

BLPRD Harvest Committee Meeting Minutes
Sat, April 9, 2022 – 9:00 AM
Packwaukee Town Hall

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

Roll Call - Present: Gary Kershaw, Joe Dion, Ed Scham, Sara Scheel, Darrel Unsinn, Bob Fohey
Absent: Dave Burton, Don Klecz

Topics of discussion

A. Use of district lake site

1. Township dumpster use during Causeway shutdown
2. County use for staging area during Causeway construction

The Town of Packwaukee has requested to use the lake site for recycling during the Causeway construction for the south side of the lake. Also, the county has asked to use the lake site for a staging area for the Causeway construction. There is a concern for safety, congestion, and liability. If the township would use the recycling on Saturdays only, it would keep the concern to a minimum. The township would need to monitor the area when recycling is open.

Concerns of soft soil at the lake site for staging use. Area used should be brought to like condition after construction is completed by county. Post signs for recycling and staging area safety.

B. Buoys

Replacement buoys will be delivered April 12th. No wake buoys must be in by May 1st. Joe ordered extra chain so buoys won't float away and also will be adding 100 lb anchors.

C. Update on building construction

The contractors are in line for building construction. At the annual district meeting, extra revenues were approved for construction project. Contractor may revise plan to create more undercover equipment storage area if preapproved funding is adequate.

D. Equipment

Maintenance on equipment will start on April 18th with two employees. One other employee will be servicing trucks to save money vs outside vendors.

E. Update on personnel

At this point, we have filled our staff. One more applicant is to be interviewed. Vicki will be contacted for proper paperwork. Gary will be printing Employee Handbooks and Job Descriptions so that they are ready for startup. Total staff would be eight employees working 32 hours a week. If DNR approves early cutting, training will begin mid May. Last year we had a mechanic, and this year we are using employees for cost savings.

F. Discussion on minor changes to Employee Handbook

Discussion on adding a line for cleaning equipment, checking oil, and grease daily.

G. Discussion on harvesting plan

The cutting permit has been submitted to the DNR with minor changes. Sara questioned lateral angles regarding creating a shoreline flow to flush weeds away. Joe has submitted the plan and it has not been received back. DNR has requested a water study plan for future issued permits. Onterra has been contacted to see if they can provide a study to comply with the DNR.

H. New business

No new business.

Establish next meeting

May 21st, 9:00 am, Packwaukee Town Hall

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 am.