

# **Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Regular Meeting**

**October 11, 2014**

## **Minutes**

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

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **2. Minutes**

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

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

Total in all accounts as of September 30 30 was \$301,893.39. Operating Fund balance is \$133,450.39, Equipment Fund is \$153,068.40, and general checking account balance is \$15,409.05. Carol moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Jim seconded, motion passed.

### **4. Site Repair**

Jim reported that the large metal storage building was sided and added clear panels to it. Cost was \$1,201. Next is to look into the purchase of a prefab structure, estimated in the \$5-6K range, that would house the foreman's office, hold all district records as well. Still getting prices, but looking at a 14x20 ft. size. Vicki motioned to approve the payment on the repair, Joe seconded, motion passed.

### **5. Fish Committee Expense**

Paul reported that the stocking was scheduled for Monday and was quoted as not to exceed \$7,000 for a total of 13-14K fish. Carol moved to approve the expense, Jim seconded, motion carried. The stocking will start at C to the west side of the lake and volunteers are meeting at Buffalo Lake Campground.

### **6. Kiosk Funding**

Rich reported and showed samples of the kiosk design. Montello High School shop class interested in constructing. Has to be large enough to hold all information, etc. Cost is \$600. Joe moved to fund the \$600 for the construction, Carol seconded, motion passed.

### **7. Reorganize Treasurer Position**

Bill explained the reasons for the reorganization. Vicki will continue to do the daily work, and a treasurer will be on the Board for oversight. Carol moved to separate the treasurer's position from bookkeeper. Jim moved to accept Vicki's resignation and Roger agreed to step in as Treasurer until next August. Tom moved to approve, Carol seconded, motion carried.

### **8. District Computer**

Most of business files reside on Bill's computer. We need a separate computer for the District. Tom to research other options for storage, Drop Box, Share File, etc. Roger stated that all financial records need to be exported to this solution as well.

### **9. Lake Management Plan**

We can qualify for some grant money and we should update the Management Plan. 67% can be covered by grant, capped at \$25,000. Total cost will be \$37,715. Our responsibility will be over the 2015 and 2016 budget. Vicki motioned to move forward with the plan, Jim seconded, motion carried. Tom signed resolution.

## 10. Committee Reports

- a) **Dues & Finance**—Nothing to report
- b) **Fish Committee**—Paul reported that the DNR performed a spot check on the east side of the lake and said the fish are coming back nicely. Perch are coming back nicely, walleye are being seen for the first time, using the fish ladder. Too many carp and sheephead, bass down, northern up. Funding from DNR not likely. Year to date fundraising is \$8100. A variety of fundraisers are still in the works. Stocking set for October 13 at 10:00 am.
- c) **Water Quality**— Carol reported that there were two more days of testing. Next year will not be involved in this program.
- d) **Harvesting**—Bill stated committee had not met. Jim said all equipment was put away.
- e) **Technology**—Tom reported website is up to date, new navigation buttons for committees. Starting to populate. Still not many email submissions.
- f) **Site Committee**—Jim covered everything previously.
- g) **Ecology Committee**—Rich thanked all for the opportunity to receive training. Deadline of 2/1/15 is for grants addressing shoreline restoration. He would like to make best practices in this area a part of the Lake Management Plan. Now 10-12 property owners are interested.

## 11. Adam Brandt/High Marq

Rich introduced Adam who is with an environmental charter school and they are a project-based learning facility. They are interested in any type of environmental projects and are interested in continuing to assist us in any way.

## 12. Marquette County Lake Group

Al reported that the next meeting is in May, the second Thursday of the month at the Service Center. Pizza and pop will be served. Theme is stream and water level monitoring

## 13. Town/County

Joe reported nothing to report at this time.

## 14. Old Business/New Business

The Onterra Plan (Lake Management Plan), needs a steering committee and will leave a sheet for volunteers to sign up.

## 15. Next Meeting

**Next Meeting**—Next regular meeting 02/14/15 @9:00 p.m, Packwaukee Town Hall

## 11. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m.