

Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Regular Meeting

May 12, 2018

Corrected and Approved Minutes

Board Members Present: Tom Ogden (Chairman), Ro Klecz (Treasurer), Roger Naniot (Secretary), Chuck Koepsell, Vikki Trimble, Town (vacant), John Sheller (County)

Agenda

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am by Tom Ogden followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Roger read the minutes of Feb. 24, 2018.

Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes and Frank Breitenbach seconded. Minutes passed with correction to Ro's last name

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Ro reported on the April 30, 2018 cash balances for all accounts of \$281,964.85. The checking account balance was \$13,199.25 and money market of \$142,872.42 for a total of \$156,071.17 for the operating fund. The equipment fund cash balance is \$125,892.68. Roger asked Ro if this was the final payment to Ontera. Answer was yes. Tom stated the final billing was to "hit" last year but come into 2018 due to delays of the plan.

b. Roger moved to accept the treasure's report with several minor changes to be made to the equipment fund line items by Vicki and Vicki seconded. Vicki commented that we are going to exceed the insurance expense line item. Motion carried. Tom stated we need to consider to look at other insurance quotes. Also need to look at what the insurance is covering. Question was raised as to what the insurance is covering especially in the case of the duce and one half as it is not qualified to be on the road. The insurance is thru the state.

c. Darrell Unsinn raised issue again raised on the State coming back against district for unemployment insurance.

1. Tom stated to contact Al Rosenthal what insurance other districts are using. Vicki to follow-up.

Committee Reports

1. Dues and Finance

a. Ro had nothing to report

2. Site Maintenance

a. Chuck stated we had a few problems at the site. Had to have 3 loads of gravel to fill in the area where the trucks turn around. Borrowed a skid loader from one of the employees and Chuck felt the district should reimburse Dave Balman (sp ?) for the work he did. The district fork lift was under repair. Chuck made a motion to reimburse Dave Balman \$200 for work he did on the site. Roger seconded it and motion carried.

b. Another issue was an ice heave on the side of boat landing. Estimate to repair that area in the neighborhood of \$500-\$700 to fill and seed the area. Have permission from the zoning and DNR to do the work. On east side of the boat launch. Difficult to get on and off the machines – becomes a safety issue. Discussion followed. Chuck made a motion to approve up to \$700 for update of the launch area. Ro seconded and motion carried.

c. Bids went out to four people to cut the lawn at the site. Two responded with the low bid from Chuck Koepsell for \$150 per cut as needed. Roger made the motion to accept the bid from Chuck for \$150 per cut as needed. Ro seconded and motion carried.

3. Lake Management Plan

a. Per Tom the Lake Management Plan has been approved by the DNR. There are some hard copies and disks available. The plan does include the cutting plan for 2018. We have to apply for a new harvesting permit. The Plan is also on the web site.

4. Harvesting

a. Chuck started we have not started. We have a large group of new employees who are being trained. Water level is high right now, so do not know where the weeds are. Scott to a sample cut on the north and south shore and then make a guess as to the actual starting date.

b. Finding some issues on motors.

c. Scott had issues with the firm repairing the fork lift. Scott held them to the quote and they agreed.

5. Technology/Newsletter Communications/Website

a. Tom trying to kept the website up to-date as possible. The committee names are on the website. Web designer to update the home page. E-mail communications. Tom selected a vendor for 3rd party e-mail communications where district members could receive e-mail notifications. Tom has 148 total district members signed up plus some that Vicki has to be added. One district member stated she had turned her name in numerous times but has yet to be notified. Discussion followed.

B. Carol Deer is posting notices and events on Facebook.

C. Rich Brefeld wanted educational material and ecology information on the website. Tom will do this.

6. Ecology Committee

a. Rich presented a report on the signage for the island in recognition of the students who worked on the island. Vicki made a motion to approve Rich's request \$155-\$160 on signage. Ro seconded and motion carried.

b. Rich Brefeld outlined a computer software program (GPS) for making maps. The ecology uses the software to update the location of the lotus beds. It could be used to map out the harvesting cutting. Rich has paid for this which is \$100 and wanted to know if the district would pay for the maintenance of the software. The lotus information from the software is provided to the harvesting group for buoy layout. Discussion continued on benefits. Rich personally has the software.

c. Discussion on the GPS units on the cutters. Scott stated the guys use the GPS unit as to where to cut and what has been cut. Scott stated that when these were purchased they were the cheapest ones available at the time. Roger stated get the training for the GPS units. Roger gets that the company we purchased them from wants to change the district for the training. Rich pointed out the training needs to be documented.

d. Tom stated that the \$100 should be discussed at the next meeting with coordination with Scott as to if the software can be used by the harvesting personnel. Tom noted that Scott will follow-up with the company we purchased the GPS if the units will do what we want them to do and what the cost will be for new and/or updated equipment.

e. Rich provided information on the shoreline restoration plan grant, the plants and how to apply. Discussion followed. Rich will provide information to Tom and Carol for website and

Facebook. Also to provide information at the annual meeting. Rich made the recommendation to add a member to the ecology committee.

7. People of the Lake

- a. No new information provided

8. Town/County

A. John Sheller added to District board and represents Marquette County. Two year appointment. Jim Sanders resigned from the town and his replacement will be made by next meeting

9. Old Business/New Business

- a. Scott updated the board on the use the pontoon boat for the buoys. Lateral buoys – Scott painted the tops. 2 hours to do the loading, placing and back to dock.
- b. Roger noted the dedication of the new pier. He attended the dedication on behalf of the district. Scott somewhat concerned on getting the cutters to cut to the pier.
- c. Roger looked into dredging on the west side of causeway. A lake in Wisconsin used a firm in Illinois to do the dredging. Do not know the cost. Scott side the DNR said it would cost \$2 million.
- d. Scott still looking at selling the truck. Scott has a signed title for the truck.
- e. Scott all set to start up the cutting operation except for the new motors. Looking at new sites for offloading weeds. Some people want the weeds. He will put a dump load on the site for people.

10. Next Meeting

- a. September 8, 2018 at 2018 at Packwaukee Town Hall

11. Vicki made a motion to adjourn. Ro seconded. Motion approved. 11:30am

Submitted as amended