Minutes for LTPOA Annual Meeting June 21, 2025

Board members present:

Steve Blaha, Jon Riche, Shelby Reneski, Ken Stojeba, Mark Stubits, and Craig Jung

Steve called the meeting to order at 11:32am

Pledge of Allegiance

Steve made a motion to dispense reading of the 2024 Annual Meeting minutes

Jon made a motion to approve

Ken seconded

Motion approved

Steve's President Report

While we are still standing, let's have a moment of silence for all our loved ones we have lost this past year. Several were very involved here at our lake. Newsletter Editor & Sewer Board Secretary, Carol Kohnen, & Sewer Board Member, Bob Quigley.

Thanks to all who took time out of your busy weekend to attend the annual LTPOA meeting.

Thanks to all of the residents and lot owners of this fine community for sharing a common goal of making Lake Tishomingo a better place to live and have fun. In order to do that more fully we need to respect The Bylaws, Owner Restrictions, Building Regulations, Fishing & Water rules, ATV rules, Security Sticker Rules, & Security gate Rules.

Aaron Staten, President and owner of A & S Protection is providing Security for Lake Tishomingo again this summer. Aaron and his staff are here to help us respect these rules and regulations more fully. Please be respectful of these officers, they are just trying to help keep Lake Tishomingo a safe & private community. It seems to be that the most commonly broken rules are the Water rules & Regs. Please, pontooners, no wake at all times, and no wake for all boats from 7 pm until 10 am. Please make sure your lot number & Red Tishomingo sticker are on your boats, trailers, ATV's, golf carts, kayaks, paddle boards. Remember from 10am to 7pm slower traffic should stay closest to shore, that means paddle boats, paddle boards, pontoons, canoes, row boats. This keeps the ski & tube lanes open for faster traffic.

There are blue buoys installed 100 feet from shore. Please keep your skier's and tuber's at least 100 ft from shore. This means that your boat will need to be further than 100 ft from shore.

I predict a record crowd of boats gathering at dusk, July 4th, in front the dam, behind the white Buoys. The Jung/Ewen family with the assistance of MOPYRO will entertain us with music & fireworks from the dam. White buoys will be placed about 200 yards from the dam by 5:00, PLEASE make sure to keep out of this area until after the

fireworks are over. Let's make sure our running lights on our boats are working for safe navigation in the dark.

We have identified the weak spots in our 7.5 miles of road. We are waiting to hear from CEG for a start date. They are running a little behind because of recent rains. Once the roads are repaired we will be remarking the yellow center stripes in the bad corners.

Happy Grass has started removing some brush in these blind curves and will continue until they are all opened up for a better line of sight to oncoming traffic.

The lake Lowering started October 2024 and at the 4 ft low point, Mother nature decided to refill the lake. Thanks to the patience of the contractors and homeowners a ton of new sea walls and patios grace OUR lakefront.

While the water was low everyone was able to see our silt problem. It is not going away, in fact, it is growing. This will be our next large scale project. Jon will have a bit more about this subject in his report of officers.

It has been my pleasure to serve with these next six persons that make up the LTPOA Board. Shelby Reneski, Jon Riche, Nathen Reed, Ken Stojeba, Craig Jung, & Mark Stubits. During our involvement we have worked together to resolve issues & make the necessary decisions to keep the Lake a solvent entity that it is. I know those decisions may not always be popular, but they have been made with the Lake's best interest in mind. These talented, selfless, community minded VOLUNTEERS deserve an Applause!

Speaking of volunteers, lets thank:

Rich Hirsch-- maintains the gate/video equipment and helped on our new gate entry system.

Janet Hirsch-- communications, Website, & This week @ Lake Tish & e-mail Blasts

Kim Johnston – Manages the gate directory listings

Cheryl Miller, Marilyn Meyer, Denny Schaab, Linda Blaha, John Fechter-- board members for the sewer district,

Joan Jaeger, is sewer board treasurer

Ron Huber & Steve Carey are volunteers for the sewer District.

Janet Quillman, Shelly Fendler, Shelby Reneski, BrookReed, Al Ferrell–Are the LTIA board members

Gale Lippitt & Rosie Ferrell– Manage the Community House, Pavilion rentals & events

Wayne Brukardt– organizes the annual Tish. Rd. clean up.

Rena Rockwell–organizes Spring Fling, the annual Gardeners Plant Sale.

Mark Stubits, – Aluminum recycling for the Tish Anglers Ass.

Ron Hacker-- maintains the vehicle and boat sticker database

Justin Faulkerson–Handles the gate cards & stickers

Kim & Steve Carey-- election commissioners

There are three vacancies that are in need of your leadership help.

Dam Committee maintains the emergency action plan

News Letter Editor for Lake Tishomingo Newsletter

Secretary for the Sewer District

Please give some thought on how you can assist OUR community in one of these positions.

There are two vacancies that need to be filled on the Board this year. We have two incumbents interested in seeking reelection: Jon

Riche for Vice President and Steve Blaha for President. I fully support Jon, he is a very fine choice.

Board Member Reports

Ken's Report

- **We bought a new plow truck this year. It is not at the lake yet and still needs to be outfitted but should be by the end of July. The old plow truck is for sale. It has very low miles but also has a lot of rust. If you know of anyone interested please let me know.**
- **We will be performing some work on the Bobcat that loads the salt into the plow truck.**
- **Doing some work on the road.**
- **Beach:**
    - **The large rains have damaged the concrete blocks at the beach. Please do not go near the blocks until the repairs are complete. A contractor will repair the concrete blocks.**
    - **The buoys around the beach area are firmly mired in the mud. We will need to get a scuba diver out to release the buoys from beneath the water.**
    - **We were hoping to have the volleyball court repaired before now but the recent rain has prevented us from getting a truck into the area to replace the pea gravel. Work will be conducted as soon as the area has a chance to dry out.**

Shelby's Report

- **Offered all financial documents for viewing to all residents attending.**
- **Checking account after paying June bills is $76,611.36.**
- **Major Projects Fund and Flourish Savings account together have a balance of $493,151.22.**

Jon's Report

- **Water Testing - We still have Joe Day with Gateway Water Management coming out every 2 weeks. He performs a visual inspection of the lake and uses a throw rake to try to bring up any vegetation. So far everything has been looking great. Water visibility has been low due to all of the rain. He has not found any submersed vegetation in regards to Naiad or any other aquatic vegetation that we fought a few years ago.**
- **Dredge:**
    - **It is anticipated that the start of the dredge project is getting closer and that this project will tear up the beach area. This is one reason why the area has stayed in a bit of disarray. Once the dredge is complete we are hoping to vastly improve the condition of the beach area.**
    - **We have been consulting with a Civil Engineer in regards to where to go with the cuttings, deposits, silt, etc. that is removed from the lake. We have narrowed it down to 2 options:**
        - **Option 1: Use the 5 acre parcel of land that the Board acquired 5 or so years ago located directly past the lake 'out' gate on the right hand side. There is a valley there where we can have trees removed in order to build a gabion dam. The silt removed from the lake would be pumped to the gabion dam area. All water that drained from the gabion dam**

area would be channeled back to the lake. Once the drained silt dried we would have it removed. The advantage of this method is that we would possibly be able to use the gabion dam process more than one time. We would leave a line of trees along the road to prevent the area from being an eyesore. This option would be the most expensive given it includes clearing of trees, site preparation, building the gabion dam, work of the dredge to the site and silt removal.

- **Additional information for Option 1 - There are approximately 12 to 15 permits that would need to be obtained in order to move forward with option 1. The Engineer knows what is needed to get all of these permits submitted and approved. This option will use a hydraulic dredge which moves back and forth beneath the water. A giant suction pipe is used to suck out the mud which is then piped all the way to the gabion dam site.**
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- **Option 2: Lake to Lake transfer - move the silt from the shallow end to the deep end of the lake. Preliminary estimate is that there would be 60,000 cubic yards of silt moved from the shallow end to the deep end. It is hard to know exactly the impact to the deep end, however, the deep end now has an average depth of about 50 feet and they estimate that the transfer would take it to an average depth of about 40 feet. This option would also use a hydraulic dredge process to move the silt. No one likes to hear that this process is dumping silt to the deep end. However, the Board felt it was important to understand the cost difference between the two**

dredging options. The thought is that there is a very large cost difference between these options. One suggested use for the cost savings if we use lake to lake transfer is to buy property on the other side of the lake inlet in order to build a sand trap or basin to prevent silt from entering the lake. This would lessen the amount of silt that needed to be dredged in the future.

- **These options are being discussed and still in the planning stage. Right now the Engineer's plans are with a local Dredger that we really like. This Dredger performs dredging on lakes all over the US and works with the Corp of Engineers and therefore is very capable. Jon is waiting to hear back from him with rough figures. Once we have this information it is anticipated that the Board will call a special meeting to discuss with everyone and make plans for next steps. Ted Spaid, a Lake Tishomingo resident, is familiar with our silt issues and has worked with the Engineer before. He has been very helpful as a consultant for this project.**
- **The last silt removal was approximately 20 years ago (2006). It was directly excavated. The lake was lowered, we waited for the exposed silt to dry for a period, then went in with big equipment including dump trucks, and then took the silt to the junkyard. The problem with this process is that it is really rough on the road. A big earth mover got stuck. The process was very costly.**
- **Clarification to distinguish between the gabion dam site (5 acre property outside the gate) and the possible future basin site (if this option is chosen the**

property would need to be purchased at the lake inlet):

- **The 5 acre property is not a part of the Lake Tishomingo subdivision. It was originally privately owned acreage by a lake resident. A few years ago it came up for sale and the lake bought it given the proximity to the lake. In regards to the dredge project this property would be a deposit site. The silt that is dredged from the lake would be deposited here. If this option is not selected the Board will not sell this property.**
- **The basin site would be a collection site. An area (approximately 2 acres) would need to be acquired/purchased for the project and would need to be located where the water comes into the lake. This project would involve a series of pools that capture the silt deposits before it would reach the lake (less disruption to the lake). Then these pools would be cleared out periodically.**

Craig's Report

Many thanks to the Board Members! Frequently we are of like thinking which helps in making the transition to a final decision. One big decision this year which is yielding extremely good results was taking a large portion of money from the standard checking account and moving it to a higher yield account. Earnings on our accounts went from earning $100 per month to $1,200 per month. Thank you Shelby for a great job in coordinating this effort to get everything in

place for this improvement! Thank you also to Rick Lippitt who was instrumental in getting these changes made.

The Fourth of July is in two weeks. We will be shooting from the dam. My nephew Charlie Ewen is the Captain of the firework effort and Scott Smith is the Engineer that does all of the computer work to design the show. This year there are 1,000 ques in the show. This means there are 1,000 leads that have to be attached to each firework and then the other end loaded to the computer board in the correct position such that it is called by the show program at the correct moment. This is a very labor intensive process. Six other members of MOPyro will be here to help with this process. Big shout out to all of them!! The show would not happen without their help!!

Another thank you to the residents that are opening their properties for spectators to watch the show. Please be respectful and pick up all trash and be kind to their yards. Thank You!

The following modifications will be made this year:

- **The sound system will go up on the dam starting on July 2nd. Thank you to Rick for allowing us to use his dock again this year. We may be placing speakers on the dam as well.**
- **It will be a tight schedule for the crew this year as they are shooting another show on Thursday night. Then they will come to Lake Tishomingo on Friday morning.**
- **The dam will be closed from Wednesday 8:00am through the fireworks on Friday. No local traffic (walkers, bikers, etc.) during this timeframe. Light standards and generators will be set up. Friday work will begin at 8:00am.**
- **'No Parking' signs will be set up at the dam and on North Lakeshore at the entrance to the dam. We need this area to be**

clear so that the crew can get all the equipment to the dam. In addition this area needs to be a no parking zone to meet fire code.

- **Water buoys will be placed near the dam on the lake at 5:00pm. All traffic needs to stay behind these buoys, away from the dam. This includes boats, kayaks, swimmers, lily pads, and any other watercraft. Please adhere to this rule. Not only is it very dangerous to be inside the shooting zone but the show can also be shut down if the Fire Marshall sees any violators. The Boat Parade will be able to enter this area to visit the last two coves on the lake.**
- **Music will start on the dam around 7:00pm - same time as the boat parade. Fireworks will start at 9:30pm.**
- **Anyone available to help with the clean-up the following day would be greatly appreciated! No special skill needed. It is a matter of picking up debris and loading it into a dumpster. Please bring gloves.**
- **Thank you to Janet Hirsch for helping me get the meeting notes up to date on the Lake Tishomingo website! I was unaware that I was supposed to send them to Janet each month so she had to load a lot of months to get us caught up.**

<u>Sewer Board – John Fechter</u>

John is a member of the Sewer Board PWSD #13. This is the sewer district for all property owners at Lake Tishomingo. John is a member of a volunteer team that manages and operates the PWSD#13. Providing sewer services that keep the lake the beautiful resource it is today. The district is responsible for operating and maintaining your equipment for your step tank (identified by the two big green lids in the yard) which then runs up to the road and then runs all the way to the treatment plant which is located on the back

side of the dam. The Homeowners are responsible for the plumbing and equipment leading to the step tank. The District is run by a five person volunteer board along with a handful of other volunteers from the community to do the administrative and logistical work. We are supported by an outside maintenance company, Water Resources Management (WRM). You will see their trucks in the community on a regular basis. They support individual homes as well as the treatment plant. The District is governed by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and we follow both state and federal guidelines in providing sewer service to the community at Lake Tishomingo.

Steve was nice enough to go through the volunteers. I also wanted to recognize Steve Carey who is a new volunteer.

On a sad note the district lost Carol Kohnen and Bob Quigley who both lost their respective battles with health issues. We are tremendously thankful for their many years of service they both provided to PWSD.

Due to their losses we are currently in need of two volunteers. Steve mentioned the Secretary position and we are also in need of a Treasurer. These are both important roles, relatively light lifts from a time perspective, so if you have been contemplating getting involved or been looking for a volunteer opportunity here at Lake Tishomingo, either of these roles could be perfect for you. For information or questions please see me or any of the other Board members who are mostly here at this table after the meeting or reach out to the information on the website.

On another note and to better serve the community the district is updating our monthly billing process by utilizing email instead of the US Postal Service. In doing so it will eliminate the labor and cost of mailing out 242 postcards on a monthly basis. And will

simultaneously deliver your bill on a much more timely basis. The overwhelming majority of our 242 homeowners have an email address on file. This new process of emailing monthly bills is tentatively scheduled to go into effect in the August of 2025 schedule. It is great to see all the various modifications and improvements that are going on out here in the community. With that we ask that you use extreme caution when modifying around your step tank, your control panel and your lids. Damage to the equipment from work being done on your property could result in both performance issues to our system as well as out of pocket expense to the homeowners to repair or replace damaged equipment. You should always call Dig Right prior to any modifications that require digging of any kind. If you have any questions or are not sure, call PWSD.

Lastly we ask that everyone be careful of your sewer lids both on your property as well as along the road. They break very easily especially when driven over. Also, if you smell a sewer odor or see seepage please contact the district or contact information located on your monthly bill or on the Lake Tishomingo website. We have had some issues with our answering service answering machine at the sales office but feel these have been rectified. We appreciate your patience there. We have a handout at the tables that explains the change in billing as well as direct pay information. Appreciate your time today and we are available after the meeting if you have any questions.

Steve thanked John for the information.

LTIA

- **Fourth of July Boat Parade is July 4th – Start time is 7:00 with check-in at 6:45 - Come to the Community House Pavilion to register**
    - **A volunteer is needed to check boats in at the pavilion**
    - **You don't need to come back to the Community House to find out who wins - the winners will be contacted**
    - **Please let Barb Rohm know if you would like to be a Boat Parade judge**
    - **Please ask Security on the lake to help clear a path for the parade to proceed around the lake**
- **Boat Poker - Still need one more dock host**
- **The LTIA is always looking for volunteers**

<u>Security</u>

The March 14th tornado had a devastating impact on our security system. The system was out for almost a month. We are very grateful to Rich Hirsch who worked very hard to get the system and the gate back up and running.

The phone number in the Security Shack is 636-551-1100. This number is also on the Tishomingo website.

<u>Garden Club</u>

No update

<u>Questions from property owners</u>

· Rick Hannick - I46 - Will the gate be in free mode for the upcoming holiday? No. We will no longer be placing the gate in free mode for any weekends. The entire reason we have gate security is to keep

people out that want to come in on days that everyone wants to be at the lake. Free mode makes it very hard for the security staff to manage who enters the lake. If needed you can request a gate code for the timeframe of your gathering. Please give a week or more notice when requesting this code. You should be able to forward the phone you use for the gate to another phone which could then be used to open the gate. Please validate this process before the date of your event.

- **Janet Hirsch – F31 - Will there be road repair work done this year? Yes. We have marked the roads that need to be repaired. There will be approximately $45,000 in road repair performed this year. Work will be done by CEG Paving on both sides of the lake.**

- **Rosie Ferrell – N20 - Many of the ditches around the lake are clogged due to the large rains and need to be cleared. Will this be addressed? Yes. The Board is fully aware of this issue. They have spoken to Mike Eberhardt who has referred us to a contractor to work on South Lakeshore and Matt Holloran will be taking care of the North side. Trying to address the worst spots first plus systematically working from the entrance to the dam on each side.**

- **Dan Timmersman - N19 – Who is responsible for cleaning out the culverts? It is the Homeowner's responsibility to install, clean out, and maintain the culverts associated with their property. It is the LTPOA's responsibility to keep the ditches flowing between the culverts. If a resident discovers a culvert that needs attention they can notify the Board who will then send a letter to the Owner asking them to improve the condition of their culvert.**

- **Julie – I30 - Is installation of a culvert recorded anywhere? We have a culvert that goes under the road. No, installation of culverts is not recorded. Culverts that traverse beneath the road are the responsibility of the LTPOA.**

- **Rosie Ferrell – N30 - Can we add a 'No Parking' sign in front of the metal gate which leads to the overflow parking area near the Community House? Yes. The Board will look into adding this sign**

- **Dan Timmersman – N19 - Is the easement property from the edge of the water to the start of each resident property owned by the LTPOA? Yes, that is correct. This distance varies by each resident property location. The rule of thumb for this distance is 10 feet. The dock is the lot owner's property and is not considered part of the easement.**

- **Rich Kohnen – C5 - Residents can use your lot survey to determine where the resident property ends and the lake easement begins for their property.**

Election

Thank you to Steve and Kim Carey who are the election chairpersons.

Steve Blaha – President and Jon Riche – Vice-President are up for re-election.

To vote: Each lot owner will be identified and the up-to-date assessment payment verified.

Steve asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting

Ken made a motion to adjourn

Jon seconded

Motion passed