

Minutes FOR DISTRICT MEETING April 26, 2008

1. Meeting was called to order at 9:02 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. A motion was made to accept the minutes from the February 16, 2008 meeting, motion passed. Minutes were approved as read.
3. A motion was made to accept the February and March 2008 Treasurer's reports, motion passed. Treasurer's reports were approved as read.
4. John Hunter reported on the February meeting with Ted Johnson of the DNR regarding water levels. Ted Johnson is willing to work with us on changing cutting patterns and increasing the amount of cutting. Ted will come to Buffalo Lake once the plants are visible to look for protected plants or any other possible no cut areas. Lotus plants are not protected but possibly the DNR could place buoys around the Lotus beds to keep out boat traffic. John discussed the conflicting documents that were discussed with the attorney Bill O'Connor regarding the 16' and 40' opening in the boards on the Dam. John requested that the Board approve \$9900 for legal fees for action to be taken with the DNR. John said he would like to have this matter resolved by the end of this summer. A motion was made to "proceed to fund the attorney for the water level study of \$9900.00 maximum and to look into a fixed price with the attorney". Motion passed.
5. Al Rosenthal stated that he was waiting for all the people on the Water Quality committee to come up to the lake so the water quality testing may resume.
6. Bill Lewis stated that the Harvesting committee is looking into a grant to purchase a new harvester and also looking into purchasing a new truck. Discussion followed.
7. Al Rosenthal discussed RSV Engineering quote of \$15,000 to formulate new boundaries for the Lake District. The attorney Bill O'Connor suggested that the Lake District establish criteria for the boundaries. A Boundary Reconciliation Committee was formed. Al Rosenthal, Glen Putman, Mary Lien and John Hunter are the committee members. The committee will: 1). Review existing District Boundaries, 2) Prepare an accurate map of the District showing each tax parcel within the District, 3) Verify that the Marquette County tax record system accurately identifies parcels within the District, 4) Recommend standards for the inclusion of property within the District 5) Develop a procedure for the consideration of any modification to the District Boundary.
8. Pat Kilby will be invited to the Lake District's next regular meeting on July 5 to discuss water gauges, water quality and gypsy moths.
9. Colleen Huber is planning on a newsletter in May.
10. Roger Naniot discussed the pollution runoff at the Bison farm. The DNR currently has a signed contract in place with the Bison farm owner whereas the State will pay 70% and the owner pays 30%. The plan will increase the 8" culvert to 24" and be 2 1/2 miles long. It will still run towards the Lake but will take longer to get there. Discussion followed.
11. Valerie Stabenow said that Ted Johnson from the DNR is planning on coming to Buffalo Lake on either May 18 or 19 to look at the cutting patterns.
12. A question regarding all the dead fish on the lake was asked. Roger stated that the Bluegill had been trapped under the ice and died due to depletion of oxygen from the water.
13. The location of the Annual meeting will be at the High School on August 9 at 9:00 A.M.
14. The next regular meeting will be on July 5, 9:00 A.M. at Packwaukee town hall.
15. A motion was made to adjourn, meeting adjourned at 10:05 A.M.

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