

Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Regular Meeting

February 25, 2017

Minutes

Board Members Present: Tom Ogden (Chairman), Darrel Unsinn (Treasurer), Jim Sanders (Secretary), Frank Breitenbach (County), Chuck Kopesil, Joseph Oravetz (Town rep)

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Jim Sanders. Frank motioned to approve the minutes as read and Joe seconded, motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report

As of 01/31/17, total in all accounts was \$208,510.93. Operating Fund balance is \$81,654.35, Equipment Fund balance \$109,930.43. Checking account balance \$16,926.15. Motion by Joe to approve the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Chuck, motion passed.

4. Budget Approval

Chairman Tom Ogden gave an explanation as to why the 2017 budget was carried over to the October meeting. Treasurer Darrel Unsinn then submitted the amended 2017 budget for approval. There were questions on several line items as to how the figures were arrived at. After much discussion Vicki Trimble motioned to approve the amended 2017 budget, seconded by Joe, motion passed.

5. Committee Reports

- a) **Dues & Finance**—Darrel would like volunteers to work with him in regards to the annual dues and potential for increase. Vikki Trimble volunteered to assist.
- b) **Fish**—Tom said he left on the agenda for anything that was still open. We have donation boxes (tackle boxes) from collection of funds at events. We will save the boxes.
- c) **Site**—No report.
- d) **Lake Management Plan**—Tom stated that with new board members, we need to be brought up to speed. Tom will reach out to see if it is possible to have a short presentation at or after next quarter meeting.
- e) **Harvesting/Equipment**—recommendations from meeting are as follows:
 - One person working supervisor for the entire operation
 - One person doing maintenance
 - Have GPS units operational to determine route and speed for best harvesting efficiency
 - Harvesting to be done in accordance with the harvesting plan submitted to the DNR
 - All equipment ready and all training finished no later than the week before our anticipated start day
 - Harvesting is a 4-day week process at minimum
 - Finish date to be determined by crew supervisor and two board members for this year
 - The property is an alcohol-free area

Darrel motioned to approve the recommendations of the Harvesting Committee. Chuck seconded, motion carried.

- f) **Technology/Newsletter/Website** —Tom stated we are doing a better job of posting the minutes and important information on the website. There is a form on the website for

members to sign up to received notices by email. At this time only approximately 85 have signed up. Vikki stated that if people signed up, they are probably expecting emails by now. After discussion, a motion was made by Darrel to start using these emails for mass distribution of important information. Seconded by Frank, motion passed. Tom will coordinate.

There was also a suggestion to send Annual Meeting notice/newsletter by email. Statute 33.(2) (a) states that an alternative to mailing is a class 2 notice placed 2 consecutive times in the local newspaper. We will discuss further at next meeting.

- g) Ecology Committee**—Rich confirmed that the prices for the buoys is still the same and the delivery is 4-6 weeks if ordered by end of February. The subject of grant money and the status of the expansion of the lotus beds was discussed. Joe motioned to approve the purchase of the buoys, Frank seconded, motion passed.

6. Marquette County Lake Group

No report. Al out of town and not present.

7. Town/County—Joe reported that the bids on the causeway will go out in June and construction to start after Labor Day. The causeway will be closed for approximately two months. Frank reported that the county will pay for 20% of the causeway project.

8. Old Business/New Business

Darrel made a motion to purchase 10 buoys for the channel at \$116.00 each, seconded by Joe, motion carried.

It was suggested to a member to check with High Marq for lake shore restoration guidelines.

9. Next Meeting—Next regular meeting will be May 20 at 9:00 am.

10. Adjournment

Joe motioned to adjourn, Frank seconded, motion passed. Adjourned at 10:15 a.m.