

Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting

August 8, 2015

Minutes

Board Members Present: Bill Lewis, Tom Ogden, Frank Breitenbach, Carol Deer, Jim Barton, Roger Naniot, Joe Oravetz

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes from last year annual meeting

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

3. Treasurers Report

The Board had print outs of the budget and the newsletter was published with all of the budget figure. General fund--\$21,774.84, Operating Fund--\$166,409.65, and Equipment Fund--\$24,841.44 for a total in all accounts of \$212,934.15.

It was noted that we are still waiting for a check from the DNR for the cutter. Once that is received we will be in good shape. It was also noted that \$7000 was spent on fish stocking. (shown as separate item.

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

4. Budget Hearing

Regarding comparing years, we will not be purchasing any equipment in near future, and have the old harvester to sell and there may be demand. Repairs and maintenance budgeted at \$17000, however, this may be high. We have had a carry over in operating fund due to no cutting for two years. Regarding expenditures, we need to bump up labor costs and insurance continues to go up. Fish committee would like to do one more stocking in 2016 with a \$2000 contribution from the committee fund raising. Roger recommended District matching the \$2000.

If we back out \$17000 maintenance and \$4000 fish stocking we will have a normalized expenditure of \$115,815 from total expenditure of \$134,815. Regarding fish stocking, the Fish Committee represented by Paul would like to have District contribute \$5,000 for spring 2016 fish stocking. Paul motioned to have district commit to \$5,000 for stocking. Roger asked for when the DNR report would be coming out, but tabulations would not be completed until the end of winter. The DNR stated that even with stocking that it would take up to 7-10 years to come back.

A motion on the floor was for raising \$2,000 to \$5,000 for District contribution, but clarification to take out match. Show of hands for approval, unanimous, no "no's",

5. Adjourn Budget Hearing

Al moved to adjourn budget hearing, Carol seconded, motion carried.

6. Budget Approval

Joe motioned to approve budget, one opposed, motion carried.

7. Resolution 2015-1

Roger provided some history. The District by-laws were modified over time, therefore they were out of date.

Roger read resolution. Roger requested one change, that it is done in Packwaukee, not Montello. The resolution states to repeal the previously adopted by-laws and to conduct its operations with reference to Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes and other provisions of Wisconsin Law with reference to People of the Lakes: A Guide to Wisconsin's Lake Management Law as presented to the 2015 Annual Meeting of the District.

Frank moved to adopt the resolution, Carol seconded, show of hands, carried unanimously.

Roger also added that the funds raised for the fish committee such as the advertising, etc., should include and if funds are not spent, need to be in fund that is not in the District fund.

8. Election of one Commissioner term up

a. Roger Naniot

Chuck Kopesel has been here since 1968, 25 years ago full time. Frank motioned to close nomination, Joe seconded.

9. Committee Reports

- a) **Dues & Finance**—Jim stated that it hinges on what lake survey will tell us. We will know direction at that time. We should be good with the current assessment for now.
- b) **Fish**—Paul thanked all involved. Will do stocking again on 9/26 and then again in spring.
- c) **Site**—Jim said nothing new to report. Vikki asked about building and status. No significant update.
- d) **Harvesting Operation**—Ray was introduced and said it has been a tough job. 307 truckloads of weeds, approximately 240 tons. Will stop cutting around labor day. Maintenance should be 50% of what we did this year. Question were asked from district members regarding why we are not concentrating on west end where it is terrible. Roger stated that we have run calculations for additional cutting and we may need to look at again.
- e) **Technology**—Tom reported a few new registrations for electronic communications on website, newsletter in good shape.
- f) **Ecology**—Rich has questions after meeting

10. Marquette County Lake Group/Town/County

Joe stated that the causeway will be improved significantly in 2018. If they do not close the road it will take an extra month to complete. Frank said planning meeting coming up. Frank said County has new communication system.

11. Next year's annual meeting

The next annual meeting will be held on 9/10/16 at Montello High School at 9:00 am.

12. Closed meeting for commissioners

Election results for Chuck Kopesel were unanimous at 29 approved, 1 write in.

Chuck is elected to the Board, but not as Treasurer, Bill would like to fill in as Treasurer. Carol will now be President.

Jim motioned for these elections/positions as stated. Joe seconded, motion carried.

13. Reconvene to open session to approve appropriate action relating to election according to Wisconsin Statutes 19.85 1cf

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14. New Business/Questions

Roger stated we need to come up with a plan for the site. Bill stated that the Wisconsin Lakes dues went from \$330 to \$750, due to budget cuts.

Roger reported that the annual District financial review was completed with no discrepancies.

15. Adjourn

Joe motioned to adjourn, Jim seconded, motion carried.