

BLPRD Harvest Committee Meeting Minutes
Sat, September 17, 2022 – 9:00 AM
Buffalo Lake District Site
W5822 Hwy D, Packwaukee

Roll Call – Present: Gary Kershaw, Darrel Unsinn, Bob Fohey
Absent: Ed Scham, Sara Scheel, Don Klecz

A. Review 2022 Spreadsheets

Gary asked Bob to add 2022 Weed Dropoff Sites to spreadsheets. Bob will add the sites.

B. Discussion of District Lake Fees to Support Future Weed Harvest

The Harvest Committee feels that the lake district needs to replace major cutting equipment on shorter intervals and sell used equipment when it still has value. Also not spend money on labor and parts to try and get one more season out of old worn-out equipment. #4 cutter was scheduled to be taken out of service in 2019 due to the condition but is still in use and will be needed for the 2023 season. Two unloading conveyors of three being used are from the 1980s. Many repair parts are up 30-40% over the last year.

Wages of employees slowly need to increase to find dedicated people who take pride in their job and put in an honest days work as was proven this season. Since the last lake assessment increase voted in at the annual meeting in 2017, put into force in 2019, the cost of living has gone up 21% (COLA).

Old Business

Discussion of need for water well at the district lake site.

Gary suggested paying for dumpster for 2023 harvest season if no resolution can be made with Town of Packwaukee recycling center.

New Business

Adjournment

Gary adjourned the meeting at 10:15 am.

***Bring a chair for seating.**