

**Buffalo Lake Fish Committee meeting
8/18/23
County Board room - Services Center, Montello**

Present: Paul Ratzburg, Gary Doudna, Julie Sramek, Scott Bunde - DNR, Adam Nickel - DNR, Gary Kershaw, Tony Mussatti, Mike Osborne, Mike Marine. Other present but not signed in.

1pm Paul and Gary welcomed everyone with introductions

A. DNR report by Adam. They presented a copy of 4 mile fish shocking, done in spring 2023. There is no solid answer to spring fish kill. Ideas include viral bacterial or water temperatures. Report on Walleye tagging study.

B. Warden not present

C. Gary D. motion to rescind separate account motion made last year. Second by Julie. motion passed. Gary K. asked about missing committee members. Paul advised that they had personal reasons to not attend. Motion by Paul to accept minutes from 2022. second by Gary K.

D. The recent State Budget includes \$100,000 for a grant to Buffalo Lake District and \$5mil for Lock and spillway repairs. Discussed Lake levels, no adjustments to lake level since drawdown ended. Questions included how many farms are affected and amount of land.

E. Introduced Julie as new Facebook admin. Thank you to Karyn for past work.

F. Current balance is \$3,255.00 in our account.

G. When is best time for stocking? discussion recommended Spring 2024, with 50/50 Bass and Pan fish.

H. none

Adjourned 2:26pm Minutes by Gary Doudna

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