

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2002

From the Chairman:

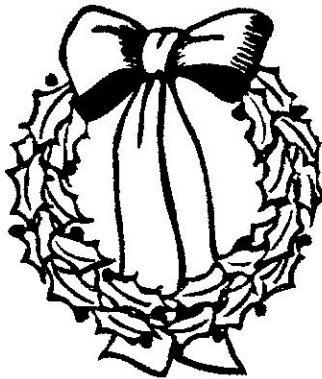
Summer's over and winter is coming on – fast. The equipment is in storage or getting repaired before storing. We are still researching the purchase of a shore rake that will assist us in removing shore weeds. The Saturday morning pick up became more popular as the summer went on (up to 60 piers with weeds piled on them). This program will continue next summer. Weeds should be placed on the lake end of your pier by 10 a.m. on Saturdays and the crew will pick them up.

I do want to wish you the very best for the upcoming holiday season and certainly hope you can enjoy our beautiful lakes during the fall, winter and spring season and, of course, the great summer season. We even hope for heavy snow this winter, which holds down the weed growth next summer.

Once again I want to thank the board of commissioners, our clerk and all the volunteers for all they do to protect and preserve our lakes so they may be enjoyed today and by future generations.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Bernie Tangney



Bog Removal Project

As reported at our Annual Meeting, our objective was to complete Phase I of the Bog Removal Project, which authorized removal of 10,000-sq. ft. of surface area. This was completed on October 10th. We are now in the process of gathering data for presentation to the DNR and proceeding with an application for Phase II. This involves removal of 90,000-sq. ft. of surface area to create a permanent boating channel along the East Shore. Tom Ganfield, who has worked with the DNR, will be preparing the permit application and environmental assessment (required due to volume of material being removed). We expect to be in position to begin this process in August 2003, depending upon weed harvesting activities.

Weed Harvesting Report

The summer of 2002 doubled the amount of weeds harvested in 2001 – 889 tons versus 441 tons. This is still below the five-year average of 1006 tons. Total tonnage of weeds removed is one measurement used. The most important measurement is how have we done in keeping the lake in a condition to be enjoyed by all today and in the future. We continue to work to improve our process of removing weeds and we do work with the chemical treatment to get the best results for your tax dollars spent.



CORRECTION TO THE 2000 AND 2001 BALANCE SHEETS;

The "Equity" section of the 2000 year end Balance Sheet was corrected (see attached statement) and I would like to briefly explain this section of the Balance Sheet.

- **The beginning balance at January 1** represents primarily total cash on hand + the current value of our harvesting equipment.
- **The depreciation charge** represents a annual reduction in the value of our equipment to reflect its current value. The assumption is that at the end of ten (10) years the equipment will have no market value.
- **The DNR Grants** represents a source of income of the Equipment Fund and is restricted to the purchase of a specific piece of equipment.
- **Equipment Fund interest income & proceeds from sales of assets** represents other additions to the Equipment Fund occurring during the year.
- **The Operating surplus (deficit)** represents the amount by which operating expenses were less than (surplus) the amount budgeted or over (deficit) the amount budgeted. In 2000 we had a **surplus** \$15,213 and in 2001 we had a **deficit** of \$10,073.

These were the amounts in error on the original statement and I sincerely apologize for this happening.

*Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District
Comparative Balance Sheet as of
December 31,*

<i>(Correct Balance Sheet for 2000)</i>	2000	2001	INCREASE (DECREASE)
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Cash	\$ 9,418	\$ 31,886	\$ 22,468
Cash Reserves	82,622	38,162	(44,460)
Grants Receivable - DNR	<u>66,710</u>	<u>9,250</u>	<u>(57,460)</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>158,750</u>	<u>79,298</u>	<u>(79,452)</u>
Fixed Assets:			
Equipment at cost	220,612	359,232	138,620
Construction in process	137,420	-	(137,420)
Vehicles	<u>10,000</u>	<u>13,454</u>	<u>3,454</u>
	368,032	372,686	4,654
Less: Accum. Depreciation	<u>(166,899)</u>	<u>(196,977)</u>	<u>(30,078)</u>
Net Fixed Assets	<u>201,133</u>	<u>175,709</u>	<u>(25,424)</u>
 Total Assets	 <u>\$ 359,883</u>	 <u>\$ 255,007</u>	 <u>\$ (104,876)</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Payroll taxes	\$ 71	708	637
Accrued professional fees	1,800	1,061	(739)
Contracts payable - Inland	<u>82,452</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(82,452)</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>84,323</u>	<u>1,769</u>	<u>(82,554)</u>
Equity:			
Balance January 1,	211,006	275,560	64,554
Depreciation charge	(27,347)	(30,078)	(2,731)
DNR Grants	66,710	11,250	(55,460)
Equipment fund interest income & proceeds from sales of assets	9,978	6,579	(3,399)
Operating surplus (deficit)	<u>15,213</u>	<u>(10,073)</u>	<u>(25,286)</u>
Total Equity	<u>275,560</u>	<u>253,238</u>	<u>(22,322)</u>
 Total Liabilities & Equity	 <u>359,883</u>	 <u>255,007</u>	 <u>(104,876)</u>

Revised September 2002

APPROVED 2003 BUDGET

At our Annual District Meeting the Board presented an operating budget for 2003 which left the tax levy at the \$80,000 "ceiling" that it has been at since 1996. The tax levy was \$96,000 in 1995 and \$90,600 prior to 1995.

With rising expenses over the years, it has become difficult to hold spending below this "ceiling" without jeopardizing the service and financial position of the district. To remain within the \$80,000 "ceiling" for 2003, we lowered the Bog Removal budget from \$15,000 to \$10,000 and eliminated the Saturday morning weed pick-up that was started this year.

At the annual meeting these issues were addressed by motions to the Proposed Budget as follows:

1. Motion made by: Ted Wagner.
To increase harvesting wages and payroll taxes by \$2,500 to continue the Saturday weed pick-up in 2003.
2. Motion made by: Stan Vesely.
To increase harvesting wages and payroll taxes by \$4,000 to provide operation of a shoreline rake/harvester to collect floaters along the shoreline.
3. Motion made by: Kathy Hoar.
To increase the Bog Removal budget from \$10,000 to \$15,000, the amount budgeted in 2002.
4. Motion made by: Cindy Gruenwald.
To add a \$10,000 provision to the Equipment Fund.
5. Motion made by: Stan Vesely.
To purchase the shore rake pending Board approval.
Funds to come out of equipment reserve.

Annual additions to the Equipment Fund were suspended in 2000 when the provision was transferred to Bog Removal.

The approved tax levy of \$101,500 represents an increase of \$21,500 (27%) over the \$80,000 levy that has been in place for the past seven years

To the average property owner this represents an increase in your property tax bill of \$31.00.

WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PROJECTED 2002 AND 2003 OPERATING BUDGET

	2002 YTD ACTUAL 9/30/02	PROJECTED 2002	BUDGET 2002	BUDGET 2003 <i>Amended</i>
OPERATING INCOME				
Tax revenues	\$ 80,005	\$ 80,005	\$ 80,000	\$ 101,500
Interest Income	482	1,600	2,200	2,200
Contributions	300	300	300	300
Total operating income	80,787	81,905	82,500	104,000
OPERATING EXPENSES				
A. Harvesting Activities				
Payroll & taxes	32,353	34,000	25,800	37,200
Repairs & Maintenance	7,769	7,900	5,000	5,000
Operating supplies	1,377	1,500	2,000	2,000
Equipment storage costs	696	3,600	3,000	3,600
Insurance	7,726	7,726	5,000	6,000
Fuel	2,391	3,000	4,500	3,000
Grading & outside services	620	620		500
Telephone	690	750	500	500
Advertising	68	68	300	300
Permits & Fees	479	479	-	-
TOTAL HARVESTING EXPENSE	54,169	59,643	46,100	58,100
B. Weed Spraying Activities	13,604	13,604	15,000	14,800
C. Bog Removal Activities	11,429	15,000	15,000	15,000
D. Administrative Activities				
Clerk Payroll & taxes	1,005	1,200	1,070	1,200
Newsletters	628	1,000	1,500	1,500
Postage	282	350	150	200
Convention expenses	706	706	400	600
Legal fees	139	150	1,000	750
Dues & fees	320	350	280	300
Office supplies	177	200	200	200
Board telephone & mileage	737	1,000	-	350
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE	3,994	4,956	4,600	5,100
E. Conservation & Development				
Lake gauge survey	-	-	1,800	-
Fish stocking	-	-	-	1,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	83,196	93,203	82,500	94,000
F. Equipment Fund Reserve				
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ (2,409)	\$ (11,298)	\$ -	\$ -

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