

BUFFALO LAKE P&R DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY, August 27, 2022
PACKWAUKEE TOWN HALL
8:00 a.m.

1. *Meeting was called to order* - Chairperson Al Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 8:00am.
2. *Roll Call of Board Members* - Vikki Trimble, Ro Klecz, Al Rosenthal, and Larry Haygood. Absent Marquette County Representative, Jon Vote and Judi Nigbor, Town of Packwaukee Representative
3. *Changes or Additions to the Agenda* - Al Rosenthal asked to accept the revised agenda to include the approval of applying for a grant for future purchase of a harvester and conveyor. **Motion** made by Larry Haygood to accept the agenda as revised, seconded by Vikki Trimble, Discussion none, None opposed, Approved – Absent Marquette County Representative, Jon Vote and Judi Nigbor, Town of Packwaukee Representative
4. *Bouy Placement*- Al stated that the attorney is writing up a procedure/ordinance so that the Buffalo Lake P & R has the permission to place new buoys in the lake. Also, discussion will be had at the annual meeting regarding enforcement of boating laws. There was talk about lotus buoys not being in the correct location. Harvesting crew will make sure that the lotus buoys are in the correct location next year. It was asked that all fishing tournaments be advised to tell the participants to obey all boating laws.
5. *Lake Level/DNR* - RFPs have gone out to eight engineering firms to get a dollar amount on what these studies are going to cost the District. Information on the cost of dredging was also requested. RFPs are due back September 23, 2022. This information will be available at the annual meeting if not sooner.
6. *Dues, Special Charges and Fee Interpretation*– Al spoke with the attorney about special fees. Not knowing what is needed at the moment, the Board could have one or more resolutions to amend the budget if a commissioner or qualified voter wants to offer the resolutions during the budget deliberation at the annual meeting. Another source of income could be a tax which most lake districts have, Buffalo Lake does not. This could be as high as 2.5% of the taxpayer's property valuation. This tax could vary every year depending on the financial need of the district and would have to be approved each year at the annual meeting by membership. With the purchase of a new conveyor and harvester and if membership decides that they want to proceed with the engineering studies to raise the lake level or dredging, money will have to come from somewhere. Vikki mentioned that she thought the new fees if approved, would not go into effect until 2024. Al stated that he would talk to the assessor for verification when tax/special charges would go into effect if approved.
Motion made by Larry Haygood to prepare three resolutions for special charges to be voted on by membership at the annual meeting. The first is a special charge for a 50% increase, the second special charge is for a 25% increase and the third special charge is for a 10% increase. All to be presented at the annual meeting for a membership vote, seconded by Ro Klecz,

Discussion, it was mentioned to make sure to explain what the increase will be used for, None opposed, Approved, Absent Marquette County Representative, Jon Vote and Judi Nigbor, Town of Packwaukee Representative. The attorney will prepare these resolutions for the annual meeting.

Bob Foley stated that he had looked at a new Inland machine to see the new available features that are currently being offered. A new Aquarius machine (harvester & conveyor) is about \$400,000.00 and holds about 685 cubic feet of weeds and a new Inland machine (harvester & conveyor) is about \$300,000.00 and holds about 1000 cubic feet of weeds. Bob stated the deadline to apply for a cost sharing grant from the DNR is September 1, 2022. If the District applies for the grant there is an expiration date for the grant.

7. *Budget Approval to be presented at the annual meeting for memberships vote: **Motion** made by Vikki Trimble to present the budget as is to the membership for a vote at the annual meeting, seconded by Larry Haygood, Discussion none, None opposed, Approved. Absent Marquette County Representative, Jon Vote and Judi Nigbor, Town of Packwaukee Representative*
 - i. *Approval to proceed with the DNR Grant: **Motion** made by Larry Haygood to approve the resolution to proceed with the cost sharing grant from DNR and approve Bob Foley to submit the grant paperwork and be the representative for the District. The grant is for the future purchase of a harvester and conveyor, Discussion none, None opposed, Approved. Absent Marquette County Representative, Jon Vote and Judi Nigbor, Town of Packwaukee Representative.*
8. *Announcements: None*
9. *Adjournment: Larry Haygood made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50am. All in Favor.*

Submitted by Ro Klecz