

Buffalo Lake P & R District
Annual Meeting Minutes
August 7,2010

Board Members Present: Don Schoechert, Bill Lewis, Jim Sanders, Frank Breitenbach, Roger Naniot and Carol Deer

Meeting was called to order by Bill Lewis at 9:10am followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the 2009 Annual Meeting were read by Carol Deer. Frank Breitenbach motioned for the approval of the minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.

Bill Lewis read the June and July Treasurer reports. Frank motioned for approval of the reports. Motion was seconded and approved.

Bill Lewis discussed the need for volunteers to serve on several of the committees.

Various committee reports as follows:

Marquette County Lake Group:

Al Rosenthal explained that the County Lake Group was made up of representatives of the 22 lakes in Marquette County who's purpose is to work together to lobby various levels of government on behalf of our local lakes. Their next meeting will be held on September 30 at 6:30pm at the county service building. Buffalo Lake P&R District pays \$30 in annual dues to the Marquette County Lake Group.

Al discussed the HR115 bill that was passed by the state. HR115 set new rules governing shorelines including the requirement that property owners have 30 feet of vegetation from their shorelines (such as native grasses) which will help filter the water that goes into the lakes and rivers. The county has until 2012 to put ordinances in place to address this issue. At this time it is unclear how this will be enforced or who will be responsible for enforcement.

Harvesting and Equipment:

Jim Sanders reported that in the last year we sold a 1998 Harvester (\$22,000) and a 1998 Transporter (\$15,000). We currently have another cutter for sale for \$29,500. The District purchased new radio equipment for the crew which will meet the requirement to use narrow band radios. They have proven beneficial in regards to weather warnings that allow the crew to get the equipment off the lake ahead of storms coming in.

Jim also explained that the cutting has been behind this last month due to weather and

the high amount of weeds this year.

Dredge Bank:

Bill Lewis went over where we are in the process of the repair of the Dredge Bank. An engineering study is currently underway to determine which of the DNR plans should be implemented to correct the current problem.

Roger Naniot read the latest release from the DNR regarding the closure of the spillway and dike to public use during the week of August 9th to perform certain underwater tests that are needed for the study.

Discussion followed on the possibility of reopening the boat landing on the Dredge bank. The county has agreed to accept liability if the boat landing does reopen before repairs are made. We are waiting for approval from the DNR.

There was also discussion about the possible use of a coffer dam versus a draw down during the repair processes.

Newsletter/Technology:

Carol Deer discussed the need for more help in getting out the newsletter and the need to start work on it earlier in the year. She also made an apology to Kathleen McGwin for not crediting her for the use of parts of her Marquette County Tribune article that was used in the newsletter. This was an oversight on Carol's part.

Roger Naniot discussed the need to update the District's database so it would be compatible with the county's database allowing for easier updating of our records.

Redistricting:

This committee is no longer active.

Budget Hearing/Approval

The approved and actual budgets for 2010 were gone over. Of note was the large increase in legal costs due to our efforts on behalf of the Dredge Bank project. The city of Montello and the Marquette county have agreed to help with these costs at an as yet undetermined level. The towns of Packwaukee and Montello will also be approached at their upcoming town meetings. Discussion followed.

The budget for 2011 was presented. After some discussion Al motioned for the budget to be approved, motion was seconded and approved.

Elections

Elections were held for two board positions. Don Schoechert and Roger Naniot were reelected to their positions with Don receiving 35 votes, Roger 36 and Tom Ogden receiving 11.

The next annual meeting was scheduled for August 6, 2011.

Frank motioned for the meeting to be adjourned, motion was seconded and passed.

Meeting minutes submitted by Carol Deer