

## Pretty Lake Conservation Club

### Minutes ~ Saturday, October 14, 2020

- Special Meeting called before Fall Clean-up day at the PLCC clubhouse. Purpose was to listen to an updated proposal on the PLCC Outlet project as presented by Jim Mertz.

Vice President, Scott Alexander called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Scott let the Board know we will only be discussing this one topic- PLCC Outlet Project.

Board Members Present: Scott Alexander, Chris Alexander, Sue Mertz, Nancy Wetli, Robert Burns, Ken Hensch, Andy Scheidler, Natalie McLaughlin, Dan Martin, Beth Pusti.

Board Members Absent: Denny Rorick, Tom Tassler, Ken Butler, Greg Wattier, Cary Fries.

Guest Speaker: Jim Mertz

Pretty Lake Conservation Club has discussed the outlet project several times over the years as important to the entire lake in preventing erosion of the shoreline and maintenance of the outlet leading to the dam. The outlet project was also included in the 2017 Cardno Report recommendation for lake enhancement. In the past we have applied for but been denied LARE Grants to complete this project. Jim Mertz spoke to the PLCC Board last month at our October 2020 meeting about possible ways to get this project completed. Jim and Denny talked with Doug Nusbaum (DNR, LARE Restoration Biologist) on ideas about how to move forward, with all in agreement that original costs could be measurably reduced. The original bid from Cardno to complete the project was \$24,100.00.

Jim Mertz presented today an updated new bid from T.J. Miller, LLC.

Services subtotal (permits)	\$100.00
Construction subtotal	\$4,195.00
● Additional if lawn repair if necessary	<u>\$845.00</u>
Total possible cost to PLCC	\$5,140.00

Jim Mertz handout to the board highlighted the following points. He asked the PLCC Board to approve to cover the cost of this project under the TJ Miller, LLC bid.

- TJ Miller has done several projects in the past for us.
- His bid difference is \$19, 805.00. Less if lawn repair is not necessary.
- By asking and waiting again for a LARE Grant the project would be delayed again until 2022 and if denied we would have to start again with possibly higher costs.
- Our cost without a LARE Grant is about the same as what our cost would be under the original LARE grant that was denied.
- PLCC currently has over \$40,000.00 in the bank with no major projects open.
- Due to Indiana laws concerning wildlife work can not start until after July 1, 2021

- Jim and Denny will pursue other possibilities for financial help.
- The LARE applications in the past were filed under dredging. This is not dredging but is restoration of the outlet shoreline. There will be a small amount of dredging at the mouth of the outlet to remove build up of silt in a sandbar but will take place from the land and not in the water.

PLCC Board discussion included:

Ken Hensch, who has been on the lake his entire life and whose family took care of the outlet/dam for many years told the Board this restoration/maintenance project is very important and needs to be completed.

Nancy Wetli thought the proposal seemed fair.

Beth Pusti asked about the cost differences between the original Cardno estimate, and the new bid by TJ Miller, LLC. Jim Mertz told the board the Cardno bid included \$6000.00 in design, and \$4,500.00 in permitting.

Jim also said the outlet is on private property which along with cost may have had an effect on the grants being denied in the past. The owners of the property have approved the work to be done.

Ken Hensch made a motion to approve the PLCC outlet project proposal as quoted by Miller LLC.

PLCC & Miller LLC.

Services subtotal (permits) \$100.00

Construction subtotal \$4,195.00

Project total \$4,295.00

- Additional lawn repair if necessary \$845.00, which includes 20 tons of top soil, grass seeding, straw and labor. Total possible cost to PLCC \$5,140.00.

Beth Pusti second the motion. Motion passed with unanimous 10 votes present.

Meeting Adjourned by Scott Alexander.

A Special thank you to all Board members, as well as PLCC Members who came out to help rake, and clean on this very cold Fall clean up day. You are very much appreciated.

A Special thank you to Jim Mertz for your efforts in keeping this project on the table and finding ways to make it happen. Your input, advise, and experience are a valuable asset to our community.