary’s Report
 - a. Death Announcements: *Carol Patterson and Melanie Satterfield.*
 - b. Minutes
 - i. *03/24/21: Several changes were requested, and the minutes were accepted as changed.*
8. Committee Reports
 - a. John Butchko – Nominations: *No report. John did announce he would resign tonight. Chris and John are moving to Texas. Doc thanked John for his service to Leisure Times.*
 - b. Sherry Cole – Roads: *Going to fill potholes next week. Snider will check on approaches to bridge and offer a bid.*
 - c. Rich Stipp – Gates: *Had some problems with the South Gate; we were able to fix it. Investigating a cell phone app that would replace most gate cards. ATT is putting in high speed internet and should be ready in July or August.*
 - d. Brian McQueen – Building Codes: *Resolved an issue with a property on Falcon Crest.*
 - e. George Peterson – Water: *George discussed the potential benefits of aeration on the Chain. He received two quotes on weed control that were prohibitive. The 1st spraying will be done soon, depending on weather and scheduling. Biochemists is researching new products that may be feasible for LTEA.*
 - f. Bob Neff – Wildlife: *Beavers are becoming problematic. Notified the trapper; price is \$50 for each beaver. Oiled the goose eggs this year. Bill Bartlow reported a sickly fox on Flat Hill.*
9. Old Business
 - a. Bridge, Rich and Bob: *The bridge is open. LTEA received a bill from the contractor for the bid price -- \$58,378.40. No weight limit on the bridge. Very pleased with the work.*
 - b. Other (Board Members and/or Audience)

c. FY22 Assessment and Fees – John H. and Rich

- i. Gate Card Fee, \$10/card for new cards (requires a vote): *Motion by Rich and seconded by Bob to charge \$10 for a new gate card. Motion passed.*
- ii. Boat and Trailer Stickers (requires a vote): *Bob said he is out of stickers. Bob suggested eliminating the stickers. Considerable discussion ensued. Some think stickers are effective, and some said they were not necessary. Doc explained that enforcement of rules is an unpleasant problem. He said we have retired board members that “work” hard for LTEA. Someday, we won’t have those folks on the board and people will have to start paying for what they are providing for free. The current \$400 assessment won’t pay the bills.*
- iii. Mailings, Don

10. New Business

- a. Other (Board Members and/or Audience): *Janice James – The rummage sale date is June 12. Gary James asked about the audits. John Hines said we just received them and he has not had a chance to review.*

11. Next Meetings – Don

- a. Board Planning Session – May 12, 2021, 6:00 PM at Pollywogs
- b. Regular Board Meeting – May 26, 2021, 6:00 PM at Farm Bureau

12. Executive session (if required): *Smoot moved and Butchko seconded a motion to enter into executive session. Motion passed and entered Exec Session at 8:20. Neff moved and Cole seconded a motion to return to Open Session. Motion passed and Board returned to Open Session at 8:53.*

13. Adjournment (requires a motion, second, and a vote): *Bob moved and Sherry 2nded a motion to adjourn. Motion passed and Doc declared the meeting adjourned at 8:54.*