

Minutes of Buffalo Lake P & R District Meeting
Saturday, Sept. 14th, 2019 8:00am
Packwaukee Town Hall

PLEASE NOTE: District Members are encouraged to attend meetings and participate. These minutes are not a word-for-word transcription of the statements made at the meeting, nor intended to be a comprehensive review of all discussions. Minutes are intended to make an official record of the actions taken by the Board/Committee, and to include brief description of discussion points as understood by the minute-taker. Any references to discussion and /or statements are only to provide greater clarity to the public and they may not reference all, some, or any of an individual speaker's comments.

1) Ro Klecz called the meeting to order 8:00 AM

2) Roll Call –Member

	<u>Attendance</u>
○ Ro Klecz	Present
○ Kelly Cosgriff	Present
○ Larry Haygood	Present
○ Vikki Trimble	Present
○ Bill Lewis	Present
○ Judy Nighbor, Packwaukee Representative	Present
○ Jon Sheller, Marquette County Representative	Absent

3) Changes or Addition to Agenda.

- Agenda Approved. Judy made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Vicky, all in favor.

4) Motion by Vikki seconded by Larry to accept Minutes from the 8-10-19 Board Meeting. 5 in favor 1 abstained.

5) Bill Lewis concern with fund distribution. Discussion regarding the alleged concern. Bill denied any such concern. No action was taken.

6) Committee Reports

a) Finance & Dues:

- a. Report as of 8/31/2019, reported balances which are available. Approx. \$21,137 in Checking, \$52,080 in money market, \$180k in Equipment fund. Motion to accept the finance report by Kelly and second by Vicky. All in favor.
- b. 2020 Operating Budget – Discussion of *tentative* budget figures for presenting to the annual meeting: Added a buoy expense line item. Reduced budget for unemployment because this liability is reducing because of the pending change to seasonal status of employees. Maintenance and Repair budget was over this year due to the assessed poor condition of equipment but proposed to leave the budget the same in 2020. Labor and payroll will be the same as 2019. Site maintenance reduced because employees now mow vs hiring out. Motion to approve operating budget by Judy, second by Kelly, All in Favor.
- c. 2020 Equipment Fund Budget - Discussion of *tentative* budget figures for for presenting to the annual meeting: Balance \$180,037, \$61,000 incoming from Lake District tax assessments, Interest 150.00 of \$31,896 income from balance of DNR grant for a total of \$273,084. \$19,000 transfer back to operating fund for repair parts, 179,744 r or new transport leaves balance of \$74,340. (Could possibly sell a couple items for example *little blue* listed for sale with Aquarius.) Which could add to the account balance, TBD) Motion to approve equipment fund budget by Vicky and second by Judy, All in favor.

b) Personnel – Discussion of positions and general issues. Committee is hopeful all of the same crew will come back in 2020.

- c) Harvesting
 - ii) Equipment: All of the equipment is out of the water and in good shape. Parts needed will be ordered early in January. The inoperative truck, rusted steel tank and scrap pontoon boat will be picked up next week.
 - iii) Operations: Tom reported they had 49 work days, 2 rain days 1 holiday. Approx. 800 truckloads or 1600 harvester loads of weeds dumped. 7.5 loads a day in an 8 hour work day. Lotus buoys picked up from storage at Rendezvous. Adding gas account for Oxford gas station. Spill containment protocol is being added to training. There was a minor diesel fuel spill recently when fueling equipment and the Lake District realized we need a protocol to both contain and to comply with the law. New self-stopping nozzle installed. Discussion of acquiring *free* portable school rooms from Beaver Dam for possible use as office for operation on the Lake District property, no action taken. Noted: Costs would be incurred to move the trailer if this was obtained. Noted that all committee minutes needs to be collected and uploaded to the website for availability to membership.
 - d) Communication – New website is up, updated for no cost by Judy Rogala. Added newsletter signup for members. Mailing the newsletter for the Annual meeting Oct 12th, 9:00 AM at the High School. Notice on the BLRD Website, Facebook and written notice of Lake District board open positions on the board have been posted.
 - e) Lake Plan- No meetings were held. General discussion, no action was taken. Citizen Aquatic invasive species group was formed.
 - f) Ecology - Rich not present, no report, board unsure if Rich resigned of the committee.
- 7) Marquette Lake Group/County/Packwaukee Reports –No reports.
 - 8) Creation of an Event Committee – Ro would like to create an event committee to promote the lake. General discussion. No action taken.
 - 9) Unfinished Business – None
 - 10) New Business – None
 - 11) Audience Comments – For transparency, Member would like to see the daily logs of the harvesting operation. Committee will share this information ASAP. Darryl concerned why the GPS units are not being used and cutting patterns logged. Age of operators and lack of training on the technology and down units faded away the use. The committee needs to determine any future use or requirements of the technology.
 - 12) Announcements - Pat Kilbey will be at Annual meeting Oct 12th, 9:00 AM for a presentation on Healthy lake grants.
 - 13) Adjournment
 - o A motion was made by Larry and seconded by Vikki. All in favor.