

# Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Regular Meeting

February 13, 2016

## Minutes

**Board Members Present:** Bill Lewis, Tom Ogden, Joseph Oravetz, Roger Naniot, Carol Deer, Jim Barton., Frank Breitenbach

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:03 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. Minutes

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

### 3. Treasurer's Report

Total in all accounts was \$203,489.93. Operating Fund balance is \$111,488.70, Equipment Fund is \$72,602.58. Bill reported no real movement in equipment fund except interest. Frank motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Joe seconded, motion passed.

- a. Bookkeeper position—decided to be an independent contractor, and Vicki has accepted the position.
- b. Attorneys fees—discussion regarding the department of Revenue fees. Bill has requested as we have not received report from State for a few years.

### 4. Request for funding—Wisconsin Lakes Association

Carol has requested funding to attend the Association conference at \$215. Frank motioned to approve the funding and Joe seconded, motion passed.

### 5. Committee Reports

- a) **Ecology Committee**—Jim read in place of Rich who was not present. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the Lotus Project. To achieve ongoing goals, would like Board approval of the 3 buoys for \$1,436.91. Frank motioned to approved the payment, Joe seconded, motion carried. It was noted to change delivery to Ray's place as he needs to work on chain and anchors as he did last time.
- b) **Harvesting**—Had meeting in October. Ray provided information detail on all service work performed, man hours, dates, rates, etc. Carol recommended having an Open House on the site around the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May. Put notices in Montello and Portage newspaper.
- c) **Dues and Finance**—Jim reported nothing really new. Jim volunteered to be a part of the informational part of the Open House.
- d) **Fish Committee**—Paul reported the breakdown for the \$6000 for the stocking for May. Then would like to have last one in the fall of 2016. \$5000 was approved in budget originally. Joe motioned to approve the expenditure, Frank seconded, motion carried.
- e) **Lake Management Plan**—Carol reported the receipt of 355 surveys, which is approximately 40%. She is putting them in spreadsheet. Update will be provided in the Spring.
- f) **Technology/Newsletter/Website**— Facebook feedback has been positive. Tom continuing to get email sign ups, but still not more than 10%.
- g) **Site Committee**—Jim has put building project on hold. Could get by with smaller if storage is not a priority.

### 6. Marquette County Lake Group

Al reported next meeting is 5/12/16 at 6:30 at the Service Center. Lots of changes with shoreline issues. Different regulations regarding boathouses and also wetlands.

**7. Town/County**—Joe reported nothing new with Packwaukee. Don't know about funding for causeway and it might be pushed back. Frank reported county has new website.

Jim said it will be 2018 for causeway expansion. Frank had nothing to report.

**8. Old Business/New Business**

Jim recognized the activity on Facebook, getting comments too.

**9. Next Meeting**

**Next Meeting**—Next regular meeting May 14, 2016 @9:00 am, Packwaukee Town Hall

**10. Adjournment**

Frank motioned to adjourn, Joe seconded, motion passed. Adjourned at 10:13 a.m.