

SUMMERWOOD LAKES ASSOCIATION
Semiannual meeting of the Board of Directors
March 10, 2024, at 1:00 PM
Location: Morningstar 12

Minutes

Call to order and welcome guests. The following Member Representatives (Board of Directors) were present: Rick Martinsen, Doug Sterup (Bucktail), Kip Anderson (Heron Point), Jim Luethje, Dan Pleasant (Morningstar), LeRoy Gerrard (Sleepy Eye), Karen Kayton, Craig Beebe (Sundance), and Russ Bayer (Secretary / Treasurer).

1. Approval of minutes - The minutes of the September 3, 2023, semi-annual meeting approved unanimously. (Motion KA second CB)

2. Treasurer report
 - The 2023-year end balance sheet and income statement, as well as the March 8, 2024, statements, were reviewed (Attachment 1). The major expense of the previous 12 months was the high capacity well which is installed, tested and ready for use. The project came in \$4,000 under the original proposal thanks in part to the volunteer efforts of Jim Luethje and Ned Wemhoff.
 - The 2024 previously approved budget was reviewed. (Attachment 2). Invoices will be sent to each lake for \$300.00 per lot.

3. Committee Reports
 - a. Trees/Front gate commons areas
 - Previously we had trimmed trees hanging over the Summerwood main road. A lot owner pointed out there are still trees overhanging the road. Members of the board will identify any trees that may need to be trimmed along Summerwood Road. Individual lakes are responsible for trimming their roads as needed.

 - b. Collection area:
 - THANK YOU FOR MOVING YOUR GRASSES AND TREE LIMBS AS FAR BACK AS POSSIBLE IN THE PIT and FOLLOWING POSTED RULES. Thank you also to those who have helped push the piles back using their machinery.
 - Remember this is not to be used by contractors lot owners may hire to trim trees on their property. The contractor must haul away that debris.
 - Thanks to the Scott Watts family for clearing the collection area of all of the 2023 debris.

 - c. Gate:

- The practice of opening the gate for longer hours on Memorial Day weekend, Independence Day weekend and Labor Day weekend worked this past year and will be continued into the future. The gate will be opened on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM.
- There are lights out at the front gate. Spare lights were previously purchased and will be installed.

d. Directory:

- Directory update requests have been sent to all owners. It is anticipated the directory will be out in mid-May 2024.

e. Road Maintenance:

- The main road has had cracks filled. As a reminder gravel, sand, dirt should be removed from the asphalt, or there will be excessive wear. The board will look into ensuring the road edges are cleared and there is room on both sides for water drainage.

4. Old business

a. High capacity well for Clarks VFD

- The high capacity well has been installed and tested. The Clarks Volunteer Fire Department plans on installing a coupler for fast action in filling pumpers, but it is not required for successful use of the well in case of a fire.
- Neither Merrick County nor Polk County were willing to contribute to the cost of the well.
- As mentioned above the cost of the well came in \$4,000 under the original proposal price.

b. Invasive Species (This topic is a regular agenda item for the Board. Information previously posted will continue to be included in Board minutes as a reminder of the need to be ever watchful of the invasive species that can damage our lakes.)

- **Zebra mussels** look like a D-shaped clam that is less than an inch long. They have alternating light and dark bands and filters plankton from water, which is a food source for animals.

So far, Game and Parks is aware of zebra mussel populations in the Missouri River that have spread through the entire length downstream of Gavins Point Dam. Populations also exist in Lewis and Clark Lake, Lake Yankton and at the Offutt Base Lake.

- The Board has no authority over individual lakes, each lake must take its own action to ensure their respective lake is not infested. The following suggestions are applicable:

- Each Lake should create its own policy regarding access to the lake with any watercraft.
- Lakes should be proactive in preventing any foreign water coming into their lake. Canoes, kayaks, life vests, water toys are all carriers.
- Ongoing education and awareness are always important
- **Any contractor coming into a lake should be completely inspected and forced to obey the rules of the lake.**
- www.neinvasives.com has valuable information

- **Noxious Weeds: It is the responsibility of landowners to remove noxious weeds. One example prevalent in the Summerwood lakes area is Phragmites. This includes lakes and streams which have this weed growing in its water or along the banks.**

- **Controlling Blue Green Algae:** Based on conversations with Aquatic Biologists, and other water quality experts here are some steps that are critical to stabilizing clarity and water quality:

- Keep grass clippings and leaves out of the lake. There are enough trees around that the lakes get their own share of leaves, but we should not dump or blow leaves or clippings into the lake
- Use no phosphorus fertilizers on our lawns
- Use mulching mowers to reduce fertilizer requirements
- Be aware of what drains from your lawns, driveways, and homes.
- Keep high concentration of waterfowl (geese) out of the lake.

Not doing these things will cause more nutrients to be added to the lake. More nutrients equal decreased water quality and increased blue-green algae blooms.

c. Heron Point Road low area near lots 15 - 20. Heron Point asked if they could drain the low spot in their road into the pond on Summerwood property. A motion was made by KA to allow the low spot in the road to be drained into the pond on Lot 49, provided the area on Summerwood property and the road are brought back to the natural look of the area. Seconded by DP, this motion passed unanimously.

d. Fireworks:

- Summerwood sponsored fireworks will be held on July 6, 2024, with a rain date of July 7.

e. Golf cart

- The rules pertaining to the use of golf carts remain as follows:
 - Cannot exceed 20 mph
 - May be operated by a licensed driver

- May be operated by an unlicensed driver IF accompanied by a licensed driver.
- The lot number and lake letter at least 2 inches in size must be located on both sides of the vehicle.
- The lot owner must have liability insurance with proof available on request.

- These rules apply to whether the golf cart is owned by lot owner, borrowed, or rented.
- The rental or borrowing of golf carts is discouraged by the board.
- The board is asking every lot owner to help in policing themselves, their guests and if witnessed other users of golf carts so the accidents / issues of 2023 are not repeated.
- The final resort is the hiring of a security firm to enforce the Summerwood rules, which will include the issuance of allowed citations and a subsequent increase in the annual lot assessment to cover the increased expense

f. Boater Safety.

The Boating Safety Course is great training for everyone **AND** it is required by state law for anyone born after December 31, 1985, to successfully complete a Boating Safety Course and possess a course certificate while operating any powered watercraft. This includes but not limited to motorboats, speed boats, personal watercraft / jet skis and pontoon boats.

- i. There are now three options for the class:
 - I. **Option A** is a 6-hour in-person classroom session taught by certified volunteers and agency staff. Students will take a proctored exam and the end of the class.
 - II. **Option B** is a self-taught home study course. Students can download and review the course study materials. After studying, students will need to register for an Option B test-out session to take a proctored exam.
 - III. **Option C** is an online course. Students can take the class at their own pace from wherever is convenient for them.

All students, regardless of which course option they choose, are required to pass the boating safety exam with a 75% or higher. A certificate of completion will be issued to those who pass the exam

More information is available at:

<http://outdoornebraska.gov/boatereducation>

Boater guides are at: <http://outdoornebraska.gov/guides/>

5. New Business

Addressed in section 4e.

6. Other Business

- a. The current Member Representatives and their terms are as follows.

<u>Member Representative</u>	<u>Lake</u>	<u>Term End Date</u>
Rick Martinsen	Bucktail	August 31, 2026
Doug Sterup	Bucktail	August 31, 2024
Kip Anderson	Heron Point	August 31, 2026
Vic Lee	Heron Point	August 31, 2025
Jim Luethje	Morningstar	August 31, 2025
Dan Pleasant	Morningstar	August 31, 2026
LeRoy Gerrard	Sleepy Eye	August 31, 2025
Karen Kayton	Sundance	August 31, 2025
Craig Beebe	Sundance	August 31, 2024

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 PM. Motion by JL and seconded by KA passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Russ Bayer

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Attachment 1

2023 Balance Sheet on 12/31/23

Balance Sheet

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash	\$	6,866.42
CD - 9146		6,412.59
CD - 9147		11,867.98
CD - 9149		11,509.36
CD - 9098		<u>10,551.35</u>

Total Current Assets 47,207.70

Property and Equipment

Total Property and Equipment 0.00

Other Assets

Total Other Assets 0.00

Total Assets \$ 47,207.70

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities

Total Current Liabilities 0.00

Long-Term Liabilities

Total Long-Term Liabilities 0.00

Total Liabilities 0.00

Capital

Beginning Balance Equity	\$	67,789.08
RETAINED EARNINGS		(9,536.39)
Net Income		<u>(11,044.99)</u>

Total Capital 47,207.70

Total Liabilities & Capital \$ 47,207.70

Notes:

CDs total	\$	40,341.28	
		23,400.00	road reserve through 2023
		<u>16,941.28</u>	miscellaneous reserve
	\$	40,341.28	

Income Statement as of 12/31/23
Income Statement

Revenues		
Bucktail Assessment	\$	9,750.00
Morningstar Assessment		9,250.00
Sundance Assessment		7,750.00
Heron Point Assessment		11,500.00
Sleepy Eye Assessment		750.00
Income -- Misc		60.00
Interest Income		<u>1,091.73</u>
Total Revenues		<u>40,151.73</u>
Expenses		
Bank Charges		20.00
Charitable Contribution		500.00
Contract Labor		3,000.00
Dues & Fees		78.00
Fireworks		6,000.00
Insurance		2,497.00
Office Supplies		252.74
Webpage		240.00
Postage		14.49
Property Maintenance & Repairs		23,032.62
Collection Area		3,995.00
Front Area Maintenance		5,798.00
Gate		3,479.05
Taxes -Other		276.82
Telephone Expense		815.00
Utilities		<u>1,198.00</u>
Total Expenses		<u>51,196.72</u>
Net Income	(\$	11,044.99)

2024 Balance Sheet
on 03/10/24
Balance Sheet
ASSETS

Current Assets		
Cash	\$	8,665.15
CD - 9146		6,460.03
CD - 9147		11,955.77
CD - 9149		<u>11,594.50</u>
Total Current Assets		38,675.45
Property and Equipment		<u> </u>
Total Property and Equipment		0.00
Other Assets		<u> </u>
Total Other Assets		<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets	\$	<u><u>38,675.45</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities		<u> </u>
Total Current Liabilities		0.00
Long-Term Liabilities		<u> </u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities		<u>0.00</u>
Total Liabilities		0.00
Capital		
Beginning Balance Equity	\$	67,789.08
RETAINED EARNINGS		(20,581.38)
Net Income		<u>(8,532.25)</u>
Total Capital		<u>38,675.45</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital	\$	38,675.45

Income Statement as of 03/10/24
Income Statement

	Current Month	Year to Date
Revenues		
Interest Income	\$ 220.37	\$ 233.67
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Total Revenues	220.37	233.67
Expenses		
Charitable Contribution	0.00	500.00
Insurance	359.00	359.00
Collection Area	5,970.00	5,970.00
Gate	0.00	1,460.60
Telephone Expense	79.27	237.32
Utilities	79.00	239.00
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Total Expenses	6,487.27	8,765.92
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Net Income	(\$ 6,266.90)	(\$ 8,532.25)

Attachment 2

		2024 Approved Budget
Revenues		\$300.00
Bucktail Assessment	39	\$ 11,700.00
Morningstar Assessment	37	\$ 11,100.00
Sundance Assessment	31	\$ 9,300.00
Heron Point Assessment	46	\$ 13,800.00
Sleepy Eye Assessment	3	\$ 900.00
Income -- Misc		\$ -
Interest Income		<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Total Revenues		\$ 47,000.00
Expenditures		
Charitable Contribution		\$ 500.00
Contract Labor		\$ 2,400.00
Dues & Fees		\$ 150.00
Fireworks		\$ 6,500.00
Insurance		\$ 3,000.00
Accounting		\$ 1,200.00
Office Supplies		\$ 500.00
Directory		\$ 150.00
Webpage		\$ 200.00
Property Maintenance and Repairs		
Collection Area		\$ 5,000.00
Front Area Maintenance		\$ 6,750.00
Gate		\$ 2,500.00
Road Maintenance		\$ 2,500.00
Road Reserve		\$ 7,800.00
Spraying - mosquito		\$ 2,400.00
Taxes -Other		\$ 350.00
Telephone Expense		\$ 1,500.00
Utilities		\$ 1,250.00
Total Expenditures		\$ 44,650.00
Surplus		\$ 2,350.00

