

Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting

August 24, 2014

Minutes

Board Members Present: Vicki Trimble, Bill Lewis, Tom Ogden, Frank Breitenbach, Carol Deer, Jim Barton

The meeting was called to order at 9:06 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Budget Hearing

Bill stated that we are recommending the same budget as last year. There is a carryover of \$221,039.71 as of the end of June.

Bill stated that a new harvester was ordered and we paid a down payment of \$213,406 and it will be delivered in the spring. Roger mentioned that on the budget, the figure for repairs and maintenance should be \$16,000, not \$17,000.

Figures for the various budgets were read: General fund--\$12,272.57, Operating fund--\$143,335.16, and Equipment fund--\$160,613.85 for a total of \$316,321.58.

4. Minutes from last year annual meeting

Minutes from last year's annual meeting were read by Tom Ogden. Jim motioned to approve the minutes and Vikki seconded.

5. Treasurers Report

Vicki read all of the balances, as Board had print outs of the budget and the newsletter was published with all of the budget figures. General fund--\$12,503.16, Operating Fund--\$71,832.41, and Equipment Fund--\$124, 977.64 for a total in all accounts of \$209,313.21.

Frank moved to approve the budget, Joe seconded, motion passed.

6. Chris Hamerla

An invasive species specialist presented to the group regarding native and invasive plants.

7. Committee Reports

- a) **Dues & Finance**—Jim stated that we need more volunteers, the more the better. We have to react to situations. We are looking at our fees as well, but now we are in good shape financially.
- b) **Fish**—Jim Felt reported that although a committee was formed, they are still open for new members. Paul met with local businesses and 9 purchased ads that raised \$900. Donation box totaled \$871. Rendezvous donated \$75 from shirt sales. Buffalo Campground raised \$272. Newsletter mailing was \$632, for a total of approximately \$4500 . Paul also mentioned that the DNR is looking to come out. Gollon Fisheries has quoted to do fish stocking for \$5000, for \$9000 worth of fish. Al Rosenthawl asked if we could use some of our labor money to fund the Fish Committee.
- c) **Water Quality**—Carol stated that we joined Lake Puckaway on the study to monitor the nutrient system. It will be done by the end of the season and a full report should be ready in October. Chris Hamerla stated that phosphorus is the limiting nutrient in water bodies and it should be balanced.
- d) **Harvesting Operation**—Bill reported that they have been out west of the causeway and that two cutters have been down there. The committee will be getting together, looking at our operation to see how we can improve, add equipment, hours,

harvesting one more day. Ted Johnson came out and went on the lake and found no milfoil on the east side and good weeds are showing up. Roger said it may be time for an update from the lake study that was done in the past. Tom motioned to approve looking into doing another lake study in 2015. Jim seconded, motion carried.

- e) **Technology**—Tom reported some updates on the website; an email contact so people can ask questions of the Board, new ordering of the navigation bar, and a separate tab for the Fish Committee.
- f) **Ecology**—Working with osprey nesting pole on dredge bank with the Highmark students, an island for students with two native aquatic plants sites, and Lotus protection restoration from Montello High School.

8. Approve Fish Stocking

Al and Roger led an open discussion regarding the possibility of taking \$10,000 over the next two years, and the monies raised by the committee to cover the cost of the stocking. Al moved that we take \$10,000 from budget for this, Carol seconded, motion carried. Jim stated that the best time to do this is the fall and the spring.

9. Budget approval

Al motioned to approve the budget for 2015, Roger stated with changes, as revised. Jim seconded, motion carried.

10. Election of 2 Commissioners term up, Bill Lewis, Tom Ogden

Roger motioned to suspend the written ballot. Vicki seconded. Roger motioned to elect Bill and Tom for the next term. Jim seconded, motion carried.

11. Marquette County Lake Group

It was determined that the next meeting will be held 9/11/14 at the high school at 6:30 at the County Building. Topics will be healthy lakes and shoreline ordinances.

12. Town/County

Joe was not in attendance, so Al reported that the two fee boxes at the two boat landings are the responsibility of the Town of Packwaukee.

13. Next year's annual meeting

The next annual meeting will be held on 8/8/15 at Montello High School at 9:00 am.

14. Closed meeting for commissioners

Election results for Bill Lewis and Tom Ogden were unanimous at 41 approved, 0 opposed.

15. Reconvene open session

16. New Business/Questions

All issues covered previously.

17. Adjourn

Carol motioned to adjourn, Jim seconded, motion carried.