

Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Regular Meeting

May 2, 2015

Minutes

Board Members Present: Bill Lewis, Tom Ogden, Joseph Oravetz, Roger Naniot, Carol Deer, Jim Barton., Frank Breitenbach

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:04 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Tom Ogden. Frank motioned to approve the minutes as read and Joe seconded. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report

Total in all accounts was \$422,069.92. Operating Fund balance is \$247,707.64, Equipment Fund is \$151,545.48.

Had cut a check for 161K for harvester and \$950 for crane.

We need to verify that we have started looking into insurance premium.

Also, mentioned that we received 50% coverage on funds for Lake study

Frank moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Carol seconded, motion passed.

4. Approve Ray Ducette as Harvesting crew Foreman

Ray had submitted his resume and he introduced himself. Roger moved to accept Jim Sander's resignation. Frank seconded, motion carried. Roger then moved to approve Ray as Harvesting Crew Foreman. Jim seconded, motion carried.

5. Date for Lake Study Kick Off Meeting

The Lake study kick off meeting will be July 11th at the high school.

6. Approve Fish Purchase

Paul Ratzburg stated that next fish stocking is scheduled for May 16. It will be primarily larger bass, approximately 6-10 inches in length. Need someone that can help west of the causeway. Al Rosenthal volunteered.

Roger moved to approve invoice for \$7000 for this stocking. Frank seconded, motion carried.

7. Lake District being a sponsor for Healthy Lake Grants

Rich asked if the district be a sponsor. It was stated that the district could be if there was a lake management plan. We could apply for a \$25k grant that could be used for shoreline restoration, but we would need 25 people to commit. Al stated that at the 5/14 meeting, this topic will be covered.

Carol moved to have Rich move forward on this and pursue the grant application. Jim seconded, motion carried.

8. Committee Reports

a) **Dues & Finance**—Jim reported nothing new at this time.

b) **Fish Committee**—Paul mentioned about 50/50 raffle on June 20. \$50 per boat.

Also mentioned about applying for a grant and is working with local bass club on a matching grant. Tackle boxes are out at local businesses.

c) **Water Quality**—Carol stated nothing to report at this time.

d) **Harvesting**—Bill stated that the new harvester was here and will complete grant paperwork. Have about \$53k coming still. The used harvester will be sold and looking at asking \$65k with the trailer. Ray commented that we still have more work to do and mentioned that Aquarias is coming out when we are ready to launch the new harvester.

- e) **Technology**—Tom mentioned about the addition of Google Analytics to the website that allows us to track traffic on the site. Only been on for a month, however, have some good initial figures. This should help sell ads. Ads sold will drive people to the website.
- f) **Site Committee**—Jim reported looking at contracts for mowing and also cost to build a storage/office building and compare with prefab costs.
- g) **Ecology Committee**—District paid \$600 for kiosk. Lotus info buoys ordered for around Lotus beds. He is also contacting DNR regarding cattail growth.

9. Marquette County Lake Group

Al reported that the current issue is Senate Bill 110 dealing with buoys and responsibilities should these buoys are hit the lake.

10. Town/County

Jim said it will be 2018 for causeway expansion. Frank had nothing to report.

11. Old Business/New Business

Caryl who had done payroll for the crew explained that she understood the reasoning for the change of the payroll process, however, she did not receive appropriate notice by email or phone. Roger explained that he had left a phone message two weeks ago as well as email, however, we needed to stop the manual process of payroll.

12. Next Meeting

Next Meeting—Next regular meeting June 27, 2015 @9:00 am, Packwaukee Town Hall

Annual meeting is set for August 8.

13. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.