

Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District  
Meeting Minutes  
October 10, 2015

Present: Carol Deer, Bill Lewis, Jim Barton, Chuck Kopesil, Joe Oravetz and Frank Breitenbach

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 9:04 am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
- 2) Minutes from the June meeting were read by Carol. Bill motioned to accept the minutes as read, Frank seconded and the motion passed.
- 3) Bill presented the Treasurer's report. Equipment Fund balance is \$77,184.77, Operating Fund balance is \$142,067.15 for a total of \$219,251.92 in District funds. Our next meeting will require a hard look at our finances going forward. Jim motioned to accept the report, Frank seconded and the motion passed.
- 4) Bill requested a special meeting of the board be held to discuss the bookkeeper position. The personnel committee has recommend that the position be paid \$2500 per year. Carol will circulate a new job description for input and a meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks.
- 5) Dues & Finance – The committee will be looking into increasing dues and will discuss options at the February meeting.
- 6) Fish Committee – Bill motioned for approval of \$5000 for fish, Jim seconded and the motioned passed. Frank motioned for approval of \$143.71 for expenses of the committee, Bill seconded and the motion passed. Funds will come from the Fish Fund. The committee will do a final stocking in spring. Looking at about \$10,000 for that release. We are awaiting the results from the fish survey conducted by the DNR.

- 7) Lake Management Plan – The committee has been working on developing the survey that will go out to the membership at the end of October.
- 8) Harvesting – Frank motioned to approve \$5438 for the purchase of 3 GPS units for the harvesters, Jim seconded and the motion passed. Ray Ducett presented the board with documentation for the season's purchases and equipment repairs and a summary of the harvesting season. Joe motioned to approve the purchase of a laptop for the use of keeping the harvesting records, Jim seconded and the motion passed.
- 9) Ecology – Rich requested that money from Lotus fund be reallocated from signage for the island to finishing work to be done on the kiosk at the boat landing. Joe motioned to approve the request, Frank seconded and the motion passed.
- 10) County, Town – There was discussion about the recent changes to the state zoning ordinances and what that means for local control of zoning issues. As things stand, local ordinances cannot be more restrictive than state ordinances. There is concern about the building of boat houses and other construction projects being carried out along the shoreline. At present there is no action that can be taken to stop people from going ahead with these projects. A special assessment fee, by the district, for new boat houses was discussed. Joe discussed the work that will be done on the causeway in Packwaukee that may result in the causeway being closed for a couple of months, potential during harvest season in 2017(?). Frank told us the county is looking into requiring owners of vacation rentals to obtain licensing, which would include inspections.
- 11) The next meeting was scheduled for February 13, 2016, 9:00 am at the Packwaukee Town Hall.
- 12) Joe motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bill seconded and the meeting was adjourned.