

BLPRD Harvest Committee Meeting Minutes
Sat, July 23, 2022 – 9:00 AM
Buffalo Lake District Site
W5822 Hwy D, Packwaukee

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

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

Topics of discussion

A. New Storage Building Update

1. Fill for Leveling

Gravel fill was found for leveling the new building floor for \$275 per quad axle load and an individual will level the site with a skid steer for \$75 per hour.

2. Electrical Wiring

A new breaker panel will be added to the new structure to upgrade it to code. Low bid was for \$1,400 from Fox River Electric which included the permit. Adams-Columbia Electric will be moving the power source meter to the new location.

B. Water Supply

1. Installing a Point Well

Currently, the lake site has an obsolete plug point well so it does not function. There is a need for a water source at the lake site for equipment cleaning and safety per OSHA standards. Bob is getting bids from more than one source to get this accomplished.

C. Summary of Weed Cutting to Date

The weed cutting on the East side is on its third round at the Buffalo Lake Lodge moving on to the dredge bank. The hope is to make five cycles. On the West side, it's on the third round at Hollenbeck's Landing and should be moving toward the Causeway next week.

D. Proposed Budget 2023

1. Personnel/Payroll

A 6% pay increase for the 2023 will be for the returning trained employees. For new employees for the 2023 season, starting pay will be the same as last year.

2. Equipment

Discussion was on the need to replace the #4 cutter and two shore conveyors. The cutter needs welding repair every season due to its construction of mild steel which rusts. Both conveyors are 30+ years old and badly worn. A county meeting is set for August 1st to review possible ARPA funding. If no funds are approved, the district should move forward to upgrade these three units with district funds and apply for grant funds.

3. Fuel Costs

Fuel costs \$20,000.

Hydraulic oil \$1,400.

Maintenance and repair parts \$26,000.

Site maintenance \$2,000.

4. Insurance

The harvest committee unanimously felt that insurance quotes should be acquired every three years to get competitive quotes on costs of the district insurance needs.

E. Old Business

Darrell checked with three recycling companies for a seasonal dumpster April thru September. The cost was between \$750 to \$1,000. The harvest committee will be forwarding this information to the district board for approval.

F. New Business

No new business.

Establish next meeting

August 27th at 9:00 am at the lake site.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned.

***Bring a chair for seating.**

INFO: There may be a district board quorum present, however no District Board business will be discussed.