

*Village of Fall Creek*  
*Minutes of Special Board &*  
*Inland Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Meeting*  
*October 18, 2021*

1. **Call to Order:** 5:03 p.m., Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek
2. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Village President Tim Raap, Trustees Ben Burch, Karen Herbison, Karen Hurd, Sheena Kaatz, Matt Mattoon, Karen Strasburg. Members Absent: None. Staff Present: Village Administrator/Public Works Director Jared McKee, Library Director Charlene Conradi, Clerk/Treasurer Renee Roemhild. Also Present: 5 citizens.
3. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and an agenda was posted at the three public places and local newspapers were notified.
4. **Adopt Agenda:** President Raap asked that the motion to adopt agenda include adding a section for Citizen Input.
  - MOTION (Strasburg/Hurd) to adopt agenda and to include Citizen Input section. PASSED, without negative vote.
5. **Citizen Input:** Dane Zook spoke in favor of cleaning up the pond. He stated there are two purposes in having an Inland Lake District - one is to settle jurisdictional issues between governing bodies if the lake lies in multiple jurisdictions (which is not the case for the Fall Creek Pond) and the other is to allow taxes to be levied for lake protection and rehabilitation services. Zook said all Village residents own the pond and dam and likewise, have the responsibility to take care of it; Inland Lake leadership can be assigned to the Village Board as it has been; we have had reports over the years that indicate the infill is at a high level and needs to be taken care of; the buildup of the problem results in a higher cost, more time and effort to correct it; we can and should do better at cleaning the pond and keeping it that way.

6. **Inland Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**

**A. Consider Amendments to 2021 Budget:** Administrator McKee reported on the necessary budget amendment due to the bid results for dredging the pond. President Raap gave the public an opportunity to speak. There were no comments, so the public comment period was closed.

- MOTION (Hurd/Mattoon) to create new revenue accounts for *Intergovernmental Revenues* and *Fund Balance Applied* and to amend the budget as follows:

**Special Revenue Funds**

Revenues

43100 Intergovernmental Revenues	Increase	10,000	from	0	to	10,000
49300 Fund Balance Applied	Increase	32,600	from	0	to	32,600

Expenses

50000-200 IL-Excavation Expense	Increase	42,600	from	6,000	to	48,600
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PASSED, roll call vote: Herbison-yes, Hurd-yes, Kaatz-yes, Mattoon-yes, Raap-yes, Strasburg-yes, Burch-yes.

**B. Consider Resolution re: Authorized Representatives for Grant Application:** Trustees Herbison and Hurd gave updates regarding Inland Lake and the grant application. Herbison reported she will be stepping in and partnering with Dane Zook. She stated the main benefits of the pond are aesthetics and fishing; the goals will be to continue to work on the goose population, harvesting the weeds, cleaning the sediment trap; future ideas are maybe a new dock and working on the north side of Hwy 12 where the sediment trap is to make a fishing hole there. Hurd stated that when looking at the goals from the *2020 Fall Creek Pond Management Plan*, specifically 1) reducing sediment and 2) improving the fishery, and in talking with a DNR Water Resource Management Specialist, the recommendation was made that the Village apply for a *Surface Water Grant* to conduct a feasibility study as to where to

dredge. The pre-application was submitted but then during further discussions with the DNR while working on finalizing the application, the recommendation changed and they no longer felt the Village should apply for the grant as the DNR felt confident they could work with the Inland Lake District to provide the information needed to determine where, how deep, and how big of a hole will be needed to be dredged in order to accomplish the two goals outlined above. Hurd said the DNR specialists said they will most likely be recommending two deeper holes be dredged - one of the north side of Hwy 12 by the current fishing pier and the other west of the dam, closer to the railroad bridge. Hurd stated the resolution is no longer needed as the Village will not be applying for the grant.

- MOTION (Herbison/Kaatz) authorizing Trustee Hurd to look for and prepare grants affecting the pond. PASSED, without negative vote.

**7. Review Finance Committee Recommendations on 2022 Budget:** President Raap reported on the committee meetings regarding the budget. Administrator/PWD McKee talked in detail about the proposed budgets with Board discussion taking place on key items. An item of main concern was the shortfall of revenue in the Water Fund. Much discussion took place on possible ways to remedy that.

- MOTION (Kaatz/Mattoon) to continue moving forward with the proposed budgets understanding the numbers will continue to be refined, to set the public hearing at the regular board meeting date of November 8<sup>th</sup>, to start the regular board meeting early at 5:30 p.m. with the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. PASSED, without negative vote.

**8. Adjournment:** @ 6:38 p.m.

Renee Roemhild, Clerk Treasurer