

BLPRD Harvest Committee Meeting Minutes
Sat, February 26, 2022 – 9:00 AM
Packwaukee Town Hall

Meeting called to order by Gary Kershaw at 9:00 am.

Roll Call

Present: Gary Kershaw, Joe Dion, Ed Schams, Darrel Unsinn, Bob Fohey

Gary Doudna

Absent: Sara Scheel, Don Klecz, Dave Burton

Topics of discussion

A. Harvest permit

Joe is submitting the permit to the DNR for the 2022 season only. To receive a five year permit, a lake study of weeds will need to be completed and submitted to the DNR. This study should be done in 2023. If not, only a one or two year permit can be issued.

Nine laterals will be added to the east side of the lake and 100' wide main channel cuts with some added cutting by the dredge bank and Hwy C landing.

B. Weed drop off sites

Gary has done research on weed drop off sites and distributed a list to the attendees. One problem that we have is that the Causeway is going to be closed due to construction supposedly starting mid June. We have sites that are located within two to four miles of each unloading landing and Gary will call for additional drop off sites in the spring.

C. Update on building construction

Gary called Marquette County Zoning regarding a building permit. Zoning said they will review setbacks and will check lot line distances. We will need to present a building plan, then a Zoning permit can be issued. A permit can be issued with a \$50.00 fee.

D. Buoys

Joe took an inventory of the buoys at the end of last season. We have lost five center channel buoys as well as other channel and hazard buoys and anchors due to damage. Joe discussed the placement for the Town of Packwaukee No Wake buoys. Larry Haygood will be contacted by Joe to get with the town board for possible placement changes. The No Wake buoys are to be placed in the lake by May 1. Approximate cost will be \$3,500 for buoys needed as well as one backup buoy. Motion was made by Gary D. and seconded by Darrel. All in favor. A request for \$3,500 will be requested by the harvest committee for buoys at the next district board meeting March 12, 2022.

E. Update on personnel

Darrel and Gary interviewed three applicants – two for full-time and one for part-time. All candidates were acceptable for employment. Another application was received and an interview will be scheduled. Two former employees have called and would like to return this season. We are still looking for more applicants.

Discussion on COLA of \$.50 raise for returning employees. Approval was received from the district board on Nov.13, 2021 at the lake district meeting.

Notification for employment will be put on the website and Facebook next week.

The list of the 2022 employees will be presented to the district board on March 12, 2022. at the board meeting

F. Discussion on minor changes to Employee Handbook

Discussed needed minor changes to the Employee Handbook that have been approved by the board. These changes will need to be done before they are given to the employees for review and their signature.

G. New business

Bob discussed and recommended oil changes in the middle of the cutting season. Work on the equipment will start on April 18.

Gary called Inland regarding the new conveyor. All materials have been received and Inland will start assembly next week. We will need to receive the conveyor by May 15.

Joe was contacted by Marquette County regarding using the lake site for staging purposes during the Causeway construction. Motion was made by Darrel and seconded by Ed to approve the use. All in favor. A request for Marquette County to use the lake site during the Causeway construction will be presented to the board at the March 12, 2022, board meeting.

Establish next meeting

April 9, 2022, Packwaukee Town Hall, 9:00 am

Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.