

Buffalo Lake P&R District Harvesting Committee meeting minutes.

March 25, 2023

Packwaukee Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 9AM.

Roll Call: Present: Bob, Gary, Tim & Darrel. Sara via phone

Absent: Brad

No changes or additions to the agenda.

No new updates on the equipment or trucks.

Brief discussion on the well point. Darrel reported that the quote has been signed and sent back to HezPaz Enterprises. We are on their schedule for spring installation.

Darrel mentioned that he had been in touch with Fox River electric and had not gotten the quote for the electric for the buildings. Bob is going to call them to check on the status of that quote.

Wi-Fi Phone move. We need to reach out to Marquette Adams at least 2 weeks ahead of time to get the phone and WI-FI moved to the new shop office building.

Discussion held on the weed treatment plan. Bernie suggested in a call with Darrel that the area on the north shore between the two islands and the shoreline be treated because the harvesters cannot cut that area. Darrel reached out to WI. L&P to get that area added and the resulting additional cost. Darrel shared the map area and after discussion all agreed that it should be added to the project. There was some conflicting information brought up about the cost to the property owners that want to get the area around their docks treated. Darrel spoke to WI. L&P earlier this past week and was told that the estimated cost for each property owner would be \$60. Karen mentioned that \$120 was mentioned in an email from WI. L&P. Gary suggested asking for \$100 up front. Darrel had concerns about the work that would be required to refund \$\$\$ if the cost came in lower. Darrel is going to follow up with Jim at WI. L&P. to firm up that estimate and report back to the committee. Once that is done he will complete the notification letter and share it with Karyn to post.

Shoreline flag update: Sara's contact for materials fell thru. The committee has not decided on what product to use yet for the posts or flags. Mike mentioned oversize load banner flags used in the trucking industry. Darrel to research and get back to the committee with some options. Sara and Gary to start working on contacting property owners to get permission to put flags on the shorelines where the laterals are supposed to be and report back. We also discussed the harvesting maps on the website. All agreed that it is important for our membership to understand that those maps are available to the public and that our committee is committed to only harvesting weeds in the laterals and navigational paths indicated on the harvesting maps. This is for the benefit of everyone on the lake.

The weeds from Segment 4 are going to be deposited at the District site. The committee agreed we should allow district members to come by with their own vehicles and tools to pick up weeds if they want them. This would be permitted beginning June 12th after the harvesting season has begun. Pick up will be limited to Monday – Thursday 8AM to 2PM during operational hours.

We have GPS coordinates for placement of the buoys, but it has been mentioned that some of them may not be accurate. Bob mentioned that Bernie may have knowledge of where they go. Darrel will follow up with Bernie for his input. Darrel mentioned that there should be a fish locator at the District and we could use the fish locator with Darrel's Garmin unit or onxhunt on a smart phone to place the buoys. The goal is to have them in the same place each year. Bob also mentioned that we will need to build more weights for the buoys this spring and the need to get more buoys to replace the bad ones. The question then came up about whether new buoys were purchased for this spring. Darrel will look into this. Question also came up about the installation date. Packwaukee has a specific date that the slow no wake buoys must be in by. Mid channel buoys have no specific date required but all agreed the sooner the better.

Additional comments/questions: Bob mentioned our harvesting start date. We have 3 new employees that must be trained on the harvesters. Ideally we want them prepared for our June 1st start date. It was suggested that we request permission to start cutting in the channel only on May 22nd so that we can train the staff. Darrel will contact the DNR to see if we can get permission to do this.

Bob mentioned the computer for him to use. Darrel has the old laptop and will test it to see if it functions to connect to the internet and to see if we can add MS365 to it for Bob to use so that he does not have to use his personal computer like he did last year. Making the current laptop functional would save money vs buying a new one.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30