

Buffalo Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District  
Minutes from the Regular Meeting of  
October 3, 2009

In Attendance:

Bill Lewis, Jane Tofari, Don Schoechert, Carol Deer, Frank Breitenbach and Tom Bowman

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am followed by the pledge of allegiance

1. Bill Lewis introduced Jane Tofari as the new Treasurer
2. Motion was made to accept resignation of Colleen Huber. Motion carried.
3. Motion was made to appoint Don Schoechert to the board to replace Colleen Huber for the remainder of her term to expire in August 2010. Motion carried
4. Motion was made to appoint Carol Deer as Secretary to the board to replace Wendy Cordes for the remainder of her term to expire in August of 2011. Motion carried
5. Minutes from the June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting were read and approved
6. Treasurer report for September was presented by Jane Tofari. Special note was made of the receipt of \$24,500 from the DNR and \$67,500 that was paid out as a down payment on the new harvester. Motion to accept the report was made and carried.
7. Committee Reports
  - District Boundaries – No meeting was held
  - Lotus Project – Rich Brefeld talked about the desire to place informational buoys around the current Lotus beds that would restrict boat traffic through the beds. He believes 4 to 5 buoys would be a good start. A motion was made and carried to approve the investigation of the cost of these buoys. Rich also stated he was waiting for approval from the DNR of his permit to collect seeds from existing lotus plants and his intention to establish a test bed in front of his property.
  - Water Level – No one from committee was present
  - Marquette County Lakes Group – Al Rosenthal spoke on the work being done on legislation being drawn up for the restrictions on high pressure wells at the state level. This group is also monitoring the results of draw downs on area lakes. Al also reported that there will be a special meeting on Nov. 12 at the Marquette county Service center at 6pm to discuss the group's goals and projects for 2010
  - Harvesting Crew – Jim Sanders reported on the absence of weeds on the east end of the lake this year and the numerous numbers of repairs that required on the older equipment.
  - Equipment – Jim Sanders reported that we had received half of the grant money from the DNR for the purchase of the new harvester that will be arriving in spring. The district is currently trying to sell 2 pieces of the older equipment, a cutter and a transporter. There has been some interest but no sale yet.
  - Technology - Newsletter- No one was present from this committee

8. Old Business

- Dredge Bank – Much discussion was heard on the September 18th meeting of the steering committee that included representatives from all the various interested parties. The DNR presented several possible solutions they were considering including doing nothing, removing the dam and several options for repair of the dredge bank. While no decisions were made it did get all of the entities involved to the table and to start the process of deciding which solution will be implemented. A motion was made and carried that attorney Bill O’Conner will spearhead the issue on behalf of the Buffalo Lake district. A motion was made and carried to approve \$4000 for attorney fees for Mr. O’Connor to cover the remainder of 2009. A link to the meeting minutes from the steering committee will be available on the district website in the near future.
- Oxford water plant – Process for the currently proposed plant has stopped. A groundwater workgroup has been meeting in Madison to develop statewide water management policies. A link to their website will be available on the District website in the near future

9. New Business

- Technology - Bill Lewis informed us that a laptop had been donated to the district which will replace the old computer. Roger Naniot will be working on converting our existing database to a more user friendly format. Carol and Linda will be continuing the work that was started on verifying that our membership list matches the information that the county has.

10. Next Meeting will be on February 6, 2010

11. Motion was made and carried to adjourn the meeting

Respectfully Submitted: Carol Deer