

Buffalo Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Harvesting Committee Meeting
September 29, 2018
9:00 AM at the Packwaukee Library
Not Approved as of October 2, 2018

Committee Members Present: Harvesting Committee Chairman, Chuck Kopsas, Jim Barton, Roger Naniot, Bill Lewis, Harvesting Supervisor Scott Preuss and Bill (transporter operator)

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Chairman Kopesil

- i) Meeting was moved to the Park as the Library Doors were locked
- b) Re-convened meeting at the park
- 2) Jim described the proposed transporter in detail
 - a) Larger than the one we have now leading to efficiencies.
 - b) This is the lowest bid and has less electronics and is stainless steel
 - c) He, Chuck, Scott and "Pork Chop" went to Burlington, WI to visit the production site and gain first-hand knowledge about the transporter. They saw it in operation on a lake.
 - d) Jim called three different people to get their take on the transporter – all positive
 - e) Transporter has 14 compartments between the two pontoons
 - f) Decided to go back to the paddlewheels as the company noted motors are not appropriate for shallow lakes
 - i) There is a trade-off in speed as motor operated transporters are faster
 - g) Delivery May 15, 2019 if ordered soon. Payment terms are 1/3rd down, 1/3rd during construction and 1/3rd on delivery.
 - h) Two year warranty and DOT approved trailer
- 3) Motion made by Jim and seconded by Scott to recant/rescind the harvesting committees vote at the last harvesting committee meeting to recommend the transporter from Inland that had motors. Motion carried
- 4) New motion by Jim and seconded by Bill to accept the new bid from Inland on the new transporter with paddle wheels. Motion carried.
- 5) Jim to speak at the annual meeting on the proposed transporter
- 6) Question raised by district member Bill Lewis and others on the committee to obtain quotes on equipment repairs including cutters, elevators, etc. Should always have two professional bids or estimates on repairs. Need for professional estimates per Bill Lewis.
 - a) Concern by the members over the Lack of equipment records was brought up. Should have them to document maintenance and repair issues.
 - i) Discussion continue on whether to run two transporters next year. This depends on what the cost is to repair the old 2001 transporter. There is a need for professional repair estimates. This should be done now prior to the cutting season. Bill Lewis pointed out that the district used three cutters in the past and is there really a need to run two transporters if efficient with the use of the existing cutters. Darrell Unsinn, a district member, pointed out he has been questioning for some time the cutting operations in terms of being efficient.
 - (1) Roger noted that perhaps it is a time to find a firm that can look at the total operation based on the permitted cutting and help the district to determine the best use of the equipment similar to lean manufacturing and value tree mapping.
 - ii) Scott left the meeting
 - iii) Scott is keeping some records/log book as Roger has seen them
- 7) The lack of harvesting committee meetings was discussed between Bill Lewis and Chuck.
- 8) Roger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Bill. Motion Carried. 10:30am.

