

# Shetek Area Lake Association

## Minutes from Aug. 15th, 2023

**Roll Call** – Lars Johanson, Steve Koch, Trevor Humphrey, Marv Nysetvold, Randy Martin, Scott Bly, Adam Humphrey, Guests – DNR officer Shawn Whichmann, Brandon & Christian from Invenergy.

**The Secretaries report** - Was read and approved w/ a motion by Scott Bly and seconded by Lars Johanson. Voted on and passed.

**The Treasures Report** – Jon Hoyme was not present for the Treasures report but did pass on it was the same as July's with \$5,197.97 on the balance. Upcoming? expenses included: The Wheel Herald - \$189.60, Murray County News - \$222.60, Above the Fold - \$144.00, and meals for annual meeting - \$450.00. A motion to approve as is, was made from Scott Bly and Seconded by Lars Johanson, voted on and passed.

**Old Business - Dikes Project** - Lars had contacted the head engineer of the project and noted for him to think about things like rock size, ect. Before bids were sent out. Trevor had also reached out to Randy Groves on the project for updates and it sounded like this would be a 2025 project.

**New Business – New DNR officer** – Shawn Whichmann introduced himself as the new conservation officer taking Jim Robinson's place. **Algae Bloom** - The DNR has been actively taking oxygen levels around the lake and the numbers have been going up. Lars asked if the DNR could be more active in saining for buffalo and carp. Shawn noted that the buffalo are more in demand and that Ryan from fisheries may have more info on that. **Wind Towers** - Branden and Christian from Invenergy were here at the request of Excel Energy, to provide info on a proposed wind tower project. The had info of a wind tower project that would span 400,000 – 500,000 acres. A general area east of Buffalo Ridge and north to Lake Benton. This region along w/ the Buffalo Ridge is the best spot in the entire country for wind production. The current wind tower's infrastructure for getting the power out can not meet the amount of energy being produced by the current wind towers. Newley designed towers are more easily upgradeable. Excel would be footing the bill for the infrastructure, and would own it when done. The project could put wind towers as close to 1,000 ft. to shoreline, but that would come w/ a lot of challenges, I.E., land complications, birds flight patterns Etc. They felt this project is more a matter of when not if.

**Motion to Adjourn** – w/ no further business at hand the meeting was adjourned w/ a motion by Steve Koch and Seconded by Scott Bly. Voted on and passed.

Sept 19  
Next Meeting Aug. 15th 6:30 pm at the Lakota Retreat Center.

Minutes Prepared by Sec. Randy Martin