

Minutes of Buffalo Lake P & R District Meeting
Saturday, July 13th, 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 Committee/City Council, 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 8:01 AM

2) Roll Call –Member

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

3) Changes or Addition to Agenda:

- Larry asked if the selling of equipment could be added to the agenda. Ro stated that there was a request from Williams Lake to store equipment be added to the agenda. **Motion** to approve agenda with changes by Vicky and seconded by Larry, all in favor.

4) Opening of Transporter Bids:

Inland's cost \$169,950, 3 deviations listed, 90 – 120 days for delivery. Aquarius 90-150 days for delivery no, deviations listed, the cost \$179,774. Ro stated that there would be further discussion later on the agenda.

5) Accept Minutes from the 5-11-19 & 6-8-19 Board Meeting.

- **Motion** by Larry to approve the 5-11-19 minutes as presented seconded by Vikki, 5 in favor, 1 abstained.
- **Motion** by Vikki to accept the 6-8-19 minutes as presented. Seconded by Larry, 5 in favor, 1 abstained.

6) Committee Reports:

a) **Finance & Dues:** Checking \$21,759.09, Operating fund had a balance of \$92,018.56 and the Equipment fund had a balance of 183,194.15. **Motion** to accept financial reports by Judy and seconded by Vikki, no discussion, all in favor.

i) **Personnel:** Linda stated that Ron Schiller has been hired, Jim Sanders is running the transporter because Bill had to resign for medical reasons and Colleen Raspberg has come back to cut weeds.

b) **Harvesting:**

ii) Tom reported that as of the 5th of July they have taken out 131 truckloads eastside of the lake which is about 262 transporter loads of weeds. On the west side of the lake the crew has removed 59 truckloads which equals 118 loads of weeds. They have had about 28 hours of down time. There was a question asked on how that compares with last year's numbers. Tom stated that he really didn't have anything to compare the numbers to due to incomplete records. Question was asked about going in between piers. There was concern that the crew is getting too close to the shore. Al Rosenthal stated that the crew goes in and back washes between the piers. Bill stated that they cannot disturb the bottom. Tom reiterated that the crews are just back flushing between the piers. They are getting the floater and little bits that build up between

the piers. Vikki stated that she has been hearing good comments from membership as to the condition of the lake.

iii) Equipment: Larry stated that the winch on the duce and a half has a bad gear and Ron & Tom are fixing it. We have 2 pontoon boats on site. One was bought by the Ecology Committee with a motor on it which is not being used. The other is a stripped-down pontoon with no decking, just the pontoons. The District is looking to sell the stripped-down pontoon for about \$700.00. Currently all 5 cutters are working and operational without problems. We do not need 5 cutters; the Harvesting Committee is recommending that the District sells the blue cutter and conveyor because they are a pair. Linda stated that Inland spoke to her and stated that they have buyers for the machine which needs to be evaluated to see what we can sell it for. Larry also has a guy that would be willing to sell the machine for a 20% commission. Mitch from Inland stated that the machine might be in the ballpark of 50-60 thousand. Vikki reminded everyone that the District paid 65,000 for that machine. Question was asked what Inland's commission rate was. Heidi responded that Inland's commission rate was 5% for that type of machine. There was discussion that Lake Emery might want the blue machine. The long-term goal is to sell our old transport in the Spring when we get the new transporter and apply for another grant to purchase a new harvester. Once the purchase of the new harvester goes through, we would sell one of the steel hull harvesters and keep the other steel hull for a backup. By selling the blue cutter, the old transporter and obtaining a grant, the District should only have to pay out less than \$50,000 for a new cutter. Larry stated in June there were two small incidents with the cutter due to the wind right before a storm, the cutters ran into a pier and a docked boat. Both situations were minor. In total, the costs were about \$300.00. It was decided that the District would not turn those into incidents into insurance. The District's deductible is much higher than the cost of the damage. Larry stated that there was discussion to cut 5 days a week but right now it doesn't appear that we need to do that. Joe asked about the Ecology Committee pontoon boat and if we were listing that one as well. Larry stated that he did not want to do anything with that boat until Rich was consulted. Joe clarified that we were talking about selling the pontoon boat that was stripped down. Larry stated that it was correct. Joe stated that the pontoon boat that was purchased for the Ecology Committee to retrieve the buoys, really is not suited for that purpose. Ro asked if the lotus buoys were out yet. Tom stated the he was waiting for Rich to call and tell him where to put the buoys. Larry stated that people have been asking for a cutting schedule. Larry stated that it was had to state an exact date. The crew starts at the causeway and work towards Montello for the east side. They start at the Call of the Wild and work towards the causeway on the west side. The crews cut with the flow of water. We can give people a rough idea as to when we may be in their area but not an exact time and day. Ro asked Larry about getting some hard numbers on the equipment we are going to sell.

c) **Operations:** Reported previously

d) **Communication:** Ro stated that she needed a couple of bills from Vikki showing the address of the District to submit to the web hosting company so that we can get the new website switched over.

e) **Lake Plan:** Chris stated that the Lake Plan Committee and the Ecology Committee are looking to see how the two committees can join together. Both committees overlap. Vikki stated that there needs to a meeting of each committee with a Board member involved to discuss how the two committees could work as one. Both committees would then need come back to the Board with their recommendations for consolidation.

7) **Ecology-** No Report- Rich was not present.

Marquette Lake Group/County/Packwaukee Reports: Al stated that the Marquette Group will have their annual meeting in September. County Report- Jon stated that the 911 is now up and running. Packwaukee Report- Judy stated that DNR has a program called Kids Don't Float. This is a life jacket loaner board program. There is no cost to whoever wants to sponsor one of these boat landing kiosk boards. The DNR provides the lifejackets and the materials to build the kiosk for the lifejackets. There is

a standard kiosk design that needs to be followed and the purpose of the kiosk is to allow people of all ages to borrow a lifejacket if they don't have one to use. The District's involvement would be to build and maintain it. Bill asked who would be responsible to maintain the kiosk, Judy stated whoever the sponsor is. All that is needed is to have the property owner's permission to place the kiosk at the boat landing(s).

Motion by Larry to proceed with the lifejacket kiosks, seconded by Vikki, Discussion: a question was asked if this would be a county wide initiative. Al stated that it hasn't been discussed yet. Buffalo Lake would be the first in Marquette County to have these kiosks, all in favor. Judy will be in charge of this project.

8) Williams Lake Request to store equipment on Buffalo District's Property: Ro mentioned that there was a request from Williams Lake to store their dump truck on the District's property during the winter season. The location of Williams Lake dump truck prohibits the county to turn snow plows around in the winter time. **Motion** by Larry to allow Williams Lake to store their equipment on the Buffalo Lake District property, seconded by Vikki, Discussion: Chuck asked who would be liable if damage were to occur? Vikki stated that the equipment is insured by Williams Lake. Bill stated that a waiver should be signed and that a quick meeting be had prior to the agreement so that everyone is on the same page. All in favor.

9) Unfinished Business: none

10) New Business: - none

11) Audience Comments: Don asked if the Board has thought of long-term goals for the District's property. Larry stated that they have. Larry stated that the equipment goals were more important at the beginning of the season. Now that the Harvesting Committee has a plan for the equipment, they can start focusing on the property goals. Ro reminded people to come to the brat boil from 11am-1pm. Come see the property and the great accomplishments that the volunteers and harvesting crew have done with the equipment and property. Linda stated that there was a concern as to why the Harvesting Committee were having harvesting meetings during week. Their meetings have been on various days and times throughout this season. Vikki mentioned that maybe the Harvesting Committee could have a meeting one evening or weekend day to make it available for more people. Mary stated that maybe we could create an educational program explaining what we do and the importance of operating a lake district and the various components that go into it in hopes it would encourage interest from the younger generation to be a part of the harvesting program. Dave reached out to the woman who works with FFA and asked her if we could work with the kids and teach them about the lake district operations. Vikki mentioned that Dave should reach out to Krista Vantreek, Marquette 4H agent. She may know of kids that need 4H projects.

12) Personnel and Transporter Bid Discussion: **Motion** by Larry to go into closed session to discuss the transporter bids and personnel concerns with Joe Dion being part of the discussion for the transporter bids, seconded by Vikki all in favor

Roll was taken Jon- yes, Vikki -yes, Ro- yes, Judy- yes, Larry -yes, Bill- yes
The Board went into closed session at 8:52am per Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)

Motion by Vikki to reconvened from closed session, Larry seconded.
Roll was taken Vikki-yes, Jon-yes, Vikki-yes, Judy-yes, Larry-yes, Bill-yes.

The Board reconvened from closed session at 9:43am

Motion by Larry to accept the bid from Aquarius, seconded by Vikki, Discussion none, Roll was taken Jon- yes, Vikki -yes, Ro- yes, Judy- yes, Larry -yes, Bill- no

13) Announcements: Larry mentioned the brat boil today

14) Adjournment: Motion by Larry to adjourn and seconded by Vikki, all in favor. Meeting ended at 9:56AM