

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MARCH 11, 2004**

Meeting was called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman, at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Jerry Grant, Gary Marvin, Gordon Philip, Norm Prusener, Art Schmitz and Tammy Steinke
Board members absent: None
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg
Guests: Art and Suzie Speerbrecher

Administrative Issues

Motion to approve minutes of the December 11, 2003 board meeting as previously mailed was made by Prusener and seconded by Grant.

Detachment: The first item of business was discussion of the petition for detachment from the Pine Knoll Subdivision. Bartlett said a petition was circulated to the homeowners of the subdivision and 88.5% agreed and signed it.

Only 10% had no response. They did it by assessed value of \$374,000. Bartlett proceeded to read the petition –

“After circulating the petition for detachment to all property owners in the Pine Knoll Subdivision, we find a strong majority of them believe it would serve the subdivision’s interest better to no longer be part of the Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District.

We believe detachment from the Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District should be granted based on the two following reasons:

1. When the District was formed, the emphasis was placed on maintaining or bettering Whitewater and Rice Lake water quality. Approximately 60% of the budget going to weed control and that being done for lake quality only. This benefited both on and off lakeshore property owners. Today approximately 85% of the budget go to weed control with the emphasis mainly on shoreline weed problems benefiting lakeshore property owners strictly.
2. For several years there has been a request to annex other offshore lake properties into the district. These properties have the same proximity to the lake and benefit from it as those offshore properties that are part of the Lake District now. This has been turned down on all occasions. We believe it is unfair to have Pine Knolls subdivision in the district when other offshore properties are not included.

With the above facts in mind, we, the property owners of the Pine Knolls Subdivision, request to be granted detachment from the Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District. If you need further information call Tom Ponyicsani (473-7848) or Laurie Harnack (741-6363)”

A copy of the petition was sent to Jerry Grant (County Board Supervisor), the Walworth County Clerk, and Michael Cotter (Walworth County Land Use Resource Management). Per Jerry Grant, the county board considered referring the item to the Land Use Resource Management Board, but delayed the issue twice to allow the Lake Management board to respond. Philip asked if the Pine Knolls Subdivision could appeal to the county if we deny the petition. Bartlett said the information he received from Mark Ohm, our attorney, was that the Lake Management Board is responsible for the decision and the next step would be to appeal through the courts, not the county. This information also corresponds to the process that occurred with Lake Koshkonong where the District rejected it and they went to the courts – there being no county involved. Marvin tried to reach Ponyicsanyi but believes he is out of town.

Philip stated for his own information, he would like some clarification on their #1 issue about what change took place between now and then. There was also general interest in reconsidering annexing additional areas into the district. While Bartlett said he thinks that is a separate issue, he has talked to Ohm regarding

further annexation. The process is to define an area to be annexed, notify the prospective property owners of our intent to include them, and request the county to schedule a hearing and rule on our request. The board's consensus was to investigate this issue further.

After more discussion Prusener moved to deny the petition, as there was no change in circumstances from the initial annexation. Steinke seconded the motion and detachment was denied unanimously. Bartlett will send a letter to Ponyicsanyi and state we denied it but are willing to talk about the two issues he raised on their own merits. We don't think they warrant detachment from the district, however.

Discussion will be held at the next meeting concerning annexation of additional properties including the Lorwood development and the Gnatzig property that will be subdivided. Bartlett will bring in the lake map and a committee will be formed to identify the areas concerned

Proposal for Managing/Operating Weed Harvesting Operation: A notice was placed in the Whitewater Register requesting proposals for operating the harvesting function. Our attorney had reviewed the proposal before submitting to vendors. Bartlett distributed the request for proposal outlining the requirements for vendors. We received only one response to the proposal – from JNT Marina. Jeff Widner, owner, bid \$55,000 to supply manpower, wages, taxes and insurance required to perform the weed harvesting operation. We will provide the equipment.

Bartlett said Widner helped us out a lot last year. He provided people to finish the year, put away the equipment and may have the same people available this year. Schmitz said we must furnish performance standards. Marvin suggested we have a committee of Bartlett, Schmitz and Steinke to discuss the details. Widner would like to come in and discuss his ideas with the board. Steinke will arrange a meeting. He would provide a place to park the equipment, place to keep the files and a place for meetings with the employees. Bartlett said we need to have a balance and the contract needs to be refined. Motion was made to accept the bid subject to negotiation. Steinke seconded and motion passed unanimously. Bartlett will call Ohm to verify the appropriateness of a meeting with Widner to discuss negotiations.

Prusener said we need to file a plan of operation stating the hours, days and sites we would be parking the equipment, etc. for the township. The clerk and Bartlett will try to locate last year's letter as an example.

Bog Removal Grant Request: Philip said there is no technical due date to file for the grant. The grant hearing will either be late April or early May. He feels that the application should be in the day after our next meeting. The grant will be for 50 to 80% of the total cost of the project. There is a new program this year where we could try to obtain the 80% if the commission determines the project is of statewide or regional significance. Currently, administrative rules are being promulgated for this commission. Philip feels it is worthwhile to try to obtain the 80% due to the State park access being on both lakes.

Philip thinks that right now we need the option of two ways of doing the removal:

- We can either use our equipment and our people or we contract out and have someone else do the removal – using our equipment. He does not feel our equipment is sufficient. Philip has talked to both Inland and Parkside regarding their removing the bog. Both parties are interested.
- To remove the bog ourselves Philip distributed a very detailed Proforma Projection showing a starting date of September 7th, 2004. He said we receive credit by using our equipment. If we use our own trucks and trailers we must go by the Dept. of Highways in kind fee. He charted the grant charge for the 10 and 7' harvesters and conveyor with a 10 year life span, showing hours in use, employees cost, repair/maintenance, fuel, truck rental, driver and trivity curtain. Project cost was itemized for five, six and seven years.

We must apply for the grant all at one time. We can only do it once in ten years even though it will be spent over more than one year. Over the three plans (years) projected it could cost as much as \$471,078 or as little as \$323,046.

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Philip is leaning to having an outside company do the bog removal. He would like to have a Bog Committee meeting before the April board meeting to obtain their input on this grant proposal and have some of the committee members at our next board meeting. Schmitz suggested Philip remove the 7-ft. harvester from the proposal and replace it with another 10-ft. harvester as part of the grant. Philip plans on having a proposal ready to present at the April meeting.

He also contacted Dick Kraus at the Fuzzy Pig and said we had 90,000 cu.yds. of bog material. Kraus said he would take all that we can provide. We do have to deliver it to his farm on Clover Valley Rd.

Philip also would like to apply for a grant for weed treatment. He requested a copy of the permit from Marvin. There is \$75,000 available statewide. Marvin said his understanding is the money is to be used only for areas where there never has been any milfoil. Marvin will contact the DNR to see if we would be eligible for the grant.

Transport Engine Grant Request: Nothing has been done on this request. Motion had been approved to apply for the diesel engine. Schmitz said conversion only takes 1-1/2 to 2 weeks, however ordering parts will take some time. Bartlett will proceed with the request.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: Philips distributed the annual report along with a Commentary and Analysis. He requested deferring it to next month after everyone has a chance to review them and be prepared to discuss some of the action items that we should consider as a board. He said at the annual meeting a member mentioned we should develop some benchmarks to determine how productive we are and we can also reach out to other lake districts and find out what does and doesn't work.

We also need to schedule an audit. Bartlett said we need volunteers to review the books.

Equipment: Previously covered

Harvesting: Previously covered

Chemical Treatment: Marvin requested the forms from the DNR. Steinke said the fee has been paid for harvesting for three years, but we have to complete the application for a permit every year.

Fish Stocking: None

Walworth County Lake Association: Marvin missed the last meeting, but he spoke to two members who were at the meeting. They are looking for a place to hold a fair. They want to gain more exposure. He will attend the next meeting and get more details.

Old Business

Bartlett asked if everyone knew about the WAL convention in April. Philip is planning on attending. Philip said he had attended a half-day WAL convention in Milwaukee. It was a very worthwhile meeting. He attended two sessions: The first session was a workshop by the DNR about Conflict Resolution. A lot of it was on what are the issues in your district. What are goals and objectives of Lake Management preserving the pristine areas and the townships desire to expand and build and increase the tax base and infringe upon nature. How do you resolve this issue? People from Lake Ripley presented the second session with the topic "Determining the Capacity of Your Lake." Philip thought we should try to get more people involved in the activities of our lakes. He suggested a committee outside of the board. Prusener suggested we try to get someone from the university to tackle it. Philip defined "capacity" as taking an inventory of boats – on the water, on boatlifts, on land, etc. Categorize all the types of boats – fishing, pontoons, etc. Then, during the summer you have "spotters" for a specified period of time in a certain area of the lake to determine the count and use of the boats. There is a formula to determine how much area is needed for the different types of boats. The object is to manage the use of the lake as far as safety, environment and enjoyment. Their whole purpose to do the study was to use this as evidence to have the townships enact ordinances regarding increasing the density of the lakes. The Lake Ripley people were instrumental in preventing "keyholes" on the lake. That is, you can't buy a lot, tear the house down and then have 20 houses built across the road. Schmitz thought this would be a start, as we do not have

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anything to prevent someone from buying a lot and putting many slips on the property. Philip said we do not have an ordinance; we have a guideline only. Philip said the ordinance must be passed by the township and enforced by them.

Bylaws: Marvin said he had spoke to Ohm and received some guidelines. He will get the committee together and hopes to come up with a list of actual things we want to change. He requested the board to bring their thoughts to the next meeting.

New Business

Steinke said in August at election time, she had promised to look into the Rice Lake Dam. She believes the dam is cracked and leaking. There is water running under the road to the other side of the road. She had managed to get a crew to the Dam last fall to clear the area of the undergrowth so that it may be inspected and monitored this spring. The DNR is going to look into this, as Rice Lake's water level is very low. The past two years the rainfall has been below normal and for every six inches lost it will take the lake approximately 4 years to recover. She will continue following up on this issue and keep the board informed.

Bartlett said the clerk has over 60 e-mail addresses of members and suggested he would take the highlights of this meeting and email them to these members. The clerk asked if the board members had followed up on the member questions that were emailed to the Lake District issue. The board responded affirmatively.

There being no further business motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted,
Rose Marie Berg

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
APRIL 8, 2004**

Meeting was called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman, at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.

Board Members present: Jim Bartlett, Gary Marvin and Tammy Steinke

Board members absent: Jerry Grant, Gordon Philip, Norm Prusener and Art Schmitz

Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Guests: Jeff Widner, Brian Morris and James Bronson

Administrative Issues

Motion to approve minutes of the March 11, 2004 board meeting as mailed, was made by Marvin and seconded by Steinke. Approved as received.

Bartlett said at the last meeting the board authorized Steinke, Schmitz and himself to meet with Jeff Widner, JNT Marina to discuss the harvesting operation using his manpower and our equipment. Using our direction and his labor to do the harvesting job. Steinke and Bartlett did meet with him to review his bid at a cost of \$55,000 to provide the manpower and the hours would include May through August and then additional hours from September to October working on the bog removal. His proposal was a little over our budget, but we found he had included more hours than we projected. We found these hours would be useful. His basic plan is four people in May, add one in June, July, August and go back to four. In starting early they would have completed a cycle by Memorial Day. Equipment has already been put in the water and is getting ready to go. Widner would be providing all of the insurance in terms of workmen's compensation, unemployment insurance and FICA for the employees. In addition, Jeff does carry liability insurance. The district needs to get a copy of these policies from Jeff. We would keep files, records and keys at the marina. During the harvest process, the equipment will be parked either at the buoys near Parkside or at the designated spots nearer the planned worksite. On Fridays, the equipment will be brought to the Parkside location. Bartlett and Steinke think this is a good arrangement for both parties and they brought Widner to the meeting to give him a chance to talk.

Widner said he has already brought the equipment in as he wants to start cutting on May 1st. He is currently doing start-up maintenance on the equipment. He will start harvesting with four people as mentioned. He feels he can keep up with the weeds with two trucks and two harvesters. They can take the smaller harvester and one truck to Rice Lake to work there and still be busy on Whitewater Lake with the larger harvester. He expects no downtime. He will have Inland Equipment come out to perform a work demonstration/training for the employees and also check over the 10-ft. harvester to make sure adjustments are correct. He also wants to discuss where charge accounts are for gas, diesel fuel and parts. He wants to start cutting on the northeast end of Whitewater Lake, work his way up West Lakeshore Dr. and continue around the lake in a counter clockwise motion. He will spend roughly a week on the northeast end and West Lakeshore Dr. and the following week he intends to cut the south end of the lake completely. He figures it will take up to two weeks on the north end. He thinks they would have completed the cycle then and they can pull the 7-ft. harvester to go over to Rice Lake and the 10-ft. harvester will continue on the second cycle at Whitewater. It would be a continuous cycle

He also feels they can go in closer to the shore to skim the top. The crews will stop cutting on Friday afternoons and wherever they stop, they will backtrack and go back along the edge of the shoreline picking up floaters as close as they can. This should reduce the weed population on piers on Saturday mornings. He will then bring his people in on Saturdays – having two work on maintenance and two picking up the weeds. He can bring on some part timers to work only on weekends, which is included in his proposal. He would like to cut until Labor Day weekend and then make one more trip around the lakes. He will then begin working on the bog removal.

Bartlett said another item they discussed was paying Widner a month in advance and review after each month. It is basically on an hourly cost basis. Widner said he has two people coming back on the crew from last year. Art Speerbrecher will also be working on the crew. Steinke made a motion to go forward with the contract and Marvin seconded. Unanimously approved.

Marvin suggested we order business cards stating members concerns over Lake Management issues should be brought to the appropriate person(s) listing the board members names, responsibilities and phone numbers. The

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crew would give the person a card and complaints or suggestions would then be deflected from the crew to the proper board member.

Steinke said her husband would like to go through the training on equipment. Brian Morris said he would also. They would be used only in emergency situations. Bartlett would like three or four people trained. Training will be next week or they will be able to go out with regular employees later for training.

Committee Reports

Chemical Treatment: Marvin completed the forms for the DNR and requested two checks – one for each lake. He also will publish a notice in the Register stating treatment will take place. Treatment will take place after the first cutting by Widner. The water temperature has to be a minimum of 60 degrees. He wants to get an early start as he's noticed a lot more curly pond weed which blooms early. He anticipates treatment to begin later in May.

Bog Removal: Philip sent a letter to the committee and did receive some comments back per Bartlett. He is trying to get the 80% grant application in to the DNR for bog removal by their April 15th meeting. It is not critical to get it in now, because they will have another meeting in two months.

Budget and Finance: Bartlett distributed the March financial statements in Philip's absence. Marvin moved to approve the statements; Steinke seconded and motion approved.

Disbursements of approximately \$2,550 included chemical treatment for Whitewater Lake \$1,270 and Rice Lake \$195. Motion made to approve for payment by Marvin, seconded by Steinke, approved.

Equipment: Widner asked what was done to the 7-ft. harvester last fall for winter maintenance. He said there is water in the diesel fuel. The radio is also missing. Steinke will check the itemized bill and show it to Widner.

Fish Stocking: Brian Morris said he would like to stock crappie and hybrid bluegills. The DNR's survey showed 121 Northern – the largest 34", lots of 33" and all the females had lots of eggs. The DNR was happy with what they found. They found several 18" walleyes in three different locations.

Walworth County Lake Association: Marvin said the next meeting will be on the 24th of April at Lauderdale Lakes and he will attend.

By-Laws: Marvin said one member just came back from vacation and another is due back. He will get together with them this month. He had met with attorney Mark Ohm who originally drew up the bylaws. We would be able to allow absentee ballots at the annual meeting. However you cannot change these issues during the meeting. They must be voted on as previously presented on the ballot.

Old Business:

The clerk will send a letter to Ron Fero, Whitewater Town chairman, requesting permission to use the access ramps to Whitewater Lake on Cruz Lane the West side of Townline Road for the 2004 weed cutting and harvesting season.

New Business:

The annual meeting will be on Saturday, August 21st at the Lakeview School – meeting at 9 a.m.

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, May 13th at 7 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MAY 13, 2004**

Meeting was called to order by Gary Marvin, acting chairman at 7:08 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Gary Marvin, Gordon Philip, Norm Prusener, Art Schmitz and Tammy Steinke
Board members absent: Jim Bartlett and Jerry Grant
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg
Guests: Don Oker and Jeff Widner

Administrative Issues

Motion to approve minutes of the April 8, 2004 board meeting was made by Steinke, seconded by Prusener and unanimously approved as previously mailed to board members.

Marvin requested an update from Philip on the recent Wisconsin Association of Lakes convention in Green Bay that he had attended. Philip reported this was his third convention and he would like the board to consider sending two board members in the future. If two can't make it maybe send a member at large. He has found the conventions very worthwhile. He thinks it is very beneficial to the District to meet other Lake District representatives. Even though he enjoyed attending, he would rather see someone else from the board attend next year. The convention had record attendance of 780 attendees. Philip offered a diskette of the meeting to anyone interested.

The highlights of the convention were as follows:

- The no-phosphorous fertilizer ban is extremely important and there were a number of vendors attending. Philip noted that Town of Whitewater has passed the ban, but at this time Town of Richmond has not. He thought that it should be noted in the newsletter that True-Value stores in Illinois and also the Whitewater store are selling the no-phosphorous fertilizer and list other sources in the area as well.
- He attended a slide-show on "Lakeshore Stewardship" that he considered excellent. The presenter used the approach that any time you are going to do something to your property that would impact the environment or appearance on the lake, count to ten and ask yourself if it makes sense to do this. Ex. Different landscapes, earthtone painting of structures. Philip also handed out a "Scorecard" and wondered whether we should do a mailing of this to the members. Oker suggested that John Brunner of the Lake Association might be interested in making copies of this pamphlet available at their upcoming annual meeting this Saturday. Philip will contact Brunner regarding this.
- **New Shoreland Management of Zoning Regulations:** Statewide hearings were held all last fall. DNR meeting is May 18th. Philip will follow up at our June meeting as to what transpires at the May meeting. They will have public hearings after the May 18th meeting and Philip feels it would be worthwhile to have one or two board members attend the hearing because it does impact the lakes.
- Philip had lunch with Gina from D&D and she sent a diskette to him about a new boat they are marketing for shoreline weed removal. He gave the diskette to Art to review. He also received information from her on how much we should be able to cut per hour. He gave copies to Jeff and Art. He would like to see benchmarks set as recommended by a member at the annual meeting.
- **Lake Laws:** He would like to discuss the amendments to Chapter 33 at our June board meeting. It changes the way the budget is presented and voted upon at the annual meeting. It also eliminates the use of absentee ballots. Marvin commented his by-laws committee would be shot down with this being their biggest item.
Philip has also requested a copy of the brief regarding the Lake Koshkonong detachment and would like to discuss this further at the June meeting. He also spoke to Bill Connor and mentioned we were anticipating annexing more property into the district. Connor's reply was "good luck". This may be more difficult than we originally thought.
- Philip also spoke to a representative from Onyx in Appleton that does bog removal and was interested in bidding on our bog removal. He sent them a copy of the video that we had done two years ago, but has not heard back from them. He will follow up on it. Another company from New York that had Alpha Boats Unlimited and are sending more specifics on how their equipment is used. He gave Schmitz a pamphlet to review.

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Marvin thanked Philip for the excellent report and we will continue discussion next month on some of the items mentioned.

Committee Reports

Harvesting: Widner said they started early on the weed cutting. They started at Ridge Rd. to State Park Rd.; up West Lake Shore Dr.; spent one whole week on the south end of the lake. This week continued to go past the campgrounds, through the channel and had been cutting Isabel Bay for about a day, finished that and started further down on East Lake Shore Dr. and are now on Cruz Bay. They've been averaging 11 full loads of the trailer, which is almost 11 full loads off each cutter per day. Schmitz recommended they go about 6 tons per load on the transporter or they will stretch the belts. He recommended they weigh a load so they are aware of what that weight looks like. Schmitz said a load from the 10-ft cutter and a half load from the 7-ft. should be a full load for the transporter. He also said at this time of the year there are a lot of dead weeds and they are heavier than green weeds. Widner said the 25th or 26th of the month they plan on cutting Rice Lake with the 7-ft. cutter.

Widner said the 7-ft. cutter is running well and he is watching for water in the fuel tank. He will test for the water. Steinke said Dennis from Inland would be here next week and go over maintenance with the crew.

Marvin said Bartlett would continue with the JNT contract next week when he returns. Widner also will get paid this evening. He brought copies of his insurance certificates to Philip tonight.

Chemical Treatment: Marvin said we have received our permits to treat the lakes. He spent four hours looking at the lake and talking to Widner regarding the density of the weeds. Barry from the chemical treatment company will come out next week and see if we can treat some of the areas that have the fresh milfoil before the end of the month. They will then go back in June and get the rest of the areas.

Schmitz said with the lakes down so much that he would like to see us spray out farther than the end of the piers where the lake is less than 5-ft. deep. Widner said areas like Isabel and Cruz Bay was very difficult to cut. Marvin said they would be going out to spray and by next meeting, they will know better how bad it is. The water temperature is currently 61 degrees.

Bog: Philip said he has been working with David Dahm, DNR, and he is very responsive. They were supposed to publish regulations, which would determine the commission could increase the rate from 50 to 80% if the project is of statewide or regional significance. Philip spoke to Dahm regarding what he would have to do in our request for grant monies to support significance for regional (regional being the county). He said to bring up the fact the DNR is expanding the boat launching facility at the State Park grounds by Parkside and increasing the capacity on the lake. He said the rules as such are not finalized yet, but they are granting monies in excess of 50%. Koshkonong got more than 50%. He also said don't hold your breath to get more than 50% because they are looking at the real benefit to the community. Dahm does think we have a case, however. Philip will go to the next hearing that should be around the 15th of July and he would like someone to come with him. He would like this on the agenda for the June meeting.

Philip also spoke to Dennis at Inland regarding his request to update the numbers that he had given Art 3 years ago. Dennis said has just been too busy to update his earlier bid figures for bog removal. Philip has worded the grant proposal rather open-ended that we would be contracting the work out, but would be using our equipment. By using our equipment, we would get compensated so part of the 50% we would expend is really the depreciation of the equipment. Philips request is a total of \$400,000 over a period of 5 to 7 years. He also mentions in the request that he is exploring using other equipment such as the claw or bucket machine (he gave Art the brochure earlier). We could buy or lease this equipment. His proposal is open-ended. We have permission to dump all the bog material at Kraus' farm (Fuzzy Pig).

Schmitz questioned Widner as to whether the elevator would load the bog. Schmitz said that with some adaptation he thought it would be possible. Widner suggested we could try a load now to see if it would be strong enough. We could hire a dump truck or use the trailers. Philip said the grant would advance us 50% at the start. We must keep meticulous records of time, expenses, etc. over the period of time the grant is in effect. Philip said he would have the application in the mail before the next board meeting. We would know if the grant is approved approximately ten days after he makes the hearing at the July DNR meeting. Marvin thanked Philip for all the time and effort he has put into this project.

Budget and Finance: Philip presented the balance sheet showing total cash accounts of \$173,962. At the June meeting, he hopes to have some information from either WAL or the State of Wisconsin to determine if we, as a Lake Management District, could put some of the monies we have in our cash reserves into something other than the CDs' which are currently paying almost nothing. He will check to see what other Lake Districts are doing with their excess cash.

We have collected from the townships a total of \$70,112. We received a check of \$865 from the Town of Whitewater, which was lottery credit settlement. He is showing it as part of the taxes due from Whitewater.

Philip wants to add two things to our agenda for next month:

- An audit committee needs to be formed and we then need to have the audit done according to our by-laws.
- We also need to discuss how to treat the surplus from last year. By law, it has to go back to the voters – we can't just carry the surplus. There are revisions to Chapter 33 on dealing with the surplus in the future.

Motion made by Prusener to approve the financial statements, Schmitz seconded, approved as presented.

Bills presented for payment totaled \$15,757.23. They included \$13,659.37 to JNT for April and May contracting.

Philip requested a more detailed statement from JNT. Widner said he would comply.

Motion to pay as presented made by Prusener, seconded by Schmitz and approved unanimously.

Equipment: Steinke recommended we open an account with Farm and Fleet because Widner feels that it is the cheapest place to purchase oil. Steinke gave Philip an application and he will complete it with Steinke and Widner as the signers. It is convenient for Widner because he lives in Janesville.

Fish Stocking: None

Walworth County Lake Association: Marvin missed the last meeting. He will attend the June meeting.

By-Laws: Marvin had been waiting for Ponyicsanyi to have a committee meeting. Marvin wants to show Ohm, our attorney, copies of the information that Philip brought back regarding the absentee voting and who can vote at the annual meeting. Philip said anyone living in the district could vote – whether they own property or not.

Old Business: Steinke said she has left three messages for Rusty Nereng, DNR, and has no reply from him regarding the Rice Lake Dam.

New Business: Marvin said we would wait till next month on the annexation issue when Bartlett will be present. Philip said he will follow up on the Friends of the Court brief and will try to find out what we need to go through. Marvin thought Bartlett could give Connor a call for more information.

Marvin requested Steinke to attend the GWLPOA meeting this Saturday at 9 a.m. to explain the new weed program to the members.

Marvin mentioned that Parkside would not be putting in any of their money for the annual fireworks show this year. Last year it cost Parkside \$8,500 for the display. They will be using only donation money.

Marvin is requesting anyone that attends to send donations.

Clean Sweep will be held June 4th and 5th – they will be accepting combustible and non-recyclable materials.

Steinke said Dennis from Inland, told her that OSHA is requiring employees on the machines have to be wearing their life vests at all time. Schmitz said they had bought 5 lightweight vests that cost \$300 two years ago. Widner said there was only one in the toolbox. Schmitz said he had requested a full inventory be taken and it was never completed. Widner said he has done this. Widner recommended they purchase only three vests. Widner will check with Dennis as to what type is available. In the meantime, crewmembers are wearing other vests.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next board meeting will be held at 7 p.m., on June 10th.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Marie Berg, Clerk

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JUNE 10, 2004**

Meeting was called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman, at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Jerry Grant, Gary Marvin, Gordon Philip, Norm Prusener and Art Schmitz
Board member absent: Tammy Steinke

Clerk Present: Rose Marie Berg

Guests: Dave and Frances Cleven, Doug Goodrich, Brian Morris, Jim Nachreiner, Don Oker, and Jeff Widner

Administrative Issues

Motion to approve minutes of the May 13, 2004 board meeting was made by Prusener, seconded by Schmitz and unanimously approved as previously mailed to board members.

Bartlett stated there would be two openings for board positions this year. We need a minimum of three candidates for the two positions. Marvin and Schmitz declined to run again. Marvin has agreed to head the nominating committee and look for candidates. Bartlett requested members present pass the word to other members that there would be openings and suggest anyone interested in running should send a brief statement about their background to Marvin. Bartlett will send out an e-mail tomorrow asking for volunteers. We now have over 70 names of members on the Yahoo e-mail list.

Philip said he has an audit committee and will try to get the review completed within the next week. It has to be done before the Annual Meeting in August.

In terms of the contract with JNT, Bartlett met with Mark Ohm, our attorney who thought the proposal, plus a list of supplement agreements would be more than enough for the contract. He had it done and JNT has signed, Bartlett signed and copies were given to Philip.

Committee Reports

Harvesting: In Steinke's absence, Widner stated there are lots of weeds and they are taking between 6 and 11 loads a day from each harvester. One motor broke down, however, using the spare motor, it was returned to working condition the same day. He has ordered new belting for the 7-ft. harvester. The first round of harvesting on both lakes was completed in May. Twenty-one loads were removed from Rice Lake using the 7-ft. harvester. They are now on the second round on Whitewater Lake.

Widner said the Evinrude motor is not operable. He checked into a couple of programs. A 90-hp Honda 4-stroke motor with a 1-yr. Warranty is \$6,500. He said we could get a 3-yr. warranty if the motor is put in an individual's name. This is under the government program. The price Bartlett got on a 115 hp Evinrude was \$5,300. Bartlett said that Ron Fero had a deal through Lauderdale on a government program where you only paid for maintenance and then you turned it in at the end of the year. He will check further with Fero on this. Schmitz said he thought we could get a grant for half the price of a diesel. We would also have lower fuel costs and have a 10-yr. life expectancy. Widner and Bartlett will check further on the motors.

Bartlett said at the last meeting we had talked about benchmarks – keeping track of loads per day or week and number of hours it takes to mow the bay, etc. Widner said they do keep track of the number of loads out of each area. Members present and the board said they are pleased with the cutting being done – the crew is working longer hours and it seems to be a more efficient process.

Chemical Treatment: Marvin said they sprayed both lakes June 1st and 2nd. They sprayed more than they ever did in a day. He said that due to the help of Dan Navarre and Rich Farb who volunteered to help staple the notices on the piers. Spraying cost \$14,000 on Whitewater and \$2,000 on Rice Lake, plus the cost of permits. We are over budget. They sprayed 326 properties on Whitewater Lake and 52 on Rice Lake. That works out to approximately \$45-50. per property. They sprayed approximately 50-75-ft. from the shoreline. Goodrich asked where they sprayed on the south lobe. They did not do an extensive program as they had done in the past due to budget. Goodrich said it is very thick and he could not get through the area for the first time in years. Marvin said there are weeds from 50-400-ft. out. Widner said they had cut a channel out from Clevens and Gnatzig's properties. Marvin said Gabe, DNR, was with them as they were spraying and said we could we wanted. He did

recommend we not kill it more than 50-ft. from shore because if we blanket-kill it will kill all the fish and everything around there. The weeds will just mat down because the lake is still so shallow.

Cleven said the fishermen, kayakers; etc. cannot get in this area now due to the heavy weeds. Schmitz said it all boils down to money. He feels we need to increase the budget. Mother Nature has worked against us with the low water level and mild winters with not much snow causing a heavy weed increase. Oker said as cruel as it is we have to service the people and the houses that are on the lake. We only have so many hours and machines to do the work. Bartlett said the issue is that we have to make a decision and get a better track of what we can actually take out and what we can cover. If there are areas we want to cover in addition to this we need to figure out what the people want to spend their money on. Bartlett said at last year's annual meeting questions were raised on whether we are using the money we have, effectively. He thinks this year we need to get some metrics and show a track record if we decide to go for more money in the budget. He feels we will have the support of the people who want to do it. We are doing a better job now but we have to couple it with better metrics. Schmitz said it has nothing to do with tonnage but with how many acres you cover and mow. Bartlett replied it has to do with tonnage, acres and time to do it.

Prusener suggested we present 3 charts – for example – showing what we can do with \$100,000, another with \$150,00 and another \$200,000. We need a visual chart for them to see what the various capabilities could be. Bartlett said if we present it in a proper way, the people he has talked to would be willing to pay more. Goodrich said that during the year he spent on the board, the board had the mentality we must keep the budget at \$80,000. We could not have an increase. He feels that if you are paying \$6,000 a year in property taxes and only \$200 of it is going to your lake, which is your whole property value. Goodrich said it all comes down to money and we need to educate the property owners. Schmitz feels we need a third harvester that can do two things – remove the bog and harvest weeds. This would increase our acreage mowed by a factor of two.

Bartlett said we have to integrate better the harvesting and chemicals and figure out what is the best way of doing things. Marvin said Gabe, DNR, saw the problems we're having and we can spray up to 150-ft. from shore. Bartlett suggested Marvin set up an appointment with Gabe, Steinke and himself to discuss spraying larger areas.

Bog: Philip sent out drafts of the grant application to board members and it is ready to be sent to the DNR. We need a resolution to be voted on and approved by the board. The resolution requests assistance for purpose of dredging a channel for recreational boating. The District had budgeted and will continue to budget a sum sufficient to complete the project. We are currently committing a sum of \$15,000 as a line item for the bog removal. It will cost us more than \$15,000 for the project, which means on an annual basis as we present the budget we will have to continue to support the project by a line item in the budget. Philip will take responsibility to submit the application, sign documents and take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved project. Philip moved to approve the resolution; Prusener seconded, approved unanimously.

The grant hearing will either be in the week of July 5th or 12th in Milwaukee. The amount for the entire project is \$345,000. We're asking for \$172,500 which is a 50% cost share. There is a provision in the statute that allows certain projects of regional or statewide significance to get up to 80% funding. Dave Dahms, Waterways Commission, said the rulings have not been normalized for this but he cited two examples of higher funding. For Lake Michigan projects they normally give more than 50% and they gave 60% for a Lake Koshkonong project. Dahm said we don't have statewide significance but we may have some regional significance. Philip inserted a memo supporting regional significances such as the safety issue. Also, the DNR is increasing the access to the boat launch facility so there will be more congestion on the lake creating a need for a more navigable channel. Philip then went on to explain the application contents, citing different options with possible costs. One option would be to contract the entire project with a dredging or similar marine engineering company. Another option would possibly be more cost effective to employ our harvesting equipment or a combination of our equipment and leased equipment and then contract with a third party to run the removal operation. We are facing a number of unknowns. It may turn out we will not have to remove 19,000 cubic yards. Therefore, it may not cost the requested amount.

The grant request was put to a vote. Schmitz and Marvin opposed, the majority ruled, motion passed. Schmitz wanted to make it clear the reason he opposed was that we should obtain a third harvester. He is in favor of removing the bog. Marvin's objection was basically that he wanted to open the channel as a safety factor. He feels now that the project is done. His solution to the problem is that when the bog comes up we take

12 buoys and put 6 on each side and that takes care of the safety problem. Schmitz disagreed – he says the bog is unstable and can appear in one day where it wasn't there the day before.

Budget and Finance: Philip presented the balance sheet showing \$158,546 in cash accounts. Harvesting expenses were \$14,734, which included activities that were conducted in the month of April. He transferred \$10,000 to the equipment reserve fund in May. Harvesting expenses for contract labor was \$8,400 in May and he shows the correct amount for April was \$5,259. Oker interrupted to ask if Philip had obtained additional details on outsourcing in May. Philip said he had not received it. Oker then asked how the outsourcing expenditure fit into the budget. At the annual meeting there was no talk of outsourcing. Bartlett replied it is based on the number of hours we budgeted and figured out the projected cost. This was used in the proposals. The bid was pretty close to what the budget was for harvesting cost. Philip said he projects \$11,000 per month for the 3 remaining months of harvesting. We would then have a deficit of \$12,300. We had in our budget \$2,800 for payroll taxes – which we do not have to pay. Also, our total budget for insurance was \$6,000 and about \$1,800 was for workmen's compensation. Transferring this \$4,600 would leave a deficit of about \$8,000. When we put the budget together last June we were anticipating getting a late start. We spent \$5,200 in the month of April by starting early.

Oker said it should be noted in the minutes that it was insubordination by a board member that did not get back to the treasurer after a direct request for details. He was referring to the request by Philip for details for hours on the two checks issued to JNT. Oker said that not receiving this information after 30 days is inexcusable. Philip said he is upset that he did not receive the details. Bartlett replied that it will be taken care of but he would defend Steinke that she is doing a hell of a job in just getting this off the ground and sometimes we may have to cut her some slack. Oker said this type of attitude is wrong. It should have been taken care of right after the meeting. Bartlett said there are limitations on everyone's time. They get done as much as they can. If a person is making an effort he will not jump all over him because they didn't get everything covered. The job is getting done, the bills are correct and we will investigate it. If we're not perfect, we're not perfect. Oker said Philip had a legitimate request as a board member and responsible for the budget and also as treasurer. Bartlett replied there's no question about it. Oker said when Bartlett forgives her for that he thinks it's a poor attitude. Oker said Bartlett did not know what the facts were as he was not at the meeting, or what the situation was and to make a blanket statement like that is just inexcusable. Oker wants this in the minutes and he wants to make sure that it is taken care of by Bartlett, personally. Bartlett replied it would be. Oker also wants a call to explain it to him. Oker insists those checks should never have been issued. It is sloppy work on this board's part. Schmitz moved that Steinke be contacted and this matter is cleared up in the next 30 days. He said he agrees with the one point that we should not ever pay for anything unless we have invoices, time tickets or related documentation to substantiate the payment. Philip said 30 days is too long – it should be changed to 10 days. He also said he couldn't argue with Oker at all. There were two payments that the board approved. One was an \$8,400 advance for the current month, which is fine. We have an estimate of what the hours will be. Knowing that you will be presented with the details at a later date. We also issued payment for \$5,259 for hours worked in April – again with no supporting documentation. Tonight we will be asked to approve \$11,000 for estimated hours in June. Philip said part of him says he shouldn't sign this check tonight, but the other part says Widner is doing a very good job and he and the other lake owners shouldn't be in the middle of this. They shouldn't suffer for lack of services. Grant said the money to be paid tonight is for labor and if you don't pay them they won't work. Morris asked if Widner submits weekly hours to Steinke. Widner replied he normally submits monthly hours. When they started working, nothing was approved in advance. They got the equipment in the water and the weather was warm. He wanted to get an early start and the budget and the contract was signed. The contract stated he would be paid one month in advance so he didn't have to take money out of his pocket and he wouldn't have to pay the employees himself. Tonight the \$11,000 is for next month. He doesn't have the figures for this month until the end of the month. The \$8,400 is from last month and he has the documentation to hand in now. Bartlett said the agreement was that we pay in advance and adjust the next month. Morris said there is paperwork – it just isn't turned in. Philip said we should get the harvesting logs weekly. Schmitz said you can pay in advance, but you have to get a detailed invoice at the end of the contract. Widner said he has 30 some pages of what they have taken out of the lake and from what area. He also has time cards for the employees.

Secondly, Oker questioned how the outsourcing is identified in the budget. Bartlett replied sub-contract-harvesting expense; payroll taxes and in insurance for workmen's comps. – those 3 items.

Continuing on –total disbursements for the month of May were \$10,569. Grant moved to approve the financial statements, Prusener seconded, unanimously approved.

Bills presented for payment in June totaled \$29,479.33 with the most significant being payment of \$15,843.00 to Biological Services LLP for the chemical treatment and \$11,000 to JNT for projected sub-contract harvesting expense. The cellular phone contract will expire tomorrow and Philip will cancel. Motion to approve payment subject to review detailed invoice; Prusener seconded, unanimously passed.

Schmitz said he had previously suggested we take pictures of the equipment for inventory. They should be taken both at the beginning and the end of the season. This would be for Widner's protection. We also need a full inventory. Schmitz agreed to take the pictures and Steinke is to take inventory.

Bartlett said the next item on the agenda is the upcoming budget. One of the questions on setting the budget is – are we going to spray or harvest or both. Marvin said he would get a clarification from Gabe as to where we can chemically treat weeds. He will also meet with Barry from Biological Services for his ideas. Philip said do we or do we not need to put \$10,000 into the equipment fund. There is now about \$60,000 in the fund. Schmitz will get a price to refurbish the barge including a diesel engine and all new belting. Bartlett will get more prices for the outboards. Philip said we would need a detailed harvesting budget, stating how many hours for the crew and when we will start and end the season. The amount of spraying to be done will have an impact on the budget. The budget must be in the mail by Friday, August 6th. The clerk stated we would need about two weeks for the newsletter. This means the budget must be set by Friday, July 16th. The annual meeting will be August 21st as stated earlier.

Philip brought up the possibility of hiring Dr. Jeff Thornton, one of the founders of the Lake Plan to do some consulting on a harvesting/spraying program. Bartlett said he would call him. Prusener thought it might be better to offer to the members a couple of different plans instead of spending money on such a program. Oker said Tangney used to say that the Board was restricted to have X amount of machines and we can't go beyond that unless we re-wrote the SEWRPAK program. Oker and Schmitz both said they never found this information in the book. Bartlett said the board had adopted the program, but times change.

The board agreed at the last meeting to go into the annual meeting with a plan for the budget. In case there is a group that disagrees, we should have an alternate plan. A meeting of the board will be set to focus on budget issues, specific spraying plans and what it would cost to increase. Also cost of a third harvester and diesel engine. In order to complete work on the budget Bartlett suggested an extra board meeting be scheduled for Thursday, June 24th at the Town Hall, if available. The clerk will check on the availability and notify board members. Bartlett will post the notice at the usual sites.

Equipment: None

Fish Stocking: None

By-Laws: Marvin had not called Ohm to check on absentee ballots. He will contact Ohm as this is the number one issue in changing by-laws.

Old Business

Bartlett said two meetings ago we discussed the annexation of other properties. It was agreed that we would table this for the time being.

There being no further business, motion was made and approved to adjourn at 9:30 p.m. The next board meeting is tentatively scheduled for June 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

**HARVESTING & EQUIPMENT PROCEDURES
AND RESOLUTIONS
THROUGH 2000-2004
JUNE 18, 2004**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2000 – Harvesting and Equipment: Discussion was held regarding buying a new motor every yr. for the transporter. A 90-HP motor is bought every yr. for about \$4,000 and the used motor is then sold for over \$3,000 resulting in a heavy year's use put on the old motor for a cost of \$1,000. Outboard Marine Corp. has a program for governmental units allowing equipment to be bought at cost and new warranty coverage every yr. A year later we can sell it for about what we paid for the equipment.

OCTOBER 12, 2000 - Bog: Tangney spoke to the DNR & they said we would be able to upgrade the existing grant to a higher dollar amount. They also stated everyone is buying stainless steel equipment now and they felt the \$140,000 total cost (harvester and now including trailer) is closer to the normal cost than to the original \$92,000 requested. The grant approval date is October 23rd. If we withdraw the original grant request we would not be able to submit another grant request until next July.

Tangney continued that we do need membership approval by having a special meeting to approve the higher expenditure for a heavy-duty harvester. In order to expedite matters, it was then decided we will submit the higher dollar amount to the DNR and should the membership not approve the request, we may then lower the grant request to the approved membership amount. The equipment will not be ordered until membership approval is granted. Oker then made a motion for Tangney to go to the DNR and request \$133,420; Philip seconded, unanimously approved.

DECEMBER 14, 2000 – Harvesting and Equipment: Motion made by Tangney to purchase the equipment as approved by the Equipment Committee from Inland Dredge in the amount of \$137,420. Schmitz seconded, unanimously approved.

MARCH 15, 2001 – Harvesting and Equipment: After much discussion, Marvin moved to allow the Equipment Committee to spend up to \$15,000 for a 5th wheel truck and allow Inland to put the gooseneck hitch for the 5th wheel on the new trailer. Prusener seconded the motion and approved unanimously.

APRIL 12, 2001 – Harvesting and Equipment: Schmitz requested approval by the board to authorize him to have the body repair work done and transfer the old fuel tank to the new truck. Also, he had a heavy-duty hitch installed, as this truck will be used to haul the equipment out to the lake in spring. Philip motioned to approve expenditure up to \$2,500, Ganfield seconded, approved unanimously.

Schmitz has found a private contractor in Vermont who is interested in purchasing the package deal of the farm truck, elevator, harvester and trailer for \$30,000. After a lengthy discussion, motion made by Schmitz to allow the sale of the package for a minimum of \$30,000, Ganfield seconded; the vote was 4-3 to approve the sale. Motion passed.

NOTE: Schmitz was given the years-prior spreadsheets for the harvested data and a diskette. He has someone who will set up sheets showing the productivity for this year.

MAY 9, 2002 – Tangney suggested keeping Saturday expenses separated for accounting purposes & also to keep separate records of bog, harvesting, repair, training & other expenses. Philip agreed with this & also suggested McCracken indicate which piece of equipment is being repaired on all bills submitted for payment. Schmitz suggested customizing the time tickets into separate categories for bog, harvesting, etc. Philip will work on this.

JUNE 13, 2002 – Under Chemical Treatment - Chemicals are applied from the shoreline to approximately 75-ft. out. Harvesting is done from outside the pier area and should not disturb the efficiency of the application. In Harvesting and Equipment – The policy for cutting weeds is that it not be done inside the piers and in the center of the lakes. Bay areas are cut unless they are very deep. The harvesters, by and large, stay along the shallow shorelines and they follow the plan as laid out for them. They cut from the piers out to the buoy lines.

NOVEMBER 14, 2002 - Under Harvesting and Equipment – Schmitz requested Berg to send a cover letter to the DNR and the completion of the Aquatic Plant Management Annual Harvesting Report. This is a new reporting requirement for this season and will be required annually. Schmitz furnished maps to accompany this report.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2003 SPECIAL BOARD MTG. – Harvesting – Schmitz said he gave all his material to Doug Goodrich. Goodrich also has the disc where they write their reports and keep their inventory on. Schmitz said the log contains the number of loads and amount of tons they remove daily. They also had weighed the load several times during the year so they could estimate an “on going average” of the loads. The trailer can be weighed at a weigh station or the feed mill.

Equipment – Bartlett said one of the things he would like to do with Steinke is to put together a plan for next year in terms of how we’re going to address the process of hours and timing and have that together before we go in and address the members. He said what he heard at the meeting is that people would spend some money for the most part if they knew it would accomplish something. We need to get a plan and see what it costs.

DECEMBER 11, 2003 – Steinke said she spoke to Rachel Gall, DNR Aquatic Plant Manager, and found out the system has changed in that the weed harvesting permit cost is \$300 for 3 yrs. We are paid until July 2005. A usage report does have to be submitted at the end of each harvesting season.

Equipment Committee: At the last meeting discussion was held on the purchase of a new motor for the transport. Schmitz distributed copies of a letter from Michael Weygand, Supervisor of Browns Lake Sanitary District Weed-Harvesting Operation. This letter was used to obtain their state grant to purchase the hydraulic propeller system powered by a diesel engine for their transport barge. Their problems were similar to ours – low water table and poor maneuverability. Browns Lake is very satisfied with the hydraulic system and has had few problems. Dennis Cole of Inland built their barge and did the installation of the two hydraulically driven prop drives. Bartlett asked Schmitz the cost of the outboard motors. Schmitz said the last cost he had was 3- years old and was about \$8,000. He also said he thought we would get eight more years of service from the transporter. It is about 10-years old now. Schmitz said if we commit ourselves to the Saturday pick-ups we would be using it on a regular basis. We would also be using it on the ends of Whitewater Lake – away from the landings. In the past we replaced the motor every year costing us \$3,000 per year. This motor is now 3-years old and needs replacing. Schmitz said if he is still around 8-years from now, he would recommend that instead of buying a new transporter, we would just build a barge. He’d transfer all the peripherals off of the one we have – the motors, framework etc. He also thought in later years as we continue doing the bog removal we could use the barge in this operation. We could put on heavier belting at that time. Bartlett made the motion that we purchase the diesel – subject to obtaining the grant. Schmitz seconded. Philip questioned that we really need this piece of equipment under our new harvesting plan. Schmitz pointed out that this equipment is an on-water service vehicle. It transports fuel, carries the toolbox, etc. Steinke said that we used the transport daily the last 2-months she was in charge. With this information Philip voted for the diesel. Motion passed unanimously. Schmitz said Inland felt they could do the work for under the \$18,000 price Browns Lake paid in 2002. Mention was made the board may ask for Bernie Tangney’s assistance with the application for the grant.

amended

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JUNE 24, 2004**

Meeting was called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman, at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Jerry Grant, Gordon Philip, Art Schmitz and Tammy Steinke.
Board members absent: Gary Marvin and Norm Prusener
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Guests: Randy and Pat Cruse, Dennis Jungmann and Jeff Widner

Bartlett said the primary reason for this meeting was to begin work on the 2005 budget. He began with suggesting we discuss what areas we want to harvest and chemical treat for next year because that will control the budget. Related to that the board had an inspection on the lake. They took a look at the effectiveness of the chemical treatment. Overall the lake was in very good condition, with the exception of the south lobe. Channels around the lake were very good and Bartlett has received very good comments from members.

Bartlett asked if we see any need to change what we did this year or continue with what we did this year. Philip said from seeing the success of the spraying, he wondered if we could explore the possibility of spraying farther out than the 150-ft. from shore. He had called Audrey Greene, DNR, and was referred to Shelly Warwick, DNR, who said they are exploring the idea of coming out and look at the milfoil in the south lobe and may consider making an exception to go beyond the 150-ft. of spraying from the shoreline. She didn't say when this would happen, as they are very busy. Philip said the one thing to consider is what is more advantageous, the cost of expanding chemical treatment or the harvesting. We are limited as to how much we can cut with the equipment we have. It is basically impossible to boat in any degree in the south lobe. Anyone that does boat there cuts up the weeds and they all come to shore as floaters. Bartlett said they have talked about cutting in that area. Widner said they would start tomorrow and continue through next Wednesday. They will be working from the inside of the buoys in a circular motion, creating a ski path and closing it in as the days move on. Eventually it will be taken care of, but they can't spend more than a week in the general area. They have to continue cutting the rest of the lake.

Philip said a question for Marvin would be how much surface area was treated. The invoice quantity shown doesn't really mean anything. It states the weed application cost on Rice Lake was \$2,100 and \$13,700 on Whitewater Lake. We need to know if we will be doing any more treatment this year and would it be worthwhile to be more aggressive next year. We need some input from the applicator to see if they feel it would be appropriate. There are some conflicting issues in terms of when is the best time to put the herbicide down considering the water temperature. One person had mentioned to Marvin that it has to be above 60 and someone else said it should be below 55. We need professional information on what is the best chemical to use and what time it should it is applied. He said the input from last year's Annual Meeting was that members were looking for us to come to this year's meeting with a plan on what we will do and why we are going to do it. Bartlett said we need to find out if we can apply more chemicals and what the cost would be. We could plan it as a contingency in addition to the budget as a one-time item. We should be able to get this information before the next board meeting. Bartlett said Marvin had a map showing the areas treated. Most of the areas were from 50 to 75-ft. out from shore. The one exception was the bay up north of the south lake beach where they did treat to 150-ft.

Widner asked if we had ever checked if after the weeds went down after treating, would cause them to act as fertilizer on the bottom and create a second crop of weeds. Bartlett said we know they increase the algae and eventually it will be fertilizer. Philip said Warberg had said we definitely should remove the floaters. The milfoil especially re-roots.

Member Jungmann said the weeds this year were the worst he has seen on his Chapel Lake property. The chemical treatment this year really worked on his property this year. Two weeks after treating it is now the best he has seen in 28 years. He is really amazed, as he has not raked at all this year. He did ask why we couldn't spend more time cutting in the problem areas if it is needed. Bartlett replied it is a priority to get the area up to the buoys clean and the second priority is the high traffic areas, such as the south lobe. Bartlett agreed with Jungmann that the south lobe is the worst area on the lake right now. Schmitz said one of the problems is that the south lobe buoys have been put closer to shore this year. Bartlett thinks we should move those buoys 100 to 125-yds. north – making them more in line with the island. Bartlett said we do want to focus more time on the lake.

Bartlett said one issue that has come up is – do we need another harvester? He asked Widner if we got another 10-ft. cutter and a person to drive it, would we need additional equipment (truck, transporter)? Widner replied no, we would have the capacity to handle another 50% increase. Schmitz passed out quotes from Inland Dredge showing prices of both a 10-ft. harvester at \$120,000 and a 12-ft. harvester at \$125,000. He recommended purchasing the 12-ft. because of the overlap on it; we could cut

twice as much as the 7-ft. harvester. He said another suggestion might be working another shift or 10-hr. days. Bartlett said we could possibly get a 50% grant from the DNR for the purchase. He said we could put this purchase and hours working, in the budget as a proposal and have the membership vote on it. Schmitz also said in his proposal we should consider the transport conversion for \$18,000. Last year the DNR was giving grants on this as well. Bartlett said that even with a grant it still would be a \$9,000 investment. We can buy a replacement gas 90-hp Evinrude for \$4,869 with transferable controls. Then sell it for approximately \$3,500 as we did in the past. This would mean an annual cost of \$1,400 with no repairs, maintenance, etc. We need a motor right now. Schmitz said we would still have higher gasoline costs than with the diesel. Schmitz said he does support buying a motor now, as it is necessary. Our current one is shot and it is three years old. Bartlett said we should buy a new motor now and we could still investigate the diesel later. Schmitz said we might also want to consider next year putting a stabilizer on it. This would prevent movement in windy weather. Philip suggested we put a proposal put together for the Annual Meeting to proceed with a grant request to purchase the diesel in the year 2005. Bartlett said we have prices from 4 or 5 places for a gas motor. The lowest price was from Bombardier through the government program. He moved to buy the Evinrude now from Bombardier, Schmitz seconded, unanimously approved. We will investigate the grant for converting the transport with the diesel (\$18,000) plus the stabilizer (cost of \$2,000) for 2005. Schmitz will present this issue at the Annual Meeting.

Philip distributed information he gathered on how effective we are in terms of harvesting activities. He showed total machine hours per harvester. Based on the number of loads and weights we are averaging 1.2 tons per hr. on the 10-ft. and a little less than ½ ton on the 7-ft. He is using weights of 2180 lbs. on the 7-ft. and 4,280 on the 10-ft. per load. He will continue trying to show benchmarks of productivity and efficiency to the membership. Bartlett said this should be included as part of the harvesting procedure we maintain. Philip obtains the information from the time sheets furnished by Widner. Also included are the areas and amount cut by months. Widner said his daily sheets also include any maintenance and time spent on any equipment.

Bartlett distributed manuals on Harvesting & Progression Procedures that were put together by Steinke. The manual included the map from the original plan, guidelines such as: areas we want to focus on, where we want to cut initially, how we want to vary if we have time to cut in other areas, procedural issues, payroll and expense reports. This is just a starting point and we can continue to build on it. He said comments such as Schmitz stating putting the lines out for effective cutting and avoiding skips should be added and documented. There is extra paper in each packet and we should continuously add to the manual. The clerk would maintain the master and update it. This is just the start of documenting the procedures and administrative procedures.

In looking at the overall process, at a minimum budget wise, Bartlett will get with Marvin and the DNR to find out if can get an exception for spraying the south bay if necessary and obtain costs. We will talk about a proposal to convert the transport into diesel, a proposal for the 12-ft. harvester with a 50% grant and the extra hrs. required for running the harvester.

In continuing with plans for the budget, Philip said we need several documents before the mailing goes out on the Annual Meeting. Besides financials for the first six months, we need a projection of the budget where we feel we will end in 2004 and a projected budget for 2005.

Harvesting: Projected hrs. budgeted 2,890 hrs. at a cost of \$34,400 plus payroll taxes of \$2,800 and workmen's comp. ins. of \$1,600 resulting in a total of \$38,800. This averaged out to \$13.43 per hr. Philip projects contracting 3,900 hours for the season, at a cost of \$48,684 and rounds up to \$50,000. It comes out that we're spending more time cutting and paying less per hr. - \$13.43 vs. actual cost of \$12.50 hr. The projection is that we will be \$11,200 over budget for 2004. The year 2005 will be projected at \$58,000 - 195 hrs. per week, this includes an extra person for the 12-ft. harvester.

Fuel Costs: Philip projects \$5,000 this year. Increase to \$5,500 for 2005 (10% increase)

Insurance: Premiums for 2004 were \$7,838. Due to outsourcing we can discontinue workmen's comp. Our other coverage would go down about 7%. Philip suggested \$7,000 for 2005. **Repairs:** \$5,000 - will remain the same for 2005

Permits, Fees, Licenses: \$500 - Same

Supplies: Same

Storage: Discussion was held on possible shrink wrapping equipment. No decision. Same

Grading: Same

Chemical Spraying: \$16,000 plus 30% increase for 2005, with a contingency for the south lobe.

Administrative: Budget \$1,110 for 2004. Projected \$1,200. Increase clerk salary by 10%. Schmitz made motion to change clerk status to contract employee. Clerk to charge District \$11 an hr. retro to June 1st. Steinke seconded, unanimously approved. We will not have any employees on payroll as harvesting crew is contracted. Budget \$1,320 for 2005.

Membership fees, notices: Budgeted \$300, projected \$600 and budget \$600 for 2005. Regulation changed that we do not have to publish detailed budget - only line items of \$10,000 or more.

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Office Supplies: \$300 for 2004 – increase to \$340 for 2005

Conventions/WAL training: Spent \$445 last year, budget \$600 – will spend \$1,000 this year. Increase to \$1,000 – 2005 Philip has attended the WAL convention the last couple years and suggests someone else – preferably two board members attend next year. Very informative. Schmitz agreed he learned a lot when he attended.

Newsletters: Cost last year \$683. Budgeted 2004 - \$1,500. Cost will be only about \$400 and will budget \$400 next year as the printing is being done by members Mark & Lynne Muschinski who are printing the newsletters free and only charging for the paper used. Bartlett said we should be sure to mention this at the Annual Meeting.

Postage: Spent \$583 last year, budgeted \$200 – project \$500 this year and next year.

Legal Fees: Spent \$628 – budgeted \$750 for 2004, increase to \$2,500 for 2005 with a comment on annexation/detachment on the budget

Bog Removal: Same – JNT will do the bog removal this year. Schmitz recommended to Widner that he takes the elevator out to the lake and sees if it would work to take out the bog. He's not sure if the 10-ft. harvester will hook up to the elevator.

Fish Stocking: ??

Bartlett said we have to deal with the chemical costs and requested Schmitz to prepare the costs for the transport conversion and the cost benefit including saving on gas. The new harvester would allow us to increase our cutting capacity by one half. It would allow us to deal with the south bay and be more aggressive in other areas. Philip will work on the budget figures and email to everyone.

Bartlett will call Ron Fero to make arrangements to have the buoys moved to the proper areas.

Bartlett requested job descriptions from board members who have not turned them in yet.

Schmitz distributed "Incident Report" sheets he had designed. He said these should be used whenever there is an "Incident" as a learning tool to reduce these incidents. He requested we adopt it as an official Lake Management form and begin to use immediately. Philip seconded and passed unanimously. Bartlett requested the clerk add the form to the Harvesting Manual to be used in any accidents, bodily or physical injury. Schmitz also added he liked what Steinke has done with the manual and agrees with Bartlett that we should continue to add to it and then it should be put in the form of a motion at a later date that we adopt it once it is completed. Grant asked when Bartlett expected it to be totally ready. Bartlett said we could adopt it right now and we can change it tomorrow. As soon as someone has a better way of doing things they have a spot to write it down. The clerk will be the keeper and whenever we want to make a change, it will be discussed and then changed. There are a lot of changes that can be made.

There being no further business, motion made to adjourn by Schmitz, seconded by Philip – adjourned 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JULY 8, 2004**

Meeting called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman, at 7:05 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Gary Marvin, Gordon Philip and Tammy Steinke.
Board members absent: Jerry Grant, Norm Prusener and Art Schmitz
Clerk absent: Rose Marie Berg
Guests: Don and Fran Cleven, Don Oker

Administrative Issues:

Minutes of June 24th meeting were reviewed. Philip requested changing the "10-5ft. harvester " to 10-ft. harvester. The minutes did not include the motion made and passed that Rose Marie Berg, clerk, was changed from an employee to a contractor. She would be charging the District \$11 an hour which is a 10% increase to compensate for the additional taxes to be paid by her. This would be retro to June 1st. Motion made to approve as noted, seconded, approved unanimously.

Minutes of 2003 annual meeting were also reviewed. Marvin noted that in the first paragraph on page 1, Bill Norris was not the town chairman – he had been Lake Management District chairman for nine years. Minutes will be included in the forthcoming newsletter for membership approval.

Bartlett presented the review from the audit committee, which consisted of members, Bob Sturgis, Don Cullen, and Jim Bartlett. Gordon Philip also was present., The committee stated the books were in good condition and Philip was doing a fine job in maintaining the books for the district. Two minor issues were noted: They were unable to locate the title or record of ownership for the 10-ft. harvester. Philip has all the titles for equipment. Bartlett will check his file also. The other issue was a documented payroll account balance for January 2004. Philip modified the Dec. 2003 balance with a \$115 increase to the year-end cash balance total. This was the clerk's last check for the year. Motion made to accept the report as presented, seconded and approved.

Committee Reports

Harvest: Steinke reported she put together the letter, but does not have the exact figures because she turns over the figures to Philip each week and does not keep copies at her home. Bartlett will put together the summary and send copies out. Philip said the reports do not show the hours (run-times on harvesters) for most of June. Steinke will talk to Widner tomorrow about the necessity of completing these figures. Philip is using these figures for benchmarks on labor hours vs. machine hours. He thinks this is one of our major problems. We are incurring more man-hours than machine and equipment hours. He said that for the month of May they were not running the machines 40 hrs. per week. We are running with 5 people, which is more than in previous years. Bartlett pointed out we're using the transporter which requires an extra person and we should be removing more weeds. He said we need reports on the amount of labor vs. the tonnage removed. Bartlett will furnish the reports required. Steinke said her computer does not have the capability to create reports. Philip said he thinks it looks bad when we have more hours spent on support activity than actual harvesting. He would like comparisons from other lake districts.

Steinke said there were two accident reports. On June 28th an Ice Co. truck was coming down Kettle Moraine Dr. and the harvester with the trailer attached, was pulling out of State Park Rd. The Ice Co. truck turned into the corner before the trailer cleared and they caught the mirror and tore it off the truck. Our employees were not aware of the accident until the Ice Co. called JNT and wants reimbursement for the mirror. There were no witnesses. Bartlett said it should be reported to our insurance co. and stated that we were unaware of the incident and do not consider it our fault.

The 2nd accident happened when one of the harvesters bumped a boatlift on the property of Richard Kerr. The crew contacted the customer and offered to repair it. Bartlett said he did receive a call from the homeowner and requested two estimates. However, he had already had Parkside pull out the lift, which was moved slightly under the pier, and replace the damaged part. The harvester came too close to the pier and Widner has instructed the crew that they were way too close. It was noted that the homeowner was requesting the harvester to come in close to remove his weeds.

The new engine is on the transporter and they are using it, but Widner would like to get a new wire harness as the old one is quite worn. Marvin said Widner should have informed us of this need weeks

ago, so that we could have ordered the harness at the same time as the engine. At last month's meeting Widner said the controls (harness) were okay to use with the new engine. Steinke said they're using the old harness now as they were unable to pick up some weeds that they couldn't get to last Sat. and Sun. Marvin asked if they pickup any weeds from the docks during the week. Steinke said no, because they don't have the staff on the harvester. Philip said he thought the last couple years we only used two people and now they are using three. Last weekend the total hours incurred was 30 hrs. Bartlett said they started at 9:00 a.m. and made two trips to unload. They were down around Cruse Lane around 3:30 p.m. when they quit because of the rain. Steinke said they need two people – one on each side with forks to pick up the weeds, at least at this point, due to the amount of weeds. Bartlett said they did go back out on Sun.

Marvin said there is a Dennis Johnson over at Okauchee Lake and they have a skimmer. It is a separate piece of equipment that they use to gather up the floaters. The DNR guy said it works quite well and Marvin thought that maybe Steinke would like to check it out.

Bartlett said the DNR called him this week on two issues - to inform Bartlett that a couple of years ago when the water was going over the dam, they had problems with the large amounts of weeds going through and clogging the dam. They want our help in keeping the weeds out of this area as best we can. The other issue is that the path that goes from State Park over the dam to the parking lot should only be used for unloading, not for parking equipment.

Chemical: Marvin presented a letter from Barry Mess, Biological Services, dated July 8th submitting several proposals to the District on chemical treatment of the south bay. The letter stated various combinations of liquid and/or granular products with prices ranging from \$275 to \$337 an acre. Invoice will reflect only the actual treated acreage. Mess agrees to touch-up any problem areas up to three weeks after the initial treatment at no additional cost. The Board is unsure of how many acres would be needed. We would probably need a written proposal to present to the DNR for permission to treat this area. Mess said granular would be more staying, but chemicals would work quicker. Marvin will contact Gabe at the DNR to find out what is necessary. Marvin said we might want to put in our normal permits and also a separate one for the south lobe. Both Gabe and Mess agree that cutting and removing the weeds is best for the lake as long as we remove the floaters. Chemicals work great, but they drop the weeds down into the water and then create fertilizer. Philip will get another quote from the company that treats Lake Beulah. We have not treated this area to any extent in previous years. Oker asked why we're considering cutting the area now. Marvin said because the area is so shallow, the weeds are close to the surface. We would not be treating any closer to shore than we are now, but some of the main surface. Mess also said we could treat at water temps of 50, but it lasts longer if the temp is 60 degrees. Per Marvin, 7 acres was treated on Rice Lake and 45 acres on Whitewater Lake this year. Bartlett said that Philip had e-mailed a procedure for paying JNT. He will ask the clerk to add it to the harvesting process manual.

Bog: The DNR grant meeting will be on August 25th and Philip received an e-mail from David Dahm, DNR, stating that the application is complete and we are on the docket to present our grant request of \$172,500. In May, when Philip spoke to Dahm they had not formulated rules for cost sharing over and above the 50%. They now have rules to go up to the 80% mark. In order to be eligible we have to meet all 3 of their requirements. However, we do not meet two out of the three – making us ineligible to apply for a higher percentage. Philip will send out an e-mail to the board when he finds out the location for the grant meeting as he would like another person to attend with him. He knows it will be in the Milwaukee area.

Budget and Finance: In addition to condensed financial statements for 2003 that will be in the newsletter, we also have to publish our income statement for the first six months of this year. These numbers will be published. Our total income on a cash basis is \$70,112. Harvesting expenses \$28,349; G&A \$1,838 and chemical & fish stocking \$17,308. Total expenses through June 30th - \$47,495. The caveat that we have to remember is what we paid out and approved at the May meeting and does not include June expenses, with the exception of payroll. The total expenditure for sub-contracting was \$24,659. Fuel was \$1,532 through May 31st; parts & repairs \$1,323; credit refund of insurance premium net \$247; permits & fees \$120; supplies/other \$749; telephone \$212 which has been cancelled, effective July 12; G&A total \$1,838. Chemical treatment in June \$15,843; YTD \$17,308. Total disbursement through June 30th \$47,495. We have \$60,000 in the equipment fund. Motion for approval, seconded, approved unanimously, accepted.

Bills presented for payment totaled \$23,609.25 for June, which included an \$11,000 harvesting advance for July based on 880 hrs. for the 4 week period. Harvesting for the balance due April through June \$4,540.63 – summary – in the month of April a total of 510 hrs. run for a cost of \$6,375. We advanced/paid in May \$5,259.37 leaving a balance due for April of \$1,115.63. In May we advanced \$8,400. Our total hrs. for May was 779-1/4 with a total cost of \$9,740.63 – owing a balance of \$1,343.63. For June through July 3rd we advanced \$11,000. Total hrs. through Saturday was 1,046-3/4 for a total cost of \$13,084.38. Widner has a balance due for the month of June for \$2,084.38 – total to be approved tonight \$4,540.63. Another significant bill was \$4,869 toBRP Inc. for the new engine. Motion to approve for payment, seconded and approved.

Proposed Budget: Philip said we need to publish the projection of what will be spent in the remaining 2004. He began with estimating harvesting expenses. We had contracted with JNT for 880 hrs. per month. Our original budget set last year was estimated at 185 hrs per week or 740 hrs. per month – which is low. This year we had 242 hrs. for the week ending Saturday, July 3rd using 5 people. Through the month of May we had 4 people working. Philips question is how do we manage or control the number of hours. If we can hold with what he billed us for, Philip figures in Aug. we will have 22 days – 968 hrs.; Sept. will have 3 days plus the Sat. before Labor Day – 132 hrs.; Oct. to clean and put the equipment away – 2 people, working 3 days for 48 hrs. This would be a total of 4,364 hours for the year. The plan was for JNT to provide 4,400 hrs., however he is providing more than that. If we continue with the same number of hrs. as we have in the months of May and June we are projecting a deficit of \$21,500 for the harvesting unless we cut back on hours.

Philip said there are two ways to handle this: We could vote at the annual meeting to have the deficit paid through the equipment fund OR add it to the 2005 budget, which would bring our budget from \$106,000 to \$120,000. Last year's surplus was repaying the previous year's deficit. Whatever deficit we project in this document, we have to go to the members in August and ask them - do we take it out of the equipment fund and jeopardize that, or do we add it on to the tax assessment for 2005.

Bartlett said a good portion of the surplus cost comes from April and May because we started cutting around April 24th instead of the plan where we would start around May 24th. That accounts for about \$13,000 of it. Marvin said he could only hope that the voters would appreciate all the hours that were put in and approve it. We must now decide what deficit level we want to be at.

Member, Fran Cleven, said from what she could see, the crew is out there working and they're removing a lot of weeds. Bartlett said he would have some figures by the end of the week that we will be able to look at the productivity figures. Due to the huge amount of weeds this year, it doesn't seem feasible to cut back on hours, as this is the peak season for cutting. Oker asked if we know that there are more weeds cut this year than last year. Bartlett said many members are saying they think there is more cutting, but he has to work on the spreadsheets to determine the production. Don Cleven said he thought the crew is out there early, and there doesn't appear to be any time wasted. The quality of the whole lake depends on having the fertilizer (weeds) removed and the tonnage is important. He said the general meeting last year told the board to do whatever we have to do, just try and do a good job and get it done. He doesn't feel they will be mad and will say that the amount of weeds was out of our control. We had to spend more and now we have a deficit. Oker agreed— providing more tonnage was taken out. Bartlett has the figures, but has not put the report together.

Philip said fuel would be up higher due to the usage of the equipment. He is projecting fuel costs of \$6,337 vs. a budget of \$3,000. Last year we had spent \$2,400. The contract services and fuel expenses cause us to be over budget by \$20,576. Insurance will go down at least 7%. Projecting \$6,953. We won't have a final number until September when the premium comes due. Repairs and parts are projected at about \$4,000 for the year. Budget was \$5,000. Storage remains the same \$4,200. Total projected expenses will be \$78,676, which is \$20,576 over budget.

G&A expense projected \$4,516 vs. a budget of \$5,100. We're under budget primarily due to the fact that we're saving on the newsletter because Muschinski's are donating their services on the newsletter. Philip did not put in any money for fish stocking this year. Chemical treatment will stay the same – we've spent \$17,308, which is the actual spent vs. the budget of \$15,700. We're over by \$1,508 this year. Bog removal will stay the same at \$15,000. The total projected expenses for this year is \$115,500. vs. a budget of \$94,000. We're \$21,500 short. Philip said if everyone is comfortable with the harvesting hours projected for July through October this is a pretty good snapshot of what we'll need come December 31st.

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Bartlett said he's not completely satisfied with the productivity because he's not sure. Philip said between now and the August meeting he will try to get more information from other lakes to compare productivity. Bartlett said we should be able to compare previous figures with current figures for our lakes. Motion made to approve the \$115,500 total spending for 2004, seconded and approved. Bartlett said they would revisit harvesting next month.

Budget 2005: Philip started with hours for harvesting. It was questioned if the hourly rate JNT would pay his employees next year would remain the same. Conversation was held regarding JNT's profitability with his current contract. It is very convenient to have JNT do repairs, maintenance and provide the harvesting crew. Bartlett suggested members vote on whether we would need to start the season as early as we did this year. It may or may not be necessary to start this early – depending on the condition of the lake and the 2004-05 winter. Philip asked if we should continue with the \$55,000 contract amount. His opinion is that we tell the people we will start early (May 1st) because it worked so well unless the membership wants to cut back on the budget. Philip will use the \$50,000 figure for the budget proposal.

Fuel and insurance expenses are projected to be the same for next year. We're under budget \$4,000 so far this year for repairs and maintenance. The equipment is getting older, so that will remain the same at \$5,000. G&A was budgeted for \$5,100 in 2004 and will be increased to \$7,000. Fish stocking will remain at \$1,000 and chemicals and permits will increase to \$20,000 which means a 25% increase in the amount of treating. Plus whatever is decided to treat on the south lobe, which will be discussed at the meeting. Bog removal will remain the same - \$15,000. If we obtain the grant and our out of pocket expense goes higher we will receive monies from the grant. Motion made to tentatively approve the budget as proposed, seconded and approved.

Equipment: None

Fish Stocking: None

By-laws: Marvin suggested eliminating this committee.

The Annual Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 21st. Bartlett said we have to do the budget first. He thought we would go over a basic overview and then cover each committee report with the budget dealing with that particular report –stating what we did through the year, costs, etc. and then put it all together. Ex: This is what we did with harvesting, this is what we project for next year and then go to the next committee. Marvin wondered what time he should have Barry Mess come to the meeting. Bartlett thought we could have him here at 9 a.m. and have chemicals as the first committee. Philip said we could have Mess give a presentation covering the pros and cons of spraying and harvesting to have people thinking what they will want, taking and answering questions. Bartlett said we should give an explanation to let people evaluate what we are doing.

Old Business: Bartlett requested Marvin to have nominations ready by the 17th of July.

It is important all board members involved return their newsletter articles as soon as possible to the clerk or to Bartlett. The newsletter must be ready for the printer by the end of July.

New Business: Member, Fran Cleven requested it be noted in the newsletter how important it is to eradicate purple loosestrife as it is a very invasive weed and growth is not to be encouraged. She mentioned specific addresses where it is growing. Bartlett asked her to send us an e-mail with the particulars and we could include it with the newsletter.

Motion to adjourn at 9:30 p.m., seconded and approved. The next board meeting will be August 12th.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

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**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2004**

Regular Board meeting of the Whitewater-Rice Lake Management District was called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman, at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Jerry Grant, Gary Marvin, Gordon Philip, Norm Prusener, Art Schmitz and Tammy Steinke:

Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Guests: Dave and Fran Cleven, Brian Morris, Don Oker and Jeff Widner

Administrative Issues:

The Minutes of July 8, 2004 that was distributed prior to the meeting were approved as presented.

Committee Reports:

Harvest:

Tammy Steinke gave a report for the Harvest committee.

Bog:

- Philip reported that the DNR rejected our grant request for the bog.
- Art Schmitz motioned that a letter should be sent to the Whitewater Town supervisor advising of the dangers created by the bogs and requesting them to place no wake buoys in the area. The motion was seconded by Gary Marvin and passed by unanimous vote. Bartlett will send a letter to the town supervisor.

Equipment:

Schmitz provided a report on equipment plans. Art will present equipment purchase proposals at the annual meeting.

Chemical and Fish Stocking: None

Budget and Finance:

- Philip presented the Treasurer's report. Copies were distributed to the board.
- Motion made, seconded and approved unanimously to approve purchase of tires after obtaining estimates. Motion by Philip to eliminate projected budget deficit of \$21,000 as follows:
 - \$10,000 will come from the current year's contribution to the equipment fund
 - \$5,000 will be obtained from reduction of harvesting hours
 - \$5,000 will be taken from the bog allocation – leaving \$10,000 for bog removal.
- Motion seconded by Bartlett and approved.

Old Business

Plans and responsibilities for Annual Meeting.

- Clerk will have 4 members to assist with checking in the members and 2 ballots will be distributed to eligible voters
- Bartlett will begin with introduction and a brief presentation by each of the 4 nominees for the two open board positions. Ballots will be collected and counted while the next guest will be presented.
- Bartlett will also talk about the ban on use of phosphorous by Whitewater Township
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- Barry Ness will speak on chemical application and have a question and answer period. We will allocate a half-hour maximum for his presentation.
- Results of audit
- 2005 Budget will be presented by committee heads giving updates of activities and results during the past year and proposal of what will be spent next year.
 - Philip will make the board's recommendation for handling the budget deficit as follows:
 - \$10,000 will come from the current year's contribution to the equipment fund
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 - \$5,000 will be taken from the bog allocation – leaving \$10,000 for bog removal
 - Steinke will discuss current tonnage removed
 - Marvin will talk about the feasibility of chemically treating the south bay
 - Schmitz will discuss possibility of purchasing 12-ft. harvester
 - Philip will discuss bog removal
- Approval of 2005 budget

Bartlett will provide 100 copies of the current harvesting tonnage and Philip will bring copies of the financial statements, which will be at the sign up table for members to pick up. The large map of the lakes will be on the wall to show areas of harvesting, spraying, etc. In addition, the clerk will provide a sheet for members to sign up with e-mail to receive updates throughout the year on Lake Management activities.

The clerk asked if anyone had access to a hand-held mike for the members to use. Grant will check with the county.

New Business:

There is a conference on Eurasian water milfoil in the Wisconsin Dells on October 8th. Bartlett will attend with one other person. Rose Marie will submit reservations.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., seconded and approved. The next board meeting will be September 9th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. Board members should plan to be at the annual meeting at Lakeview School a few minutes before 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 21st.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

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**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2004**

Meeting called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman, at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Jerry Grant, Gary Marvin, Gordon Philip, Norm Prusener, Art Schmitz and Tammy Steinke:

Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Guests: Dave and Fran Cleven, Brian Morris, Don Oker and Jeff Widner

Administrative Issues:

Minutes of July 8, 2004 were reviewed and approved as presented.

Bartlett said the main purpose of this meeting was to prepare for the annual meeting on August 21st

Committee Reports:

Harvest: Steinke said we would be stopping harvesting operations on Sat., August 21st. Widner said he heard that but feels it is a big mistake. Bartlett said we have a situation where we are projected to be \$21,500 over budget this year and we cannot be over budget without a general meeting to approve it. There are three things available for us to do:

- We can utilize the \$10,000 in the equipment fund to ~~offset the deficit~~ *partially*
- Harvesting can be cut back from 200 hrs. to 160 hrs. per week beginning August 1st, reducing the number of hours by 20% and discontinue the harvesting function on the 20th. We would discontinue harvesting as of this date, but continue to do the Saturday pick ups through Labor Day. This would save us \$6-7,000.
- We would use approximately \$5-6,000 of the bog funds (total \$15,000) for the deficit and the rest for bog removal - approximately \$9-10,000.

Oker asked why we don't forget the bog and continue harvesting till Labor Day. Bartlett said that would be a possibility but he thought we had started early and have removed more weeds this year than we have for many years. He said we have taken out 968 tons of weeds through July. We also started working 5 weeks earlier this year. The weeds are not growing as quickly in the cooler weather and the lake use is down due to the weather. Widner said he is afraid the weeds will be heavy by Labor Day if we discontinue cutting on the 20th.

Another option is to ask to go over the budget at the annual meeting and then extend the harvesting season. We are not allowed to carry a deficit by law. Philip said there could be a motion to borrow the funds from the equipment fund and replenish the equipment fund through an additional tax levy in 2005. Prusener made a motion to transfer the \$10,000 from the equipment fund to the harvesting budget. Seconded, and approved unanimously. Philip said to continue cutting weeds at 160-hr. per week for the two weeks between the 21st and Labor Day would cost approximately \$2,000 per week.

Bog: Philip said he received an e-mail and was disappointed with regard to the request for grant monies. The e-mail came from David Dahms. He said earlier he had spoken with Larry Freidig, DNR Liaison to the Waterways Commission, who had noted that the Waterways Commission had previously funded a bog removal project. Dahms had indicated to Philip that our project was eligible. However, once it was submitted and reviewed by Freidig and the Chairman of the Commission, they determined that our project is outside the scope of the Recreational Boating Facilities grant program. They might consider a reduced project providing cost sharing funds for a typical 50-ft. wide channel dredging project if we could show that the channel through the bog was necessary for boating traffic to get from one portion of the lake to another. They would consider being interested in equipment grants. Schmitz suggested we have no choice but to go for more equipment and apply for grants as needed.

Philip wondered if it would be worthwhile to go back and request a grant for the use of our equipment and also labor participation cost for labor incurred while removing the bog. The hearing will be August 25th. The board agreed it would be worth a try. He also said this new information from the DNR nullifies the newsletter information on applying for the large grant. We are still going to request a grant for a 12-ft. harvester.

Marvin said last year we requested a "no-wake" across the entire width of the lake, but Ron Fero, Whitewater town chairman, denied the request. In previous years we did have the no-wake. Marvin said that if the bogs come up we should make a stronger request in the form of a certified-return receipt letter to Fero. Schmitz made a motion to send a certified-return receipt letter to Fero making him aware of the safety concerns we have with the limited space within the 75-ft. of clear area for two boats to travel while making a wake. We should request a response back from him in writing to protect ourselves. Motion seconded, unanimously agreed. Bartlett agreed to get a letter out to him next week.

Morris asked how long it takes to transfer equipment over from cutting weeds to bog removal. Schmitz replied we need to put the cutter head on and hydraulic coverings on – approximately one day. He recommended using 3 people for bog removal. One person on the trailer and one on the 7-ft. harvester to make sure the harvester is loading nice and level and to handle any small pieces of bog that might break loose. The third person would operate the harvester.

Equipment: Schmitz has the proposals to purchase the equipment and he will bring them to the annual meeting, where they will be presented.

Chemical: ^{and} None
Fish Stocking: None

Budget and Finance: Total expenses for harvesting YTD is \$46,467. We had a charge of \$4,968 for purchase of the Evinrude outboard motor. In August we will have a \$3,000 return for sale of the conveyor. Motion to approve the financial statements, seconded and approved. Philip also pointed out that the equipment fund at the end of the year would have a balance of \$67,425, which includes the \$3,000 conveyor sale. We will have a \$10,000 levy next year that will bring the fund to \$77,000. Based on the two motions that will be on the floor – one will be for \$10,500 and the other for \$61,000 for a total of \$71,500. This will bring the equipment fund down to \$6,500. These are net figures including the grants we hope to receive.

Philip presented expenses totaling \$ 14,875.44 for July including the \$10,000 August advance to JNT. Motion made to approve payment of expenses, seconded and approved.

Widner and Steinke both said new tires were needed for the red truck. Motion made to approve purchase of tires, seconded and approved. Widner will get estimates before purchasing.

Old Business: Discussion on agenda for the annual meeting began.

- Clerk will have 4 members to assist with checking in the members and 2 ballots will be distributed to eligible voters. One ballot for board positions and another for budget changes (**JIM – CAN'T WE DO THIS BY RAISING OF HANDS????**)
- Bartlett will begin with introduction and a brief presentation by each of the 4 nominees for the two open board positions. Ballots will be collected and counted while the next guest will be presented
- Barry Ness will speak on chemical application and have a question and answer period. We will allocate a half-hour maximum for his presentation.
- Results of audit
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 - Steinke will discuss current tonnage removed
 - Marvin will talk about the feasibility of chemically treating the south bay
 - Schmitz will discuss possibility of purchasing 12-ft. harvester
 - Philip will discuss bog removal

BUDGET HEARING AND ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
AUGUST 21, 2004 – 9:00 AM

The 2005 Budget Hearing will be held at 9:00 AM followed by the 2004 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:

- Vote on the deficit in 2004 budget.
- Discuss and approve 2005 Budget
 - Talk by Barry Mess, Biological Services Inc on chemical spraying and weed harvesting options.
 - Budget discussion by major category – Harvest, Chemical, Bog, Administrative, Fish Stocking. O be integrated with Committee reports
 - Purchase Proposals
 - Convert the weed transporter from an outboard motor to a diesel system – Cost \$21,000.
 - Purchase an additional 12 weed harvesting machine – Cost \$123,000.
 - Apply chemicals to treat the core area of the south bay(appx. 35 acres, if weeds are extensive and approved by DNR - \$9675 to \$12,795.
- Election of two commissioners each for three-year terms. Each candidate will make a brief presentation
- Treasures and Audit Report
- Old Business
- New Business

Adjournment

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

Message from the Chairperson, Jim Bartlett

The tone of last years meeting was to improve the weed harvesting process and to move forward with the bog removal effort. I believe we made some progress in both of these areas.

One big change this year is that we contracted with JNT Marina (Jeff Widner) to provide and manage the weed harvest crew. Jeff had provided assistance to the district last fall and indicated to us his interest in improving the harvesting function. We requested bids this spring, and Jeff submitted the low bid for providing this service.

In addressing the weed cutting process, we focused on three areas:

1. Start early. The weeds were not killed over the winter, so we began the cutting process earlier than ever before. Jeff's crew began cutting in late April and had completed a cycle of both lakes by Memorial day.
2. Increase cutting time – Jeff had the crew out on the lake early in the morning and staying the full 40 hours. Machine maintenance was switched to Saturday to avoid cutting into cutting time. The weed transport was used to allow the cutters to keep harvesting and the cutters where moored close to the work site to reduce time spent driving to the target area.
3. Friday cleanup – Cutting creates floaters. When possible, the crew used the 7 ft cutter to pick up floaters along the shorelines were they had mowed.

We feel these efforts helped and that the lake quality improved this year over last year. If you agree, please tell Jeff and/or his crew that you appreciate their efforts.

Another major change this year was in chemical treatment. Under Gary Marvin's direction, our chemical contractor completed the spraying of the lake by the first week of June. In addition, Gary had them spray more of the shoreline and further out than in previous years. By all of the feedback, the results were very good. We plan on continuing with that approach next year.

Gordon Phillips has prepared a grant request for assistance in bog removal. Essentially, We have asked the state for a matching grant to assist us in covering the bog removal expenses. The hearing on our request is not until late August, but we are hopeful that the state will pay 50% of our bog removal costs.

During the annual meeting we are going to present proposals for three major expenditures. These expenditures would allow us to expand the level of service we provide, but are not necessary to maintain the current level of service.

1. Convert the weed transport from a 90 HP outboard to a diesel engine and to modify the equipment to include stabilizer bars – estimated cost of \$21,000. We would only proceed with this project if we could obtain a 50% grant from the DNR.

Actual Cost to district $\$21,000 * 50\% = \$10,500$, less $\$3,500$ estimated value of replaced outboard = $\$7,000$. Diesel should operate for 10 years, $\$700$ per year cost versus the estimated outboard cost of $\$1,600$ per year. In addition, gas savings of approximately $\$1,000$ per year.

2. Purchase an additional 12ft cutter for the district at a cost of $\$122,000$. Again, we would only proceed if we received a 50% grant from the DNR leaving a district cost of $\$61,000$. Additional costs of $\$7,500$ for labor and $\$2-4,000$ operating costs.

With this equipment, we would increase our mowing capacity by 50%. This increase would allow us to better control the weeds in the core portions of the lake, e.g., the south bay shallower bays of all of the lakes. The additional equipment would also allow us to increase our bog removal efforts.

3. The level of weed in the core of the south bay was very bad. Given the need to address the lake as a whole earlier in the year, the weed crew could not address this area until early July. When they did cut in this area, they created a proportionally higher level of floaters. These floaters showed up on shores throughout the lake.

If the weeds are as bad next year, and if the DNR would permit us to spray the core of the lake (appx. 35 acres), we could spray the lake early in the year at a cost of approximately $\$9,500$ to $\$11,500$. Eliminating the weeds would reduce the floaters throughout the lake and increase the usability of that bay. This program would not address any of the area south of the island, only areas inside of the buoys.

Currently, we have approximately $\$55,000$ available in the equipment fund for equipment purchases and have budgeted another $\$10,000$ in the 2005 budget.

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 2004**

Regular board meeting of the Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District was called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman, at 7:05 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Jim Felland, Norm Prusener and Mark Skidmore

Absent: Jerry Grant, Gordon Philip and Tammy Steinke

Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Guest: Bernie Tangney

Administrative Issues

The minutes of August 12, 2004, which were distributed prior to the meeting, were accepted as presented.

Committee Reports

Harvesting:

Harvesting is completed for the year.

Bog:

- Bog is up and the plan is to continue staffing for three more weeks
- Tangney stated that if the bog is not attached (floating) no permit is necessary from the DNR. He also stated that Steinke has the GPS on the bog position

Equipment:

- Storage of equipment will again be in Ralph Henning's pole barn located at Hwy P and Willis Ray Rd.
- Jeff Widner is responsible for the clean up and maintenance of the equipment. Felland will be responsible to see that the work is done. Bartlett also requested Felland to do an inventory on the equipment. Small tools, etc. are to be stored in the locked trailer.
- Felland should contact Henning to inform him when equipment will begin to be moved. Hennings's usual terms are storage between October and April.
- The DNR grant meeting will be held in mid-November. Felland will prepare the grant request for the 12-ft. harvester and also to retro fit the 10-ft. harvester with stabilizers and a diesel engine. He will also attend the meeting and present a brief proposal. Contact people at the DNR are Dave Dahm and Jean (Gene) Parker, who can answer any questions Felland may have. Tangney suggested the application be submitted before November 1st. Felland will use the proposal from Inland for \$123,000 for the harvester.

Boundary Committee:

- Skidmore will be chair for this newly formed committee. Committee members will be Greg Marvin, Tom Ponyicsanyi, and AndyWojdula. Bartlett suggested Jerry Grant, County representative also be on the committee.
- Skidmore said goals of the committee would be to provide dollar information on property values – both on lake and off lake residences and to determine who is in the district now and who should be added or removed

Fish Stocking:

- Brian Morris reported the DNR did a survey on both Whitewater Lake and Rice Lake and will do another in October. They did electric shocking on both lakes.
- The DNR stocks Northern, bass and walleyes.
- Morris would like to stock highbred bluegills. Bartlett said they would look at the budget and may be able to contribute some dollars for this stocking.

Budget and Finance:

- In Philip's absence, Bartlett presented the treasurer's report. Copies were distributed to the board. Prusener moved to accept the report, Skidmore seconded, motion carried.
- Significant expenses for September were Inland's bill for \$3,666.18 for belting and parts on the 7-ft. harvester and storage costs of \$3,133.35 to Ralph Henning. Total bills presented were \$9,224.88 subject to approval for disbursement. Prusener moved to accept the bills for payment, Felland seconded, approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Bartlett and Felland will attend the conference on Eurasian water milfoil in Wisconsin Dells on October 8th.

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New Business:

- Bartlett reported that Bob Sturgis has volunteered to form a committee to investigate weeds. They will attempt to answer the question of will we ever get rid of them or will we "mow the lawn" forever. Skidmore volunteered to put Sturgis in contact with an environmentalist to answer some questions.

Motion to adjourn by Prusener at 8:45 p.m., seconded by Felland, approved. The next board meeting will be on October 14th 2004 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

amended

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 14, 2004**

Regular board meeting of the Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District was called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman, at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Jim Felland, Jerry Grant, Gordon Philip, Norm Prusener, Mark Skidmore and Tammy Steinke

Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Guests: Brian Morris and Jeff Widmore

Administrative Issues

The minutes of the September 9th, 2004 meeting were accepted as presented.

Gordon Philip discussed the seminar he attended at Lake Tomahawk WI. WALs, the DNR and WI Extension put it on. They put the 3-phase seminar on every other year. This was the 2nd of the 3 phases and the 3rd seminar will be later in October at Devils Lake WI.

Jim Bartlett and Jim Feldman attended the Eurasian Water Milfoil Symposium in Wisconsin Dells. Both Jims provided an information report on the topics covered at the meeting.

Committee Reports

Harvesting: Steinke has submitted the 2004 harvesting report to the DNR.

Equipment: Jeff Widner reported the 7-ft. harvester motor is leaking. The new motor should still be under warranty and he will see that the machine is taken to Inland in Burlington for warranty repair work before storing for the winter.

Jerry Grant moved to sign the resolution to purchase weed-harvesting equipment, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Jim Felland moved to convert the hydraulic trailer to hook up to the weed transport, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Chemical Treatment: Mark Skidmore will check with the DNR regarding starting weed treatment earlier. In past years the DNR does not want to treat the weeds until they become a nuisance. He will also check regarding the use of fluridone.

Boundary Changes: Skidmore has a committee formed to review the boundaries of the district. Skidmore made a motion to hire a college intern to assist with this effort up to a cost of \$750. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

It was also suggested that Skidmore discuss with Jeff Thornton his ideas. Thornton has a broad base of knowledge in this area and was instrumental in the design of our original lake plan.

Bog: Widner said work on the removal of the bog had progressed very smoothly this year. It is hard to estimate approximately how much area was removed. He felt the crew removed the targeted areas.

Finance: Philip provided the treasurers report. Grant moved to approve the financial reports for September as presented. Motion passed unanimously

Expenses totaled \$17,372.51 with the largest amount of \$7,902.00 for the annual insurance premium payable to Laub & Horton and an \$8,000 advance to JNT Marina for a labor advance for September/October. Bartlett moved to approve the expenditures for payment. Motion passed.

Fish Stocking: Brian Morris reported the DNR was shocking this week. We will know the results next spring per Doug Welch, DNR.

A motion to adjourn was made 8:35 p.m. Motion passed.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 11th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitewater Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2004**

The regular board meeting of the Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District was called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman, at 7:03 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Jim Felland and Gordon Philip

Board Members absent: Jerry Grant, Norm Prusener, Mark Skidmore and Tammy Steinke

Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Guest: Art Speerbrecher

Administrative Issues:

Minutes of the October 14, 2004 meeting were accepted as presented, with the addition of board member Tammy Steinke at the meeting.

Budget and Finance: Philip provided the treasurer's report. Bartlett moved to approve the financial reports for October as presented. Felland seconded, motion passed.

Expenses totaled \$1,185.15. Felland moved to approve for payment. Seconded by Bartlett, motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Harvesting: Need final report on hours and harvesting from Jeff Widner.

Boundary Changes: In Mark Skidmore's absence a memo from him was read stating an intern has begun pulling together property valuation data, collecting information from other lakes, and looking at statutory guidelines. He also held a productive meeting with the Boundary Committee.

Bog: Need final hours from Jeff Widner

Equipment: Grant for the 12-ft. cutter has been approved by the DNR. We now need to submit bids. Felland will submit an addendum to David Dahms, DNR, explaining why we are requesting to replace the outboard motor with a diesel engine upgrade. The diesel runs cleaner, cooler, it's non-polluting and prevents weed clogging. It also provides longevity. This grant has been applied for earlier and will be reviewed on the February '05 DNR agenda.

Fish Stocking: None

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:45 p.m. Motion passed.

The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 9th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitewater Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2004**

The regular board meeting of the Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District was called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Gordon Philip, Norm Prusener, Mark Skidmore and Tammy Steinke.
Board members absent: Jim Felland and Jerry Grant
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg
Guest: Jeff Widmore

Administrative Issues:

Minutes of the November 11, 2004 meeting were accepted as presented.

Philip presented the monthly financial reports. Motion to approve by Philip, seconded by Skidmore, approved. Expenses for the month were \$697.48. Motion to approve by Prusener, seconded by Bartlett, approved. Harvesting crew hourly rates will be increased from \$12.50 hr to \$13.50.

Committee Reports:

Harvest: Widmore reported Inland has picked up the harvester for warranty repairs.

Chemical Treatment: Skidmore will prepare and send the chemical treatment request to the DNR early in February. He will also investigate the cost and effectiveness of sonar and fluoridine treatments.

Boundary Changes: Skidmore has hired a student to survey the laws, other lakes, etc. He requested approval of \$100 expense for a disc from the county that contains all the properties, values, etc.

Bog: None

Equipment: We have received one bid and will have two others by the 17th of December. Bartlett requested a special board meeting on Tuesday, December 21st to approve one of the bids for submission to the DNR. Bartlett will post meeting notices.

Fish Stocking: None

Harvesting: None

A special board meeting to approve bids for the new equipment will be held on Tuesday, December 21st, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitewater Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 21, 2004**

A special board meeting was called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman, on Tuesday, December 21st, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitewater Town Hall.

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Jim Felland, Norm Prusener, Mark Skidmore and Tammy Steinke

Board member absent: Jerry Grant and Gordon Philip

Clerk Present: Rose Marie Berg

Guests: Dennis Cole, Gina Dauffenbach and Brian Morris

Bartlett said the only purpose of the meeting is to review the bids for the weed cutter/harvester. The equipment manager, Jim Felland, who will talk about it, obtain some input from the two vendors present – Dennis Cole, representing Inland Lake Harvesters, Inc. and Gina Dauffenbach representing Aquarius Systems. Felland said the third vendor, Alpha Boats from New York was unable to attend this meeting. After their presentations the board will go into executive session to decide which firm will be selected.

Felland stated both Alpha Boats and Aquarius convinced him that we may not want to go with a 12-ft. cutting bar because the conveyor belt is only 9-ft. wide so we would be pushing all those weeds in from the sides, resulting in some weeds flopping over the edges and we may lose some weeds. They suggest an 11-ft. cutter. Cole said they build theirs a little different and have solid side pans, which direct all the water onto the belt, and it works well.

Inland's specs are for a Cummins diesel engine – the same as they furnished for our 10-ft. cutter. Aquarius's specs are for a HATZ German 55-hp engine. We have a HATZ engine on the 7-ft. cutter. They would substitute a Cummins at no extra cost if we prefer.

Aquarius is located in North Prairie and stocks parts in house and offer good support. They also have a service supervisor living five miles away from our operation. Training of personnel would be done on site. Inland is located in Burlington and will train on site also. They also include a parts package with the purchase.

Aquarius is family owned and has been in business 40 yrs. They provide a one-yr. warranty. Inland has been in business for 26 years and has a two-year warranty. Both sides gave a fine presentation and answered questions of the board.

The two vendors left and the board went into executive session. A lengthy discussion continued with the pros and cons of both machines. Motion made by Bartlett to purchase from Aquarius at \$104,895 plus options and subject to obtaining a 2-yr. warranty. Seconded by Felland, motion passed unanimously. The board added several options including central greasing system, operator canopy, stainless mesh belts, conveyer flights, safety kit and 2-yr. spare parts kit. Felland said he would get the options at Inland's price.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The next board meeting will be Thursday, March 10th at 7 p.m. Whitewater Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg, Clerk