

# WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING

April 9, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stevenson at 7:33 p.m. Board members present: Jim Stevenson, Boris Marohnich, Roy Sheahen, Bernie Tangney, Richard Kuhnke, and Norm Prusener. Others present: Bob Nowak.

The minutes of the November 13, 1997 meeting were reviewed. Jim Stevenson noted that in paragraph 2, the minutes should reflect "the District's alleged lack of cooperation". Boris Marohnich also noted that in paragraph 4, last line, the minutes should read "Boris Marohnich". Roy Sheahen noted that on page 2, paragraph 1, the minutes should reflect that "Roy Sheahen suggested it would be a nice token to give \$300.00 to the Johnsons". It was also noted that the motion following should read, "the Board to authorize Roy Sheahen to offer up to \$300.00 as a token of appreciation to the Johnsons". Bernie Tangney made a motion that the minutes be approved as amended. Seconded by Boris Marohnich, the motion carried.

Bernie Tangney presented the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer reported that on the year-end report there was an omission of \$550.00 to Murray Accounting for payroll administration. Roy Sheahen made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/97. Seconded by Boris Marohnich, the motion carried.

Treasurer Bernie Tangney presented a list of checks that were written in 1998, prior to this meeting in the total amount of \$1,877. Richard Kuhnke made a motion to approve these checks as presented. Seconded by Roy Sheahen, the motion carried.

Bernie Tangney then presented the Treasurer's Report as of April 9, 1998. He reported Bank and Cash Accounts in the amount of \$118,865.85, and current Accounts Payable of \$1,777.60 (report attached) with an additional \$321.98 to Jim Stevenson for reimbursement, for a total Accounts Payable of \$2,099.58. Boris Marohnich made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable of \$2,099.58. Seconded by Richard Kuhnke, the motion carried.

Chairman Stevenson noted that there were a few administrative issues to discuss prior to moving into the agenda. Jim Stevenson noted that he did attend the Wisconsin Association of Lakes Convention. It was very informative and he recommended that two or three Board members attend in the future.

Chairman Stevenson presented a copy of the publication "Through the Looking Glass", which is about aquatic plants. He suggested that copies go to the public library, Lakeview School, UW-Whitewater, and the High School, as well as a copy for the harvesting crew. Jim Stevenson made a motion that the Board authorize the purchase of 4 copies of "Through the Looking Glass" publication. Seconded by Richard Kuhnke, the motion carried.

Chairman Stevenson noted that he had not heard from Town Chairman, Ron Fero, regarding the letter Jim had sent in the fall regarding the District's alleged lack of cooperation. With harvesting season fast approaching, are there any lingering concerns? Bernie Tangney suggested that Jim Stevenson submit a letter to the Town Board asking for permission to use the ramps with conditions approved by Whitewater Township.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Harvesting and Equipment - Bob Nowak presented a copy of rules he had prepared for the harvesting crew. Norm Prusener suggested that the crew have a copy of the OSHA handbook and that the crew should have monthly safety trainings. Roy Sheahen reported that the 90hp motor sold for \$3,200. He also reported that the Johnsons have agreed to the dumping of weeds on their property. Bob Nowak needs help on the crew. Jim Stevenson noted that Bob knows the salaries, etc. and should go forth in hiring. Bernie Tangney noted that the insurance on the equipment needs to be re-activated prior to moving the equipment. Roy will contact the insurance company prior to moving the equipment.

There was discussion regarding the members of the Harvesting and Equipment Committee. After brief discussion, it was agreed that the following individuals will serve on the committee:

Roy Sheahen, Chair  
Boris Marohnich  
Walt Hicks  
Bernie Tangney (for Rice Lake)

Chemical Treatment - Boris Marohnich noted that he welcomes input from Board members. He noted that the required notices were posted and they expanded the areas for notices. Boris noted that last year the treatment did a good job on the milfoil but the coontails were trouble. Brian from Marine Biochemists is available to analyze the coontail situation. Jim Stevenson noted that there is a budget for chemical treatment and the committee should address the priorities and the spending of the \$12,000. Members of the Chemical Treatment Committee are as follows:

Boris Marohnich, Chair  
Bernie Tangney  
Bob Holland  
Darrell Smith

Budget and Finance - Bernie Tangney noted that he had given his report earlier on the agenda. The Budget and Finance Committee members are as follows:

Bernie Tangney, Chair  
Linda Tangney  
Norm Prusener

Fish Stocking - Jim Stevenson reported that Doug Welch from the DNR notified him that 460 large walleye were moved from Delavan Lake to Whitewater Lake. The average size was 14 inches. Jim Stevenson reported that Dale Poeppel has the ten Aqua Cribs. He has a diver that will put them into the lake when it warms up a little. Committee members are as follows:

Jim Stevenson, Chair  
Dale Poeppel

Bogs - Rich Gunther was not present at the meeting. Boris Marohnich noted that Rich does plan on presenting a report at the May meeting. Members of the committee are as follows:

Rich Gunther, Chair  
Charles Cruse  
Jim Mulchahey  
Mike Nelson  
Shirley Peabody

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Jim Stevenson noted that the DNR may have a possible budget cut which may affect the lake monitoring program. The DNR will continue funding half of the USGS through 1998.

Jim Stevenson reported on the weevil study noting that Laura from UW-Stevens Point should be providing an interim report this spring. The timetable for the completion of the study is one year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

There was no public input.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 1998 at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Mesmer*

Mary Mesmer  
Municipal Clerk

# WHITEWATER-RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



P. O. Box 301  
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## Minutes – May 14, 1998 Board of Commissioners Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chair Jim Stevenson at 7:30 PM.

### ROLL CALL

Commissioners present: Roy Sheahen, Bernie Tangney, Boris Marohnich, Norm Prusener and Jim Stevenson. Commissioners absent were Richard Kuhnke and Charlie Cruse. Clerk Mary Mesmer was unable to make tonight's meeting. In her absence, Jim Stevenson will take the minutes. Others in attendance were our crew chief Bob Nowak and property owners Walt Hicks, Rick Schleis and Rachelle Nelson.

### REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF APRIL 9, 1998 MINUTES

The minutes of the 4/9/98 meeting were reviewed. Roy Sheahen commented that he thought that Gerry Seagren and Dan Sable should have been listed as members of the Bogs Committee. Jim Stevenson will verify this with Rich Gunter and correct the committee roster if appropriate. The minutes were unanimously approved.

### TREASURERS REPORT

Bernie Tangney presented the Treasurers Report including \$624.34 of checks to be approved by the Board. He noted that the Financial Statements included lottery tax credits received from the Town of Whitewater \$2280.69 and \$632.38 from the Town of Richmond. The Treasurers Report was unanimously approved.

### ADMINISTRATIVE HOUSEKEEPING

- The April Newsletter was published and distributed.
- Jim Stevenson has received 4 copies of "Through the Looking Glass" ordered from the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership. He stated that he would like to see the District receive some publicity regarding our planned donation to the City Library, the High School and Lakeview School of copies of this Field Guide to Aquatic Plants. Muriel Schrock has indicated that she might be willing to head up a Publicity Committee to help the District get some recognition. Jim will see if Muriel can arrange to get a short blurb in the Whitewater Register.
- The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday August 22, 1998 at 10 AM. The Newsletter containing the Notice and proposed budget must be out 30 days in advance. Bernie will have a draft budget available for the July 9, 1998 Board meeting. Jim Stevenson will appoint an Audit Committee to be approved at the July 9, 1998 meeting. Walt Hicks agreed to form and chair a Nominating Committee. Jim Stevenson will contact Charlie Cruse to determine whether he will be able to continue to serve as a Commissioner. If not we will have 3 seats up for election.
- Jim Stevenson has received a "Special Report" from the UW-Madison Water Resource Center titled "An Integrated Water-Monitoring Network for Wisconsin". Anyone wishing to read this report should contact Jim.

- Jim asked the Board for their ideas on topics to include in a short presentation to the Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners Association this Saturday, May 16, 1998. Topics suggested were current plans for this years harvesting and chemical application; ask that any concerns be addressed to the committee members, not to the crew; remind property owners to display their fire number on their lakefront; and a reminder that we depend on volunteers to staff our committees.

### HARVESTING AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE

Jim Stevenson reported that he is in receipt of a letter from the Town of Whitewater approving our request to use the public access ramps for our operations. Bernie and Roy observed that several of the stated conditions were unclear. To avoid any misunderstanding such as occurred last year, Norm suggested that Roy and Bob Nowak should meet with Ron Fero to discuss specific concerns.

Jim reported that he has been contacted by Scott Mason, Chairman of the Lauderdale Lakes Management District, regarding an issue that they are addressing with the County Zoning Officer. Specifically, they have been advised by the Zoning Officer that they can use the public access ramps during the day but must remove the trucks and elevator at night. Walt Hicks suggested that Jim contact Dr. Lowell Klessig at UW-SP to see if Lake Districts in other Counties are having similar problems. Norm said he would talk to the Zoning Office, as this seemed contrary to the understanding that the Town of Whitewater had with them last year. Our attorney, Mark Olm, has talked to Lauderdale's attorney and understands from him that he is drafting a petition to the County to revise their ordinance. The revision would make clear that "governmental" units are exempt from the provision that all land based equipment must be removed each night. Scott is asking several Lake Districts in the County who would benefit from this revision whether they would be willing to pay part of the legal cost if it gets too expensive. Jim moved that we agree to pay up to \$500 if appropriate, Bernie seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

Bob Nowak reported that spring maintenance has been performed on the equipment and that it has been repainted. The equipment is out of the barn and Bob invited the Board and any other interested parties to stop by at the Henning barn to view it before it is launched for the season. The Liability insurance has been activated for the summer. Bob also conveyed a message to the Board from Ralph Henning to the effect that he is "happy with the way things are going between us".

Bob has hired two college students, Drew Reimer and Doug Kruger, for the summer and Tony Willegal will also be returning. In light of some health problems Tony had earlier this year, he has provided Bob with a medical OK from his Doctor. Bob will give this release to Mary for the Districts files.

Roy reported that he has observed lots of milfoil already emerging. He has directed Bob to put the equipment into the water next week and to start harvesting as soon as the new crewmembers are trained.

### CHEMICAL TREATMENT COMMITTEE

Boris reported that he plans to conduct his annual survey with Brian Sufferin, Marine Biologists Inc., and possibly the DNR in early June. He expects that the appropriate chemicals will be applied shortly thereafter.

Bernie reported that as a result of some concerns raised last year by a property owner he had contacted the DNR and has received some documented information to the effect that the chemicals we use have no impact on spawning fish.

### **BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Nothing to report. All issues covered in Treasurers report.

### **FISH STOCKING AND HABITAT COMMITTEE**

Jim reported that Dale Poeppel has begun placing the Aqua Cribs into the lake. He expects to have them all in by the end of May. Dale states that he has already observed with his echo locator that many fish are congregating around the cribs.

### **BOGS COMMITTEE**

Boris read a letter from Kathleen and Michael Hoar stating their concerns about the unsightliness of the bogs and the danger to navigation that they present.

Rick Schleis indicated that he had an engineering background that might be useful to the committee. Jim will ask Rich Gunter to contact Rick.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Jim reported that the Milfoil Weevil Study will continue this year and that we should expect to receive a formal report in the spring of 1999. Boris commented that the Study Team had again set buoys in the study area and that everyone should respect them by staying away from the area. One of the buoys has broken loose and is floating around the bay. Jim will inform the study team of this problem.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Norm stated that the Town of Whitewater is going to hold its Community Days event on June 13, 1998 from 10AM to 2 PM. The District is invited to have a table to distribute material and talk to residents about ourselves. Norm thought that this might be a good way to get some publicity. Jim will mention this to Muriel Schrock.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

Rachelle Nelson stated that her husband was interested in getting involved in District affairs but would be unable to attend our Board Meetings on Thursday evenings. Walt Hicks commented that we should find some way to take him up on his offer to volunteer some of his time to the District, perhaps serving on a committee.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board will be held at 7:30 PM on Thursday June 11, 1998 at the Whitewater Town Hall.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING

June 11, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stevenson at 7:32 p.m. Board members present: ~~Jim Stevenson, Roy Sheahan, and Bernie Tangney.~~ Property owners and others present: Bob Nowak, Maxine Nowak, Bob Holland, Dick Cooney, Lois Newgard, Darline Buchkowski, and Walt Hicks.

The minutes of the May 14, 1998 meeting were reviewed. There being no additions or corrections, Roy Sheahan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Bernie Tangney, the motion carried.

Chairman Stevenson noted that "Administrative Matters" should be added to future agendas. This item will follow the Treasurer's Report.

Bernie Tangney presented the Treasurer's Report as of June 10, 1998. Treasurer reported Bank and Cash accounts in the amount of \$120,369.24, and current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$709.02 (report attached). Jim Stevenson made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable and Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Roy Sheahan, the motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:**

Chairman Stevenson noted that attorney Mark Olm is checking into the use of park land for park vehicles on Lauderdale Lakes. He will report to Chairman Stevenson.

Chairman Stevenson noted that copies of the publication "Through the Looking Glass" had been received. Copies have been presented to the High School and Middle School libraries, as well as the Irvine L. Young Memorial Library. One copy will be laminated to be used by the harvesting crew.

To keep the Board members informed, Chairman Stevenson noted that the National Association of Lake Management had declared the week of June 29-July 4, 1998 as "**Lakes Appreciation Week**",

Chairman Stevenson also noted that the National Association of Lake Management contacted him to inform him of a Congressional vote on the Federal Clean Lakes Program. **This does affect Wisconsin with the "Self-Help Monitoring Program".** Individuals that are concerned, in favor of continuing the funding, should contact Mark Newmann at 414/367-0510. Mention Section 314 of the Clean Water Act and recommended Mark Newmann vote in favor of this Act.

The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 22, 1998 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Lakeview Elementary School. Chairman Stevenson would like to make a short presentation on a current topic. Please advise him if you have a topic of interest. The proposed budget will be available to Board members at the July 9<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. The

newsletter needs to be mailed 30 days prior to the meeting, as well as two public notices in the Whitewater Register.

Walt Hicks, Nominating Committee Chairperson, noted that there are positions available on the Board: Charles Cruse (not wishing to continue), Bernie Tangney (will be on the ballot), and Boris Marohnich (not wishing to continue). There are four candidates for the three positions: Richard Cooney, Gary Marvin, Clifford Witte, and Bernie Tangney.

The annual audit needs to be conducted prior to the Annual Meeting. Chairman Stevenson will contact property owners to serve on this committee.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Harvesting and Equipment - Roy Sheahen notified Board members that the 90hp motor that the District sold blew a motor 15 minutes after the new owner put it into the lake. Jeff at JNT Marina did the repair work on the motor and covered all but \$200.00 on warranty. Roy Sheahen made a motion that the District pay JNT Marina the sum of \$200.00 for the labor to repair the 90hp motor that was sold and that the Board approve the issuance of the check to JNT. Seconded by Bernie Tangney, the motion carried.

Crew Chief Bob Nowak reported that the crew had spent 2 1/2 weeks recently on the South lobe and are now on the East lobe/Cruse Lane. The equipment is working good and the new crew members are working well.

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Jim Stevenson noted he is keeping a daily log from information received from Bob Nowak. As of June 10<sup>th</sup> the crew had worked 16 days; this is compared to 10 days of harvesting in 1997. To date, 229.7 tones of aquatic plants have been removed; compared to 189.7 as of the date in 1997. The crew is harvesting 1.8 tons/hour with the 10 foot harvester and 1.2 tons/hour with the seven foot harvester. It was noted that the water clarity is great.

Roy Sheahen noted he was present at the Whitewater Township Board meeting last evening, and the issue of the public access roads was tabled and will be on the July agenda. Roy Sheahen also noted that the ski team had received permission to practice on Sundays at the Casellvecci property. Harry Devitt will advise the crew as to when these practices are scheduled.

Chemical Treatment - Boris Marohnich, Chairman, was not in attendance at the meeting. Bernie Tangney, committee member, reported that the shorelines of both lakes had been reviewed last Friday by Boris, Bernie and Brian from Marine Biochemists to determine the types and density of the weeds. Wednesday, June 17, 1998, the lakes will be treated. The treatments will be pellets for milfoil. Brian will pick the spots on both lakes. Both Boris and Bernie will be out-of-town during the treatment. Bob Nowak agreed to check with Brian throughout the day and give any necessary advice.



~~Budget and Finance~~ - No further report.

Fish Stocking - Jim Stevenson noted that 10 Aqua Cribs were placed in the water by May 31<sup>st</sup> in 15-17 feet of water. Chip Gerke helped with the placement of the Cribs. Dale Poeppel has reported "fist galore" near the aqua cribs.

Jim Stevenson reported he had received calls from property owners about dead blue gills on Rice Lake. He contacted the DNR and the noted that this is natural small adults cannot compete with large adults and the stress kills them. Again, he stressed this is a natural process.

Bogs Committee - Rich Gunter was not present at the meeting; therefore, no report. It was noted earlier that Gerry ~~Serge~~, Dan Sable and Rich ~~Schleps~~ are members of the Bogs Committee.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Weevil Study: Chairman Stevenson reported that of the 46 Wisconsin lakes participating in the study, 45 had natural weevil species in the lakes. The density of the weevils vary from lake to lake. Weevils are abundant in large, shallow beds. UW-Stevens Point reported that most lakes had a significant change in the mass of plants in weevil test plots. A report is expected in the spring of 1999.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Bernie Tangney noted that he had received information about the product "Sonar" from Marine Biochemists. After brief discussion, it was noted that Marine Biochemists had presented this information to the Board in the spring/early summer of 1997. It was determined that this product is cost-prohibitive to the District, as well as the product works best on small, self-contained lakes. Bernie noted he wanted Board members to be aware of the product.

#### PUBLIC INPUT:

Board members were asked by a property owner about weed cutting on Rice Lake. Crew Chief Bob Nowak noted that the crew would be moving to Rice Lake the week on June 22<sup>nd</sup> and would continue analyzing the necessity to cut weeds over the summer. It was noted that the entire "bay" of Rice Lake would be chemically treated.

Roy Sheahen posed the questions as to "who is putting sticks into the bogs?" Roy noted this is a dangerous situation. This will be relayed to the Township Safety Patrol.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District Board will be held on Thursday, July 9, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Mesmer*

Mary Mesmer  
Municipal Clerk

## WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING

July 9, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stevenson at 7:31 p.m. Board members present: Jim Stevenson, Roy Sheahen, Boris Marohnich, Toby Shroble, and Bernie Tangney. Chairman Stevenson noted that Toby Shroble is the new Walworth County Board of Supervisor's representative. Property owners and others present: Bob Nowak, Maxine Nowak, Dick Cooney, and Vera Marohnich.

The minutes of the June 11, 1998 meeting were reviewed. Jim Stevenson noted that on page 2 under Committee Reports, paragraph 3, the first sentence should read, "Jim Stevenson is **compiling data from the daily logs he receives from Bob Nowak**". Also on page 3 under the Weevil Study, first sentence it should read "**12 lakes participated** in the study". A few spelling errors were also noted. Boris Marohnich made a motion that the minutes be approved as corrected, Seconded by Roy Sheahen, the motion carried.

Board members were presented with copies of the Annual Meeting minutes. Board members should contact Mary Mesmer with any corrections so the minutes can be copied for the Annual Meeting in August.

Bernie Tangney presented the Treasurer's Report as of June 10, 1998. Treasurer reported Bank and Cash accounts in the amount of \$116,208.29, and current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$2,386.45 (report attached), with additional Accounts Payable to U.S. Post Office for \$32.00 and \$155.00, Cellular One for \$24.64, and the Whitewater Unified School District for \$20. Boris Marohnich made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable. Seconded by Roy Sheahen, the motion carried. Bernie Tangney reported that he had contacted Camp Joy and received a \$300.00 donation. Roy Sheahen made a motion to approve the July 9, 1998 Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Boris Marohnich, the motion carried.

### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Jim Stevenson updated the Board on the issue with the Walworth County Zoning Board regarding access ramps zoned as park land. Lauderdale Lakes and Delavan Lake officials met with the Zoning Board and suggested an amendment be written to the zoning code regarding the status of the access ramps. Attorney Mark Olm spoke with the Lauderdale Lakes attorney regarding an amendment to the ordinance to use park land by harvesting crews. A meeting has been set with the Zoning Board for Thursday, July 16, 1998, at 6:30 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex. All lakes that are doing harvesting are encouraged to be present at this meeting. Jim Stevenson noted that he would be in attendance and urged other Board members to be present.

Bernie Tangney noted that the Whitewater Township Board discussed the parking on access roads at their Board meeting. The Town Board made no decision at the meeting, however a meeting was set for Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at Cruse Lane between the Town Board, Lake Management District, and property owners to discuss the matter. Bernie

noted that he hopes a mutual agreement will come out of the meeting. Board members are encouraged to attend this important meeting.

Jim Stevenson reminded Board members of the Annual Meeting set for Saturday, August 22, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Lakeview Elementary School. He noted that there are three seats for election on the Board. There are three candidates for the seats, noting that Cliff Witte withdrew his candidacy.

Jim Stevenson noted that Carol Marvin will serve on the Audit Committee. He noted he has been unable to get in touch with Mardell Winter. He noted that Rachell and Bruce Nelson are interested in getting involved with the Lake Management District. Bernie Tangney will contact them regarding the Audit Committee. They would also be interested in the Election Committee.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Harvesting and Equipment - Roy Sheahen notified Board members that the weeds are under control. Jim Stevenson presented Board members with a harvesting summary as of 6/30/98. Total tons removed as of 6/30/98 was 379.3, compared to 506.5 as of 6/30/97. It was noted that a few of the reasons for the wide difference is: 1) the weeds are not up; 2) a "green crew", going slower than in the past; 3) rain - the number of rain dates this year; and, 4) equipment breakdown. Crew Chief Bob Nowak noted that the crew was on Rice Lake a couple of weeks ago and removed 30 load. They did receive a compliment from a property owner. Bob also noted that the dump truck needs carburetor work at the end of the season. He noted that things are running good and that he has a crew of four individuals.

Chemical Treatment - Boris Marohnich reported that there is concern regarding the effectiveness of the chemical treatment on June 17, 1998, especially on Rice Lake. Bernie Tangney noted that it has been two weeks since the chemicals were applied and the weeds are near the top where it was applied. Roy Sheahen noted that chemicals were applied by on his property and nothing has happened. It was noted that Woodchuck Alley looks really good. Boris will contact Brian from Marine Biochemists to take a look at the lake. He will request Brian be present at the August meeting to report to the Board.

Budget and Finance - Bernie Tangney, Treasurer, presented the Budget Detail for 1999, to be presented to the membership at the Annual Meeting. The Finance Committee is comprised of Norm Prisoner, Linda Tangney, and Bernie Tangney. The Committee is suggesting that Property Taxes be lowered from \$80,000 to \$70,000. There was discussion regarding the proposed amount for payroll. The Committee was proposing \$19,000.00 for payroll. Roy Sheahen noted that he would like to see \$25,000.00 be budgeted for payroll. After discussion, it was determined to budget \$23,000.00 for 1999 payroll.

Jim Stevenson noted that the Fish Stocking Committee would like to look into putting in an addition 10 Aqua Cribs in 1999. He would like to have \$1,200.00 budgeting for fish habitat in order to pursue this matter.

Jim Stevenson noted that "Studies" should be reduced to \$1,300.

There was discussion regarding reducing the Property Taxes from \$80,000.00 to \$70,000. After brief discussion, it was determined to leave the Property Tax budget at \$80,000.

Fish Stocking - Jim Stevenson noted that they have seen a tremendous increase in fish by the Aqua Cribs. The Committee would like to pursue 10 additional cribs in 1999. Dale Poeppel contacted the DNR regarding stocking Small Mouth Bass, however, the DNR did not want to discuss the matter. The DNR will be stocking 65,000 Walleye fingerlings this year.

Bogs Committee - Rich Gunter was not present at the meeting for a report. Bernie Tangney reported that he had spoken with Dan Sable and Dan noted that this is an inactive committee. Jim Stevenson will contact Rich Gunter to determine the status of this committee.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

It was noted that the stakes are still on the bogs. Ron Fero will be talked to about this at the meeting at Cruse Lane on Saturday.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Bernie Tangney welcomed Toby Shroble as the new Walworth County Board of Supervisors representative to the Board. Bernie also noted that a letter should be sent to Richard Kuhnke thanking him for the time he served on the Board. Mary Mesmer will send this letter.

PUBLIC INPUT: There was no public input.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District Board will be held on Thursday, August 13, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, ..

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Mesmer".

Mary Mesmer  
Municipal Clerk

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING

August 13, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stevenson at 7:32 p.m. Board members present: Jim Stevenson, Roy Sheahen, Boris Marohnich, and Bernie Tangney. Property owners and others present: Bob Nowak and Bruce Nelson.

The minutes of the July 9, 1998 meeting were reviewed. It was noted that the spelling of Norm Prusener should be checked throughout the minutes. Boris Marohnich made a motion that the minutes be approved as corrected. Seconded by Roy Sheahen, the motion carried.

Bernie Tangney presented the Treasurer's Report as of August 13, 1998. Treasurer reported Bank and Cash accounts in the amount of \$106,761.02, and current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$11,038.52 (report attached). Bernie Tangney reported that the largest amount of the Accounts Payable is an invoice from Marine Biochemists in the amount of \$10,647.00 for the chemical weed treatment. Bernie recommended that this invoice not be paid until Brian from Marine Biochemists is contacted about the results of the treatment. It was noted that it did not appear that the treatment was successful. Jim Stevenson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable in the amount of \$11,038.52 with the exception of \$10,647.00 to Marine Biochemists. Seconded by Roy Sheahen, the motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Jim Stevenson noted that he attended <sup>+ Roy</sup> the meeting at with the Walworth County Zoning Board in regards to the Lauderdale Lakes matter. Jim did speak on behalf of the Whitewater-Race Lakes Management District. Jim noted that basically nothing was accomplished at the meeting.

Jim Stevenson reported on the meeting with the Lake Management District Board members and Whitewater Township Board members regarding the use of access roads. This meeting was held on Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. The Township did <sup>not</sup> approve the parking of Lake Management District equipment on the access roads. The Township did request that bumpers be put on the sides of the equipment and this has been done.

Jim Stevenson reminded Board members of the Annual Meeting set for Saturday, August 22, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Lakeview Elementary School. Jim will do the committee reports and Bernie Tangney will present the Treasurer's Report and the Proposed Budget. Bernie Tangney noted that the Audit Committee is comprised of Bernie, Gary Marvin, Bruce and Rachell Nelson. A report from the Committee will be presented at the Annual Meeting. It was noted that Bruce and Rachell Nelson, Vera Marohnich and Bunny Sheahen will serve as election clerks.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Harvesting and Equipment - Roy Sheahen noted that motor work needs to be done on the 10 foot harvester. The motor has 135,000 miles of harvesting hours. He noted that the dump truck needs two new tires on the front. Four tires were donated for the pickup truck.

Jim Stevenson noted that bumpers were put on the floating equipment per the request of the Whitewater Township Board, Jim noted that the District was asked to move the equipment off of Cruse Lake to blacktop on a weekend. The equipment was moved, however, Cruse Lane was **not** blacktopped. As of today, the blacktopping has not occurred.

Chemical Treatment - Boris Marohnich reported that Brian from Marine Biochemists did come out and looked at the lake. He said he would come to this meeting but could not attend. He will be at the September meeting to report to the Board. Boris has a map of where the chemical was applied. The crew will mark the map where the treatment was not effective.

Budget and Finance - Report was given earlier in the meeting.

Fish Stocking - No report.

Bogs Committee - Rich Gunter was not present at the meeting for a report. Boris Marohnich will give Rich a call.

## OLD BUSINESS:

There was not old business to discuss.

## NEW BUSINESS:

There was brief discussion regarding the attendance at monthly meeting by Board appointed (Township and County) members of the Lake Management District Board. It was decided that the active season is coming to an end and to wait until next year to address this issue.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** There was no public input.



NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District Board will be held on Thursday, September 10, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Mesmer".

Mary Mesmer  
Municipal Clerk

ANNUAL MEETING  
August 22, 1998  
WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. in the Lakeview Elementary School gymnasium by President Jim Stevenson. President Stevenson then introduced the members of the Board present at the meeting: Roy Sheahen, Boris Marohnich, and Bernie Tangney, Lake Management District Treasurer. President Stevenson also introduced Bob Nowak, Crew Chief for the harvesting crew. Jim Stevenson noted that due to personal reasons, Charlie Cruse was resigning from the Board, thus making three seats open on the Board. Jim Stevenson noted that Board members and committee members serve without compensation.

President Stevenson noted that Agenda item # 6 and #7 would be switched in order on the Agenda; Nominating Committee report and election would come before 1999 Budget Hearing and Approval.

President Stevenson thanked the property owners present for attending the meeting. Jim also noted that there will be a brief organizational meeting of the new Board following the Annual Meeting to elect officers for the following year.

Jim Stevenson gave a brief overview of the Lake Management District, noting that it is a special purpose unit of government and has tax levying authority. He also noted that the Lake Management District was formed specifically to manage the quality of the lakes. The Lake Management District was formed in 1988-89. Jim Stevenson noted that the purpose of the meeting today is to report the activities of the past year, present/approve budget for 1999, and the election of three Board members for the next term.

The minutes of the August 18, 1997 Annual Meeting were introduced. President Stevenson asked if there were any objections to dispensing with the oral reading of the minutes and there were none. Walt Hicks made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Richard Cooney, the minutes were approved.

President Stevenson introduced Bernie Tangney, Treasurer of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District. Mr. Tangney presented the Net Worth and Income Statement as of December 31, 1997 (copy attached). Mr. Tangney then presented the Treasurer's Report as of August 20, 1998 (copy attached). Mr. Tangney then thanked Harvesting Committee members Roy Sheahen and Bob Nowak for carefully watching the budget. Jim Bartlett made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports as presented. Seconded by Rich Gunter, the motion unanimously carried.

Treasurer Tangney reported that the Audit Committee, comprised for Bruce Nelson, Rachelle Nelson and Gary Marvin, met on August 19, 1999. The Committee audited the Treasurer's records for the period of July, 1997 through August 13, 1998. The committee found the records to be fair and accurate.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORTS:

President Stevenson presented a brief overview of the operating committees. He then presented the following reports for each committee:

Aquatic Plant Harvesting Committee - Jim Stevenson presented a harvesting summary comparing 1996, 1997 and 1998. As of July 31, 1998 a total of 768 tons of weeds have been removed from the lakes. He noted the hours of the harvesting crew had been cut back due the density of the weeds. Jim Stevenson reported that the Lake Management

District has been ordered by the Township of Whitewater not to leave equipment on access roads at night. If this is enforced, this may cut the cutting time in half. The Lake Management District is trying to resolve this matter with the Whitewater Township and Walworth County. The equipment will be pulled off the lakes after Labor Day and the crew will work on the equipment in the fall to get it ready for next year.

Chemical Treatment Committee - President Stevenson reported that 30 acres of Whitewater Lake and 6+ acres of Rice Lake were treated with 2-4-D pellets this year. He noted that more funds were budgeted for this year to cover a wider area. Jim Stevenson also noted that chemical treatment is not the District's preferred method of weed control and is used near the shorelines and areas where there is no other viable way to treat the weeds. He noted that the Committee was not satisfied with the results this year and the District is working with Marine Biochemists to decide what needs to be done.

Fish Stocking and Habitat Committee - President Stevenson reported that the DNR stocked 8,000 Walleye fingerlings in August of 1997. 460 large Walleye from Delavan Lake were transferred to Whitewater Lake this spring. Next spring 1,800 large fingerling Northernns will be stocked in Whitewater Lake and 300 into Rice Lake. In 1999, 64,000 Walleye fingerlings are scheduled to be stocked in Whitewater Lake. Jim Stevenson also noted that 10 Aqua Cribs have been placed in Whitewater Lake and they are attracting fish.

Weevil Study - President Stevenson reported that the group from UW-Stevens Point were on the water this past week Wednesday and Thursday. Laura from UW-Stevens Point spoke with Jim and noted that they have the quantitative analysis. In the test area there is a great deal of weevil damage to milfoil. Coontail is denser than milfoil. They looked at the south lobe and have seen alot of weevil there. This is not a test plot. The group is encouraged with this study and will present a formal report next spring.

Bogs Committee - President Stevenson introduced Rich Gunter, Committee Chair of the Bogs Committee. Rich noted that he volunteered a year and a half ago to chair the bogs study committee. Rich presented a brief overview of the bogs, noting that they are seasonal. He noted it has been difficult to pull a committee together. An Advanced Biology class from Lake Geneva High School has started to collect data. A group of 20 students have been on the lake once a month and have 3 sampling sites. The group has presented an interim report to Rich which indicated that there is nothing atypical of Whitewater Lake. Rich noted some residents want the bogs removed, others want to leave it natural and other consider it a wildlife sactuary for birds, etc. The DNR classifies the bogs as "islands". Rich asked anyone interested in working on this committee to contact him. He noted this is not a short term problem.

There was discussion on what to do next. President Stevenson noted that the committee was asked to do a study and report back to the Board. The Board has not asked Rich to apply for any permits but to present a study and recommendations on what direction the Board should go next. Property owners present voiced opinion that the property owners should be asked what should be done. A survey was suggested. President Stevenson will include a survey in the spring newsletter.

Nominating Committee - President Stevenson thanked Walt Hicks, Chair of this committee, and Muriel Schrock for all of their time and effort put into this committee. Jim Stevenson noted that there are three seats open: Bernie Tangney - 3 year term up; Boris Marohnich - 3 year term up; and, Charlie Cruse - resigning. There are three candidates: Bernie Tangney - running for re-election, Richard Cooney and Gary Marvin. All three candidates were introduced.

Paper ballots were passed out to all members present. The Annual Meeting clerks collected the ballots and the results will be presented at the end of the meeting.

## BUDGET HEARING:

Treasurer Bernie Tangney presented the Budget Detail and Budget Summary. Bernie noted there is \$20,000 to go into reserve for equipment replacement as well as any excess of 1998. There was little discussion on the budget presentation. Muriel Schrock made a motion to approve the 1998 Budget. Seconded by Sue Millen, the motion carried on a unanimous hand vote.

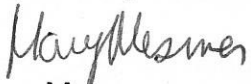
Nomination Results - President Jim Stevenson asked Mary Mesmer, Municipal Clerk, to announce the results of the election of Board members. Mary Mesmer presented the results as presented to her by the Annual Meeting clerks: Bernie Tangney will serve a 3 year term, Gary Marvin will serve a 3 year term, and Richard Cooney will serve a 2 year term.

President Stevenson invited public input from property owners present. Robert Svec thanked the Board members for their service. He inquired about the no wake zone on the west lobe and asked if more bouys could be placed. Jim Stevenson will notify the Townships. Walt Hicks inquired about the pole barn situation suggesting that the District acquire a piece of property. Jim Stevenson noted that \$10,000 is the District's limit for land. Walt Hicks, Chair of the Nominating Committee, noted that the By-Laws state it is not permissable to pay Board members. He noted that it is difficult to find property owners willing to serve in the capacity of Board members. Walt suggested that a study be done to look into the possibility of a stipend to Board members. Jim Stevenson noted that the By-Laws would have to be re-written and this would have to pass by 2/3 vote of property owners. Ann Benjamin noted that the Board is doing an excellent job and thank you for your service.

The next annual meeting of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District was set for Saturday, August 21, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Mesmer  
Municipal Clerk

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING  
Organizational Meeting  
August 22, 1998

The Organizational Meeting was called to order by Chairman Stevenson at 11:46 a.m., following the Annual Meeting. Board members present: Jim Stevenson, Roy Sheahen, Bernie Tangney, Dick Cooney, and Gary Marvin.

Jim Stevenson noted that the purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for the next year in order to continue to conduct business. Board members need to elect a Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary.

Bernie Tangney made a motion that Jim Stevenson be nominated for Chairman. Roy Sheahen seconded the motion. Jim Stevenson made a motion that Bernie Tangney be nominated for Treasurer. There was no seconded. Bernie Tangney made a motion that Gary Marvin be nominated for Treasurer. Dick Cooney seconded the motion. Jim Stevenson made a motion that ~~Dick Cooney~~ be nominated for Secretary. Roy Sheahen seconded the motion.

*✓ Bernie*

Board members presented unanimously approved the above motions. The officers for the following year are as follows:

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| Chairman  | Jim Stevenson                          |
| Treasurer | Gary Marvin                            |
| Secretary | <del>Dick Cooney</del> <i>✓ Bernie</i> |

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Mesmer*

Mary Mesmer  
Municipal Clerk

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING  
September 10, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stevenson at 7:30 p.m. Board members present: Jim Stevenson, Roy Sheahen, Dick Cooney, Toby Shroble and Bernie Tangney. Property owners and others present: Nels Wiberg, Bob and Max Nowak, Robert Sivek, Muriel Schrock, and Bill Watts. BRIAN SURFERN

The minutes of the August 13, 1998 meeting were reviewed. It was noted that under Administrative Matters, first paragraph, it should indicate that **Jim Stevenson and Roy Sheahen** attended the meeting. Also under Administrative Matters, paragraph 2, it should be noted that **the Township tabled the matter regarding** parking of Lake Management District equipment on access roads. Dick Cooney made a motion that the minutes be approved as amended. Seconded by Bernie Tangney, the motion carried.

The minutes of the Organizational Meeting held August 22, 1998 were reviewed. Bernie Tangney made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Seconded by Dick Cooney, the motion carried.

Bernie Tangney presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Gary Marvin. The Treasurer's Report was presented as of August 31, 1998. Treasurer reported Bank and Cash accounts in the amount of \$134,381.20, and current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$823.97 (report attached) with additional Accounts Payable to Bob Nowak in the amount of \$7.74, and John's Radiator in the amount of \$40.00 for a total of \$871.71.

Bernie noted that Kathy Schramm from the Laub Group (the District's insurance company) notified him about changing coverage so that all insurance is with the same company. Bernie will obtain the information from Kathy regarding this change. Jim Stevenson made a motion that the Board authorize Bernie Tangney to resolve this matter and to be able to expend an amount not to exceed \$3,210. Seconded by Roy Sheahen, the motion carried.

Bernie Tangney noted that there is still an outstanding bill of \$10,647.00 to Marine Biochemists for the chemical treatment of the lakes.

Jim Stevenson noted that at this point there would be a change in the agenda for a report from Brian of Marine Biochemists regarding the chemical treatment. Jim Stevenson then introduced Brian. Brian gave a brief explanation of the Marine Biochemists' expectations of the results of the chemical treatment on Whitewater and Rice Lakes. Brian noted that they consider 70-80% control of weeds as satisfactory. He did take a look at the lakes a month after the chemical application. He noted that the 30 acres treated on Whitewater indicated a good job; satisfying the 70-80% control of weeds. Brian noted the 5.3 acres were treated on Rice Lake. Brian noted that when he took a look at Rice Lake today, the areas with weed density were mostly with coontail, not millfoil.

Boris Marohnich noted that after taking a look at the lakes today and talking with Brian, the issue of the effectiveness of the treatment and payment of the invoice are less critical today than a month after the application. Brian noted that in the future, the District should contract to treat 50 feet from shore or greater to the areas to be treated. He noted that the

District may want to consider treating coontail in the future. Brian noted that coontail is more difficult to control and is more costly. He noted that coontail is a native plant and millfoil is a nuisance plant.

There was brief discussion regarding altering the treatment date of the chemicals. The question was raised regarding the DNR's supervision of the chemical treatment and the DNR having staff present during the application. Brian noted that the DNR ultimately makes the decision on the chemical treatment. It is to their discretion if they want to have supervise the application of the chemicals.

Chairman Stevenson briefly explained the District's philosophy on chemical treatment of the weeds. He noted the chemicals are used where the harvesters cannot keep lanes open for water vehicles. He also noted that chemical treatment was initially implemented as an effective method to control millfoil.

Bernie Tangney posed the question regarding paying the invoice to Marine Biochemists. He noted that, in his perspective, one of the major issues was the fact that Rice Lake was harvested shortly after the lake was chemically treated. This could have had an affect on the effectiveness of the treatment. Bernie noted that this season has been a learning process for the District regarding chemical treatment as well as chemical treatment in relationship with harvesting. It was suggested that the Chemical Treatment Committee look at the footage to be treated for the next harvesting season.

Bernie Tangney asked if the Chemical Treatment Committee was satisfied with the results of the Treatment. After brief discussion, Bernie Tangney noted that the Committee was in agreement to pay the invoice to Marine Biochemists in the amount of \$10,647. Bernie Tangney made a motion that the Board approve the invoice of \$10,647.00 to Marine Biochemists. Seconded by Roy Sheahen, the motion carried.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Chairman Stevenson noted that an item to be included in this meeting was the setting of Committee members.

Chairman Stevenson noted that the Wisconsin Association of Lakes holds its annual convention in March/April of each year. As the District Board does not meet during the winter months, Jim wanted to have authorization for members of the Board to attend the convention. Jim Stevenson made a motion to authorize whatever Board members, along with their spouses, to attend the Annual Convention and to make the necessary arrangements. Seconded by Bernie Tangney, the motion carried.

Chairman Stevenson asked Board members to give some thought into salaries and wages for the 1999 fiscal year and this will be discussed at the next meeting. He also noted that the agenda for the next meeting should reflect an executive session to discuss personnel issues for 1999.

There was brief discussion regarding not having an October meeting. It was determined that the next meeting of the Board would be on Thursday, November 12, 1998. Jim Stevenson made a motion that the Board authorize the Treasurer to pay usual and customary bills during the time from this meeting to the November meeting. Seconded by Dick Cooney, the motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Harvesting and Equipment - Roy Sheahen reported that the harvesting equipment has been put into storage. They are working on the truck and harvester. Roy also reported that the 1996 motor had been sold for \$3,000. Jim Stevenson noted that there may be a problem with the DNR on the sale of the motor. The DNR may demand ½ of the proceeds due to the fact that the District did not keep the motor for 10 years. The District can try to appeal to the DNR regarding the splitting of the proceeds. The Board decided to wait on the purchase of a new motor until we hear from the DNR.

**Harvesting and Equipment Committee Members:** Roy Sheahen, Chair  
Walt Hicks  
Bernie Tangney  
Bruce Nelson

*Jim Stevenson*

~~Roy~~ Sheahen will contact Bruce Nelson to see if he is interested in serving on this committee.

Chemical Treatment - This committee reported earlier on the agenda.

**Chemical Treatment Committee Members:** Bernie Tangney, Chair  
Boris Marohnich  
Dick Cooney  
Darrell Smith

Budget and Finance - Past Treasurer, Bernie Tangney, reported that Gary Marvin is the newly elected Treasurer. Bernie anticipates the transition period to go smoothly.

**Budget and Finance Committee Members:** Gary Marvin, Chair  
Bernie Tangney  
Linda Tangney

Fish Stocking - No report.

**Fish Stocking Committee Members:** Jim Stevenson, Chair  
Dale Poeppel



Bogs Committee - Rich Gunter was not present at the meeting for a report.

**Bogs Committee Members:**

Rich Gunter, Chair  
Jim Mulcahy

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Roy Sheahen updated Toby Shroble on the issue of the County possibly providing land to the District to construct a pole barn for the Lake Management District; land in question being across the road from the County park. Toby was not aware of this but will check into the matter.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bernie Tangney noted that the Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners Association has asked to use the District's Bulk Mailing Permit for a mailing. Bernie has checked with the Post Office and it is OK that they use it. Clerk Mary Mesmer agreed to help the Property Owners Association on the logistics of Bulk Mailing, if needed.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** There was no public input.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District Board will be held on November 12, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Town Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Mesmer  
Municipal Clerk

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
November 12, 1998

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Stevenson at 7:30 p.m. Board members present: Jim Stevenson, Gary Marvin, Bernie Tangney, Roy Sheahen and Richard Cooney. Property owners and others present: Jim Mulcahy and Bob Nowak.

The minutes of the September 10, 1998 meeting were reviewed. Bernie Tangney made a motion that the minutes be approved as presented. Seconded by Roy Sheahen, the motion carried.

Gary Marvin presented the Treasurer's Report as of November 12, 1998. Treasurer reported Bank and Cash accounts in the amount of \$114,425.42, and current Accounts Payable in the amount of \$4,335.50 with additional accounts payable of \$32.00 to Mary Mesmer for postage, \$150.00 to the U.S. Postmaster for the newsletter mailing. Jim Stevenson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Roy Sheahen, the motion carried. Bernie Tangney made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable in the total amount of \$4,517.50. Seconded by Dick Cooney, the motion carried.

Jim Stevenson made a motion that the Treasurer be authorized to pay normal and reasonable invoices between this meeting and the next meeting in the spring. Two signatures to be required on all checks. Seconded by Dick Cooney, the motion carried.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS:

Jim Stevenson noted that the Committee Roster should reflect the following members on the Bogs Committee: Rich Gunter – Chair, Mike and Kathy Hoar, Ramy Robbins and Rich Schleich.

Jim Stevenson has the agreement from the USGS for the 1999 Lakes Gauge Program. Total cost is \$2,800, with the District being responsible for 50%, or \$1,400. Jim Stevenson made a motion that this agreement be approved. Seconded by Bernie Tangney, the motion carried. Jim will sign the agreement and return it.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Harvesting and Equipment – The crew is in need of a new motor to replace the 90hp that was sold this year. Based on the grant agreement, the District does not owe the DNR ½ of the proceeds of the sale of the motor. The DNR expects the District to use a motor for 10 years. The District is not able to ask the DNR for funds to purchase a new motor. Jim Stevenson made a motion to authorize Roy Sheahen to go to OMC to purchase a new motor. Seconded by Dick Cooney, the motion carried.

It was noted that the District will need to formally request the use of the access ramps from the Township of Whitewater in the spring. Jim Stevenson will send the normal letter to the Township for their approval.

Chemical Treatment – No Report

Budget and Finance – No Report

Fish Stocking – No Report

Bogs Committee – A survey will be included within the newsletter to be sent in December. Jim Stevenson will get Rich Gunter and Jim Mulcahy a copy of the questionnaire. The results of the survey will be reported to the Board in the spring.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Roy Sheahen will contact Ben Coupman, County Commissioner, regarding the possibility of leasing land at the south end of the lake.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There was no new business.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Bob Nowak noted that the harvesting crew will be hiring crew staff next season. Anyone interested should contact Bob.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District Board will be on Thursday, April 8, 1999 at 7:30 p.m. at the Whitewater Township Town Hall.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 8:37 p.m. in order to discuss personnel matters for the 1999 fiscal year.

Sincerely,



Mary Mesmer  
Municipal Clerk

# WHITEWATER – RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT



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## Minutes of 11/12/98 Board of Commissioners Executive Meeting

At the conclusion of the regular Board Meeting, the Board adjourned into Executive session to discuss and approve personnel salaries to be effective in 1999.

The Board discussed the fine job that has been performed by Municipal Clerk Mary Mesmer and by our Crew Chief Bob Nowak, and felt that their contribution to the successful operation of the District should be recognized and rewarded.

On motions being duly made and seconded, the following actions were unanimously approved.

Mary's wage should be increased from \$7.50 to \$8.50 per hour.

Bob's wage should be increased from \$13.50 to \$15.00 per hour.

The Board then discussed the difficulty that we experienced this year recruiting and retaining competent employees to operate our harvesting equipment. Salary levels at several other Lake Districts were discussed. It was suggested that if we had a wider wage scale and if the Crew Chief had the flexibility to adjust the wages of those employees who proved to be skilled and of significant value, we might be able to attract and keep a higher level of performer.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to change the wage scale for the crew from the current \$6.50 - \$8.00 per hour to \$7.50 - \$10.00 per hour. The Crew Chief will determine, in consultation with the Chair of the Harvesting Committee, the appropriate starting wage for each crewmember, and the appropriateness of granting mid-season raises.

There being no other business to come before the Executive Session, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted:  
Jim Stevenson, Chair