



## Message from the Board

**Chair, Jim Bartlett-** As on July 24th, the lake looks pretty good - although, I expect the floater complaints to be higher by the time of the annual meeting. We had a good winter with ice and some snow from December thru March. The rainfall this year has been pretty good, providing a high water level through this point in the season. We sprayed extensively in early June and it seems to have been effective with the weeds just starting to make a comeback. We will continue with our harvesting efforts through the remainder of the season. I would like to thank the staff for their efforts this year, the volunteers for their support, and the other board members for their commitment to the lake. A special thanks to Lynne and Mark Muschinski for their help in the design and preparation of this document. Lynne and Mark operate Marlin Printing and Graphics, so please remember them if you have any printing work.

**Harvest Committee, Don Wickersheimer-** After a below average winter snowfall we have been blessed with a wet spring. Lake levels are looking good (delaying weed harvesting) and could work in our favor after a very dry summer and fall.

The goal of the district is to manage both lakes so they continue to be a valuable resource for recreation and wildlife habitat while allowing homeowners to maintain and improve the value of their investments. This includes spraying and harvesting of weeds which typically starts in May.

As in the past, weed pickup will be on Saturdays. Weeds are to be placed on the end of property owners piers (weeds placed on rafts or other devices will not be picked up). Also, we have extended weed pickup an additional two weeks with the final pickup scheduled for September 16th.

Enjoy summer on the lake !!!

**Equipment, Jim Felland-** The board planned on purchasing a GPS steering system for one of the barges this year and had laid the groundwork for a DNR grant to pay 50% of the cost. Unfortunately, our contact with the DNR left his position and we had to restart the process. As of today, we are scheduled to attend an

August 29th DNR meeting to present our request.

We also considered replacing the weed transport, but determined that the existing unit was still very serviceable. However, the motor did need to be replaced. Outboards generally last about three years under our work conditions and this one is in its third year. We are able to obtain a very good municipal discount on the purchase of a new motor from the manufacturer, and plan on selling the existing motor to reduce our net cost.

**Boundary, Mark Skidmore and Jerry Grant-** This project has been moving slowly as we feel our way through the process. One obstacle has been the need to provide a legal description of the proposed new district boundaries and we have had difficulty finding someone to prepare that definition. We are currently evaluating a proposal to prepare that description and hope to move this process to the county this fall.

**Bog, Gordon Philip-** Last fall, we prepared a GPS map of the area of bog that was removed. One objective for this year is to determine if the bog returns to that area. While we plan on continuing our efforts to remove the bog, we will also consider alternative methods for removing the bog. We will provide additional information at the meeting as the bog often does not come up until that point.

**Chemical, Bill Watts-** This year, we sprayed Whitewater and Rice lakes for milfoil in early June, over two weeks. The conditions were excellent on both days that we sprayed and I believe the results were excellent. The exact areas sprayed varied based upon an inspection of the lake by the DNR. We sprayed out 150 ft. in most areas, 50 to 100 ft. in some areas with fewer weeds, and skipped some areas completely. In the south bay, we used granular product to cover approximately 36 acres of the lake. We will not do a second spraying this year.

**Audit, Don Cullen and Bob Sturgis-** The audit committee reviewed the accounting records and felt they were properly prepared and maintained.

**Nominees for the Board** *The board has three openings. There are two three year positions and one year term up for election. There are four candidates running for the three positions:*

**Bill Watts-** Bill Watts was born and raised in Oak Park, IL which is an inner ring suburb on the west side of the city of Chicago. He is the third oldest of five children and is the only sibling living in Wisconsin to which he moved on a full time basis in May of this year after a 41 year career in education. He has three degrees from Loyola University Chicago. For the last sixteen years he served as principal in two large public high schools and then two private, Catholic high schools. He lives with his retired wife, Kathleen, who was an attorney with McDonald's Corporation in Oak Brook, IL. Bill and Kathleen have been blessed with four children and two grandchildren all of whom love to visit them at their home on Whitewater Lake.

**Richard Swanson-** Dick lives in Elgin, IL and has enjoyed his second home on Whitewater Lake for 25 years. Dick has worked as a realtor for 33 years, owning and operating a real estate firm with three offices and over 40 sales representatives. Over the years, Dick served as Multiple Listing Chairman for two years, sat on the Elgin Board of Directors for over 12 years, the President of the Elgin Property Owners Association for 4 years, and the City of Elgin Property Maintenance Board for 5 years.

Dick is now semi-retired and spends 2-3 days a week at the lake with the plan of moving here full-time within two

years. As a board member, he would focus his efforts on the efforts to reduce the levels of milfoil and removal of the bog.

**John Dynkowski-** John and his wife Nancy, have owned their home on Woodchuck Alley for the past six years. This summer they have retired and now live on the lake full time. John has spent the last 33 years in software development working in diversified industries like consumer products, food, financial services, market research and his last position with the American Medical Association. He has worked primarily in application development, developed an emerging technology and eCommerce practice as well. He has held several positions managing a large staff including off-shore consultants in India, delivering multi-million dollar projects within time and budget and developing his staff to adopt leading edge technologies into regular work practices. John would enjoy working on the lake management board and would be a dedicated public servant.

**Don Wickersheimer-** Don was elected to the board in 2005 for a one year term. During his term, he has functioned as the Chair of the Harvest Committee. Don recently retired from J.H. Fagan Company where he was employed as a Sales Representative. Don and his wife Shirley are full time residents on Whitewater Lake.

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## **Minutes of Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting, August 27, 2005**

The 2005 Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting was called to order by chairman, Jim Bartlett, at 9:05 at the Lakeview School on Saturday, August 27th, 2005.

Board Members Present: Jim Bartlett Jim Felland, Gordon Philip, Mark Skidmore and county representative, Jerry Grant  
Board member absent: Norm Prusener, Town of Whitewater representative

Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Bartlett began by reviewing the agenda then recognized and thanked several members for their efforts and achievements: Bob Sturgis and Don Cullen as the Audit Committee. They reviewed the 2004 year-end financial statements and reported the records appeared to be in good condition. The Boundary Committee, consisting of Andy Wojdula, Tom Ponyicsanyi, Greg Marvin and Don Meyer put in a lot of time. Tom Ganfield and Mark Muschinski for taking regular secchi disk readings, which record water clarity on Whitewater and Rice Lakes. Mark and Lynne Muschinski for printing the newsletters. There is no charge to the District and this is a large cost saver. If anyone needs printing done, we recommend their Waukesha company. Also, a thanks to Tammy Steinke, Harvesting Chair for the past two years. She spent a lot of time, particularly in the first year, hiring a new crew and organizing

the operations. A big thanks to Gordon Philip, Treasurer and Bog Chair, who has been on the board for five years and does all of the bookkeeping, accounting, payroll. These efforts have probably saved the District approximately \$5,000 annually. Philip is also running for re-election this year. Rose Marie Berg has been the District Clerk for 5-years and is resigning. Bartlett said she has been the rock holding the Board together and the Board appreciated all her efforts.

**Administrative:** The minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting were approved as earlier presented.

Members were requested to sign up for e-mail from the District by sending their addresses to [IMAILSVR@GWLPOA.ORG](mailto:IMAILSVR@GWLPOA.ORG). This will be a way of keeping up on news from the District.

**Treasurer's Report:** Philip referred to the handout which showed total income was \$171,912 that included the DNR grant for equipment of \$61,950. Total operating costs for last year were \$106,017. We held budget with a surplus of \$291 last year. The \$291 will go into the contingency fund.

Philip stated we are looking at an approximate surplus of \$14,100 for 2005. The Board is recommending \$10,000 go into the Equipment Fund and any residual go into a contingency fund. A motion was made by member Daniel Dern to follow the recommendation and seconded by John

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Currie. Motion carried.

We have two positions open for commissioners. The by-laws state we have one more candidate than we have openings. In the beginning of August this was fine. However, on August 11th we had a resignation and we were unable to get another candidate. We have two candidates for two positions. Members can choose to vote for two, one or none. The person with the most votes will assume a 3-yr. term and the other a 1-yr. term. The two nominees, Gordon Philip and Donald Wickersheimer were introduced and each gave a brief presentation.

Gordon Philip presented the proposed budget for 2006 and each committee member spoke on his respective category. No amendments were made by the membership. David Byrne made a motion to accept the 2006 budget as proposed. Stan Vesely seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Highlights of discussion in the different categories:

**Weed Cutting:** Brian has instituted a Best Practices manual for the weed cutting crew to follow. The cutters also will cut in tandem to remove floaters and they will no longer cut weeds from the shore to end of piers– it is too dangerous for the equipment.

**Chemical Treatment:** Members will be notified by postcards of treatment dates.

Susan Heidenreich, W8085 Townline Rd. asked for assistance reducing the weeds in the shallow pond connected to her property. Mark Skidmore indicated that he could not comment on the pond at that time, but would look into it.

**Bog Removal:** Work will begin on bog the Tuesday after Labor Day and projected to continue through October 21st. They hope to remove 3,800 cubic yards. A silt curtain will be used to minimize cuttings from floating ashore. Bartlett said they would follow up with GPS readings to ascertain the area removed. The Board will check that Cruz Lane is cleaned up at the end of the season, before equipment is removed from the water.

**Old Business:** Mark Skidmore, Boundary District committee chair, presented a brief summary of the committee's extensive work on possibly expanding/detaching the district boundaries. The Board has voted to request the County's approval to extend the boundary according to the blue lines shown on the map. This will increase the tax base substantially and bring a lot of residential property into the district that is truly lake property benefiting from the lakes. The increased valuation would reduce the tax rate of the off-lake property just enough so that the riparian owners do not pay any more than they currently are. It will be a two-tier rate with a full mill rate applied to riparian properties and properties with deeded lake access; and a mill rate 65 percent of the full rate would be applied to all remaining properties in the district. The agricultural property will be exempted until it becomes residential. Jerry Grant, County representative, speaking for himself- not the county, recommended when the County hearing is held that members of the District be there in numbers to show support.

**New Business:** Felland stated the need for a trailer for the new harvester. He said the DNR would not give a grant for the purchase. They only give grants for equipment on the water. The cost of the trailer would be about \$14,000 and it takes 75 days to produce. The money is in the capital fund. Bernie Tangney said they did get a grant for the trailer for the 10-ft. harvester. Felland will investigate further. Motion made by Bernie Tangney to buy a 14-ft. trailer with transport features. Motion seconded by Don Oker, majority carried.

**Election Results:** Gordon Philip was elected for the 3-year term and Donald Wickersheimer for the 1-year term.

Motion made to have the 2006 Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 26th, 2006 at the Lakeview School. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion made by Stan Vesely to adjourn meeting. Seconded by

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**Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District Proposed 2007 Budget**

	<b>2005 Actual</b>	<b>2006 Budget</b>	<b>Proposed 2007 Budget</b>	<b>% Change</b>
Revenues - Tax Assessments	\$158,100	\$158,000	\$157,200	-1%
- Other	10	0	0	
<b>Total All Revenue</b>	<b>\$158,110</b>	<b>\$158,000</b>	<b>\$157,200</b>	<b>-1%</b>
Operating Expenses:				
Weed Harvesting Activities	74,661	80,000	85,600	7%
Weed Chemical Treatment & Other	41,094	46,000	44,600	-3%
Bog Removal	17,245	9,000	9,000	0%
General & Administrative	4,375	5,000	6,000	20%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>137,375</b>	<b>140,000</b>	<b>145,200</b>	<b>4%</b>
Equipment Fund Additions	20,000	18,000	12,000	-33%
<b>Total All Expenses &amp; Reserves</b>	<b>157,375</b>	<b>158,000</b>	<b>157,200</b>	<b>none</b>
Surplus	735	none	none	

## Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting Agenda

August 26, 2006 - 9:00 AM

The 2007 Budget Hearing will be held at 9:00 AM followed by the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District at Lakeview Elementary School on Townline Road, Whitewater, WI. **All members of the district are encouraged to attend.** The meeting agenda will include the following:

- Review and approve any prior year budget carry over, if needed.
- Discuss and approve 2007 Budget
- Budget discussion by major category - Harvest, Chemical, Bog, Administrative, Fish Stocking
- Election of two commissioners for a three-year term, and one commissioner for a one year term - each candidate will make a brief presentation.
- Treasurers and Audit Report
- Adjournment

*A short organizational meeting of the new board will immediately follow for the purpose of electing officers and appointing committee assignments.*

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Don Oker. Motion carried at 11:30 p.m.

### Organizational Meeting, August 27, 2005:

Meeting called to order at 11:45 a.m. Assignment of officers, unanimously agreed

Jim Bartlett, Chairman

Gordon Philip, Treasurer and Bog Removal Chairman

Mark Skidmore, Secretary, Chemical Chairman and Boundary Chairman

Jim Felland, Equipment Chairman

Brian Morris, Weed Cutting Chairman

Don Wickersheimer will work on the weed committee

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,* Rose Marie Berg, Clerk

