

# LARSEN DRAINAGE DISTRICT MEETING

## SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

Meeting called to order by Chairman Abe Eckstein at 10:00 A.M. at the Town of Clayton Municipal **Building**. Roll call indicated that Jerry Peterson and David Sleik were present. Also present was Clint Eckstein, Ted Eckstein and Dan Eckstein.

A motion was made by David Sleik to approve the minutes from the October 16, 2016 Annual Meeting. Seconded by Jerry Peterson. Motion carried 3-0. A motion to approve the minutes from the June 29, 2017 meeting was made by Chairman Eckstein, seconded by Jerry Peterson. Motion carried 3-0.

The Annual Meeting for 2016 and budget for the upcoming tax year were discussed at the same time since both are related. David Sleik questioned how much will be needed. Chairman Eckstein stated that the Board has been frugal with spending money and that is why the treasury bottom line looks good. David Sleik said brushing needs to be controlled on work already finished. Chairman Eckstein said it depends on the winter how much that type of work can be done. David Sleik said work along north side of Woodland toward Highway 45 needs work. No digging can resume until the archeological study is complete and necessary permits obtained. David Sleik said that we need to move forward with the archeological study and with so many unknowns such as the archeological study and that result, permits, culverts, legal fees, paying the fine that the budget should remain the same as the previous tax year. Only approximately \$13,500 is collected yearly. David Sleik made the motion to leave the budget the same, this was seconded by Jerry Peterson. Motion carried 3-0. The budget is as follows:

Legal Fees	\$ 15,000
Ditch Cleaning (permits obtained)	50,000
Administration	1,500
Brush & Tree Cutting	20,000
Mowing	10,000
Culverts & Stone	30,000
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David Sleik made the motion to settle with the DNR the \$6,000 each both for Abe Eckstein and Tom Eckstein for digging without the necessary permits. As stated in previous minutes, the Board felt they were working within the scope of work as had been discussed with the Board. This was seconded by Jerry Peterson. Vote indicated Abe Eckstein - no, Jerry Peterson - Yes, and David Sleik - yes. Motion Carried 2-1. Chairman Eckstein feels strongly that this should be fought in the courts since this is a man-made ditch and should not come under the DNR. Dave Sleik said it would cost much more to fight something like this and we could still lose. The Board should pay the fine and get DNR permits and finish cleanout of the ditch. It was decided to trim trees when it becomes frozen in areas and do general maintenance on Woodland toward Highway 45.

David Sleik made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Jerry Peterson. Motion carried 3-0. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne Sievert, Recording Secretary