

## Buffalo Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Harvesting Committee Meeting

September 1, 2018

### Packwaukee Park Shelter

Committee Members Present: Harvesting Committee Chairman, Chuck Kopesil, Roger Naniot, Jim Barton, Transporter Employee Bill and Harvesting Supervisor Scott Preuss

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 9:00am.
2. First order of business were the transporter quotes by Jim Barton. Two quotes were received in accordance with the District's specs.
  1. Aquarius Systems
    - a. \$213,000 for a T45. This is a delivered price
    - b. Paddlewheel, stainless steel pontoons
    - c. Heavy duty Belting
    - d. 6-9 month lead time
    - e. Crane will be needed to lift the transporter off the trailer. Add \$600 to \$1,000 to cost
  2. Inland Lake
    - a. \$175,500 plus additional costs for delivery - \$187,500 for a motorized unit
  3. Discussion followed. Main comparison difference is paddlewheels vs. motor. Paddlewheels deemed to more efficient. Then the service issue was discussed. Aquarius has been there for the district and doesn't always charge the district. Heavy duty belting on the Aquarius unit. Additional cost for Inland includes shipping.
  4. Motion made by Jim Barton to accept the quote from Aquarius. Seconded by Roger. Passed 5-0
  5. Chuck to provide additional justification for acceptance of higher bid by the Harvesting Committee for Board approval other than those presented.
4. Truck that was by the fence sold by Scott for cash \$2,500. Vicki picked up cash and will record in the equipment fund. Will cancel insurance. The parts truck may be sold for \$1,000.
5. The need for an estimated cost of \$4,000 for another storage container was discussed. Jim noted that shipping contained could be used. The existing container is in bad shape and tools, etc. would be stored in the new proposed unit. No action taken as becomes a funding issue.
6. Due to the weathers (rains) the lake water level is high. Trees, docks, weed bogs are floating and given the conditions a no wake sign was posted by the sheriff. Discussion followed. A motion was made by Jim and seconded by Chuck to discontinue harvesting for the year. Motion carried 5-0.
  1. Equipment is to be pulled from the lake on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 and maintenance plus winterization to take place. Scott is going to wrap units in plastic this year.
7. Other business
  1. Discussion on the needs of the Harvesting Committee. A plan needs to be developed on what to do with the Deuce and a half truck, conveyors, channel buoys, lotus buoys, parts truck etc. The question becomes on what should be done with the two older cutters. Should these be repaired or retired.

Quotes to be obtained by Chuck. Roger would like to run 5 cutters next year given the new transporter even if it means fixing an order cutter. Discussion followed.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10; 25 am.