**GOOSE CREEK LAKE TRUSTEES, INC**

**GENERAL SESSION MINUTES**

**May 13, 2023**

**REC HALL**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Bill Johnson at 9:00AM

**ROLL CALL:** Shawn Jeffers, Steve Folle, Brandon Asher, Bill Young, Mike Mills, Bill Johnson, Ken Michler, Mark Warren.

* Prayer was said.
* Everyone said the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OLD BUSINESS: Bill Johnson**

* March 2023 Warrant sheets. Motion was made by Bill Johnson. Mark Warren seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.
* March 2023 minutes have been approved. Bill Young made 1st motion, Mark Warren 2nd. Motion passes unanimously.
* April 2023 warrant sheets. Mike has made a 1st motion; Bill Young has made a 2nd. Motion passes unanimously.
* April meeting minutes. Motion was made to table the April minutes until next meeting.
* Quotes for Engineer Scope of work for lagoons and dump stations up on County Line. Marks stated he believes that one submitted a view but not a proposal. Bill Johnson said that Taylor Engineering was the most expensive, however they were preparing information to give to the ones who actually will be doing the work rather than just tell us about it. Would like to see this happen before next month. Mark wants to look into this further before making a decision.
* Charles Carner was seated as the 9th Trustee. Charles has been bonded.

**CHAIRMANS REPORT: Bill Johnson**

* The current board is trying to think ahead and deal with issues that currently with on hand and future possibilities. The lagoon is top priority. We are discussing over usage and how we have to find a solution with the aid of professionals. We are speaking to our lawyers and discussing how our biggest issue is excessive dumping of port a pottys. We

are discussing are talking about disposal that would require property owner’s to possibly require a permit or sign an agreement that they will use waste haulers that will haul the waste out of the lake for port a pottys. There would be small price for a permit or the sticker just like an administration cost would be involved with it but we are looking at fining property owners who don’t do this because of the expense that we are going to be occurring to get our lagoons back into the graces of the EPA and DNR. We are trying to figure out how to slow down the over usage of the lagoons.

Steve Folle stated that the lagoons are not large enough for how we are using them.

They will need to be enlarged and cost. Chemicals from port a pottys or waste water that are causing further issues as well. Need to have waste hauled out.

* Looking into a Foreclosure policy. Speaking with the lawyers for proper policy and procedure. Balance of the monies not collected. We have to foot the bill for their share as well as our own.
* Boating season is upon us. Reminder that the operators need to follow the Missouri Boating laws. Boaters, please remember no trailer parking at the new beach and no long-term parking for more than 24 hours in any of the parking areas. Signs have been reposted. Violations will be written. Enforcing the no loitering along the spill way area and parking or loitering will not be permitted, new signage is coming.
* Please be safe both on the water and on the roads now with the increase of vehicle and boats.
* Last year we didn’t do any paving due to the cost of oil and everything being so inflated. We are looking at pricing again to see what we will be able to do this year, including sealing and what we need to maintain the roads and perhaps additional paving.

**COMITTEE REPORTS**

**ADMIN REPORT: Brandon Asher**

* The office staff is getting ready for the holiday weekend.
* Remember to come in and get your passes and anything you would need for your guest.
* Please check out our web page for upcoming announcements.
* Remember to come up to the office to sign up to run for trustee.

**SECRETARY REPORT:**

* The March minutes have been provided to the trustees. We approved them this morning.
* The April minutes are being worked on.

**TREASURERS REPORT: Shawn Jeffers**

* The balances as of 4/30/2023. In our CD Belgrade Bank in our dredging fund is $101,272.49; General Revenue in Bloomsdale checking is $2, 263,822.46; Regions bank Savings (rainy day) $250,926.62; Our checking for Regions bank is $500.00; and our First State Community Bank Lake Fund or our Dredging CD is $77,260.92. On 4/13/2023, the CD at First State Community Bank matured on April 10th and was designated for the dredging was cashed out and put into the Bloomsdale Bank bank account for payment of the dredging.
* For the month of April, our income was $206,245.08
* Expenses was $145,948.04
* The April highest expenses were Dredging $81,400.00; Payroll $20,000.00 and Legal expenses $11,327.90.
* Total spent on dredging so far in 2023 is $267,000.00.
* Total spent on the pool as far in 2023 is $402,755.00

**MAINTENANCE: Brandon Asher**

* The maintenance crew has been mowing and using the side arm. If your road is overgrown, please let us know by coming into the office and filling out a request.
* There is a dumpster up by the office that is for scrap metal only. Please stack it up and we will load it into the dumpster.
* Remember to clean out your culvert and ditch lines. This will help with our roads.
* We would like to ask that any of you that have your waste water hauled, to have it hauled by a company who will haul it out of the lake. This will help with our lagoons.
* We still have barrels for sale. Metal and plastic, come by the office.

**SECURITY: Bill Young**

* Call Summary: 2 suspicious activity, 6 dog complaints, 4 broken gates, 1 arrest, 5 EMS calls, 21 assists, 5 fire calls.

**ADDITIONAL NOTATIONS: Bill Johnson**

* We are still hiring.
* We have a couple of new people up front.
* We are hoping to be fully staffed for the holiday weekend.
* There was an issue with the cards. Brivo on Tuesday at 9:37 pm went down. It took us a couple of days to get a technician from Brivo out. The board was fried, Earl, the installer, from the last time had a spare and fixed.
* Steve Folle suggested that everything needs to be surged protected.

**POOL: Mike Mills**

* We are still waiting on the pool liner. They are still saying finish end of June before 4th of July weekend.
* They are starting on the fence this week.
* A couple of issues were corrected or are being corrected.

**PERMIT**: **Shawn Jeffers**

* Trash lots: When I was first came on as a board member, I was lucky to see a page with 1 or 2 trash lots on it. With people turning stuff into the office and people in the office actually following up on it. I have a trash lot list with a total of 46 trash lots. 5 new ones for the Month of March. Closed 3 out. 41 letters and fines were sent. Girls thank you for trying to take care of this and this needs to continually worked on.
* 36 open permits
* Permit # 8898 Plat 06 Lot 388 a boat dock. Cliff was present. Shawn passed 1st motion, Mike 2nd. Motion passes unanimously. Approved.
* Permit # 8875 Plat 06 Lot 372. Last month requested a survey prior to approval. A survey was presented. Approved .
* Permit # 8929 Plat 05 Lot 269. A concrete permit that we wanted the board to review and approve. Shawn made the motion to approve, Steve 2nd the motion. Motion passes unanimously. Approved.

**FINES & VIOLATIONS: Steve Folle**

* $700.00 in fines that are outstanding. We haven’t had a fines meeting in about 2 months. Last month were all warnings.
* Cards and FOBs are not to be passed to someone else. Security will confiscate and you will need to go to the office to retrieve it. Fines can/will be given for.

**LAKE & BEACH: Mike Mills**

* Dredging will continue. It was moved to the boat ramp area; nothing has been this week. Will contact. Middle of June to finish. Will try to get out and check to see where he is at.
* Cleaning the ditch area and the beach areas up. More sand should be coming this week.
* Boat season is coming into full swing. Be safe and courteous to our security boats.
* If you see a property owner being disrespectful, please try to back them up. We are only looking out to keep everyone safe.
* The Kid’s fishing tournament is coming up. Donations are still needed. It is a good time for the kids.
* We received our water quality report from the University of Missouri volunteer group. They check a lot of the lakes around the state of Missouri. We are in the top 10; we are one of the cleanest lakes in the state that they tested.
* Bill Johnson had a question for Lake and Beach & Maintenance: Was there any discussion about getting some buoys out there before the holiday weekend? Yes. it was discussed about additional buoys out by the dam and out here by the main lake. Brian said we can’t put a red buoy by the point, the water is not deep enough and will not stand. Going to put more orange balls out there further out and we are going to put another big red buoy out by the dam.
* Property owners, you are not allowed to put orange markers out in the water. Furthest you can have your dock or anything like that is 40 feet off of the shore. Permit is required to put anything out in the water. As far as Bill J. is aware it has never been approved to put markers out there in the water. They are not approved, in the past security has taken down the information of the owners and we have sent warning letters for removal or a fine. Follow-ups will be done this year.
* Steve Folle stated that at the point you need to swing wide, the water is only 3 or 4 feet deep for 100 feet out. You will tear something up on your boat. More balls?

**LAND AQUISITION: Shawn Jeffers**

* Nothing to report.

**VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**ELECTION COMMITTEE: Dean Morton**

* Nothing to report

**COVENANTS COMMITTEE: Barb Stepney**

* Working on finishing up article 1, 2, and 3.
* Question regarding the enforcement of fines, covenants are really vague about that area.

Offense 1, 2 and 3. 3 separate instances, is that 3 violation or 1? How does the fines committee work? 3 separate offenses.

* Bill said that we do not have to give them the courtesy of the warning letter. Some instances are subject to the fines committee to fine them.

Recommended it say and/or instead of 1st offense, etc. Needs more clarifications. Talks about the “GRAY AREA’.

* Bill J. asked them to look into the Legality of license plates. Missouri laws.
* Commercial businesses in GC. Becoming an issue as it states no businesses in GC. Very few Commercial Use in Goose Creek. Shawn read the covenants.

Bill Johnson also spoke on the following:

* The spillway parking is going to be enforced.
* There has been so progress with the lawsuit within the same area. There has been an agreement, there has been a contract drawn up for the settlement. We are waiting on the surveyor, completed, the lawyer noticed some improper wording, corrections have been made and resubmitted and we are almost to the point of signing the check and call it ours.

**POVA: Barb Stepney**

* Poker Run was successful.
* $225.00 in donations and they are going to donate to the Fishing Tournament.
* Snack bar will still open Memorial weekend Friday to Monday. Going forward TBD. Volunteers are needed. 3 hour shifts.
* June 10th is a Night Poker run. Our 1st Annual one.
* July is the Mouse races.
* Pool bathrooms? Will they be open? Plumbers are coming out, TBD.
* Pool bathrooms are still being discussed when they will be open. Shower house 2 will be open 8am to 10 pm for the holiday weekend.

**BEAUTIFICATION CLUB: Barb Stepney**

* Lynn Angle has broken her arm but she is still cleaning up the areas.
* 960#’s of aluminum turned in.
* Cans will be taken in a couple times a month due to lack of volunteers.
* Revamping of signs
* $ available to clean up the front entrance and other areas.

**FIRE DEPT: Doug Smith**

* Everyone will have their (EMR) license soon.
* Couple of culvert clean-outs have been done.
* Meetings are on Tuesday at firehouse 1 at 7pm

Bill added the following regarding Fire House #1:

Rope was put up by the FD to try to keep people from parking on the grass.

Sewer line work has been done, trying to grow the grass.

Asked to check on getting medical stickers for windows/doors alerting of medical issues.

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH: Tom Martin**

* Meeting at rec hall next Saturday at 10am.

**GOONS:**

* Poker run today.
* Purchased radios and jackets for security.
* Keeping the playground and beach cleaned up and safe.
* Donations are coming in.
* Purchased a new counter top for the rec hall.

**MUDDAWGS:**

* Donations are coming.
* Upcoming Poker Run.

Bill J. Thanks the volunteers. The more that they, do the less comes out of the budget.

Steve Folle asked about making a 911 call from a 314-area code. Reroutes to St Louis instead of St. Francois County. Call 911 instead of the security or the office.

The fireworks are paid for this year, volunteers are needed to collect for the next year. We have been in communication with the Fireworks distributor for next year.

**PROPERTY OWNER COMMENTS**

* 18-007 Kim Bazzell
* Questions regarding trash lots and the “gray”area. Bill and Shawn explained.
* Question for security/fines committee. If they are doing something wrong, why are they not asked to correct their behavior before a violation is written if they are present. Why not talk to the property owners? Bill said it is common practice, but why start an argument when it is ultimately result in a fine going to the property owner.
* Sudden decision why we are no longer allowed to park in the maintenance gravel parking lot? Mark stated that this space is for maintenance vehicles not public parking.
* Kim explained the conversation with the St. Francois County highway patrol regarding the license plates/ expired plates. SFHP stated GCL it is a private property road, there is nothing to enforce. As a community there is really doing to be able to access their homes. They recommend that the covenants be rewritten. It was explained that the people that attended that being a private community we are able to address issues that we feel need to have a course of action taken.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Brandon Asher made a motion to adjourn. Shawn Jeffers seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10:03am**

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