

Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Regular Meeting

July 12, 2014

Minutes

Board Members Present: Bill Lewis, Tom Ogden, Frank Breitenbach, Joseph Oravetz, Vicki Trimble, Carol Deer, Jim Barton.

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:08 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Tom Ogden. Frank motioned to approve the minutes and Jim seconded. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report

Total in all accounts as of June 30 was \$407,070.33. Operating Fund balance is \$163,404.38, Equipment Fund is \$224,591.01, and general checking account balance is \$19,074.94. Jim moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Frank seconded, motion passed.

4. Committee Reports

- a) **Dues & Finance**—Jim reported that they continue to look at needs and gather information to make more intelligent decisions. We are looking at the long-range plans of the District.
- b) **Fish**—More than \$3,100 was raised so far, including \$1,709 at the Buffalo Lodge raffle. They are progressing on newsletter advertising program that is gaining interest. They have received approximately \$755 from donation boxes. After contacting the DNR, it seems that they have no interest in stocking Buffalo Lake. A discussion began regarding doing the plan for stocking it ourselves, but also need to know what mix of fish is recommended in situations like this. More research needs to be done. Puckaway and Montello has stocked so we may be able to get some info from them. Rendezvous has shirts that you can buy and all proceeds go to the fish committee. Paul will work on a long-range plan.
- c) **Water Quality**— Carol reported that the testing has begun and a report will be available at the end of the season.
- d) **Harvesting**—Al updated for Jim. The cutting is down considerably. They are observing the kinds of weeds coming back. See some curly leaf coming back, Eurasian milfoil, and bulrushes. Also some good native plants observed. Bill mentioned that the harvester has been ordered and will be delivered in the spring.
- e) **Technology**—Tom reported progress on website with new committee info and a re-order of the navigation buttons. A concern was expressed regarding old information on the site. Tom stated that the next meeting notices are on the home page of the website and recommended deleting the Notices button on the website. All were in agreement. Newsletter is being worked on by Paul and will send to Carol.
The annual meeting is August 16 and therefore printer needs newsletter by 7/21.
- f) **Site Committee**—Jim Barton talked to Jim Sanders regarding getting rid of trailer and doing something with storage building. Should have proposal soon.
- g) **Ecology Committee**—Rich reported that there has been \$563 spent on the lotus project, therefore \$1,586 left in grant fund. The cost for signs, posts, and bases was \$192 for 2 ea. They are part of the aquatic planting project. He would like to have handouts of some sort for the annual meeting. Some samples were passed around and seemed appropriate. Rich is looking for obtaining training for shoreline restoration at a cost of \$149. Rich will educate once he attends. Frank motioned to approve the expenditure, Jim seconded, motion carried.

5. Budget

The harvesting committee is looking into options. Jim is in agreement with the budget but nervous about matching funds for fish stocking. Possibly reduce legal fees, which should be minimal, to help.

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6. Marquette County Lake Group

Al reported that the next joint meeting is September 11, 6:30 p.m. at the Service Center. Pizza and pop will be served. Theme is shoreline restorations and safety. Also reported that some lakes, Crystal Lake and Tuttle Lake, are beginning to have concerns over rental properties on their lakes.

7. Town/County

Joe reported that the bridge is done. Frank said nothing to report at this time.

8. Newsletter

All OK, previously discussed in Technology section.

9. Old Business/New Business

Boat ramp will be open around end of August or September. Light posts have been delivered and will be installed shortly.

10. Next Meeting

Next Meeting—Next regular meeting 10/11/14 @9:00 p.m, Packwaukee Town Hall

11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.