

Meeting Minutes
Buffalo Lake
P & R Regular Meeting
October 2, 2010

In Attendance: Roger Naniot, Jim Sanders, Don Schroeckert, Frank Breitenbach, Jane Tofari, Bill Lewis and Carol Deer

Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am by Bill Lewis followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the June 5th meeting were read and a motion was made by Frank to approve the minutes. Motion was passed.

Treasurers reports for August and September were presented by Jane. Of note were an assessment check from the county for \$8789 in August. Postal costs for mailing of assessments in September of \$352. As of September 30th \$32,120 have been received towards 2011 assessments. We also received a \$500 donation from the Lake Association for Lotus signs.

We also reviewed are YTD budget figures. Bill updated us on the progress of the reimbursement of legal fees by the various municipalities involved. Copies of our legal fee statements have been presented to a few of the boards and we expect some type of reimbursement to come in in the next month or so. Roger motioned that the treasurers report be approved, it was seconded and passed.

Committee Reports:

Lotus Project:

Of note was the donation of \$500 from the Lake Association towards the Lotus bed signs. Buoy permits are still needed as is permission to place the signs at the boat landings.

Marquette County lake Group:

Discussion of the new shoreline development restrictions that will be taking effect in January of 2012. Not 2011 as reported in the minutes from the June meeting. Marquette county will be grandfathering in existing properties although properties would have to be in line with new restrictions if sold.

There followed discussion of ordinances or lack of governing lakes in the county and the enforcement of state regulations.

Harvesting/Equipment:

The crews are now off the water for the season. A recap of the season was given. A combination of equipment breakdowns and heavy weeds combined to put the harvesting

behind this year. 4 ½ cycles of the lake were completed.

The 2nd harvester is still for sale and the district would like to purchase a newer truck perhaps late 90's early 2000's model.

Discussion of the cutting pattern, along with some complaints of the pattern used this year and last. Jim will meet with the homeowners who have had problems in their area and may revise the pattern in that area.

Tech/Newsletter:

Newsletter went out in July.

We have been informed by the county that they have begun charging the district for copies of the district members list beyond one copy per year.

Townships are required by law to bill for the lake district assessments if asked. We would like to pursue this but there are several issues to be worked out.

Town/County Reports

Discussion on the county's budget problems. It was also noted that the county's corp. counsel agreed with the decision to hire an outside attorney to deal with the Dredge Bank issues.

Jim reported that the Town of Packwaukee is waiting to see what the other municipalities are going to contribute to legal fees before deciding on how much they will contribute.

Discussion followed on the procedures that were followed in the hiring of our attorney and who was and was not involved in the decision.

Old Business:

Dredge Bank:

Discussion on the proposals presented at the September 25th public meeting by the DNR and the engineering firm who prepared the proposals.

Discussion on the uncertainty of who will be involved in the decision making process at the state level after the November elections.

The suggestion was made to have a special postcard mailing after the elections to district members who live in Wisconsin asking them to contact their local representatives to urge their support for this project.

New Business:

Board Elections were held at the Annual meeting re-electing Don Schroeckert and Roger Naniot

A new treasurer will be needed as of January 1st due to Jane Tofari moving out of the district.

It was asked if it was possible to have our buoys retrofitted with solar lighting. It is possible but it was pointed out that with 42 buoys it might get a bit expensive.

Buffalo Lake Lodge has requested that the district pay for repaving of their parking lot due to the wear and tear resulting from the districts use of the parking lot for weed removal. There is a rough estimate of \$1500. We will check with the county to see if they can pay for this. A motion was made by Roger to get a firm estimate of the cost. Motion passed.

Discussion on reevaluating the current cutting pattern as we're not keeping up with weed growth with the current pattern.

The next meeting was scheduled for February 5th at 9 AM at the Packwaukee Town Hall

Roger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Minutes submitted by Carol Deer