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**WHITEWATER-RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – MARCH 14, 2002**

Meeting was called to order by Bernie Tangney, chairman, at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Bernie Tangney, Gary Marvin, Norm Prusener, Gordon Philip and Art Schmitz.
Board members absent: Mike Plier and Toby Shroble
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Minutes of the November 8th, 2002 board meeting were reviewed. There being no corrections, motion for approval made by Tangney and seconded by Marvin, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Philips reported disbursements for November 2001 totaled \$6,974.45 with the 2 largest expenses being \$3,998.00 to Laub & Horton for liability and auto coverage and \$2,088.90 for six months winter storage of equipment @ \$348.16 per month. December disbursement totaled \$2,541.20. Philips then presented the year end statements for 2001. Motion to approve as presented by Schmitz and Prusener seconded, approved.

Tax receipts totaling \$27,844 have been received to date. The old harvester was sold in January for \$27,500. Total disbursements for March were \$6,915.24. Payment of \$4,267.48 to Inland for modifications and repairs to the new harvester and \$1,270.00 was paid to the DNR for the weed-spraying permit. Tangney motioned to approve payment; Schmitz seconded and approved by Board.

Administrative Matters

Tangney reported WAL had recognized Boris Maronich for 15 years of dedicated service in the Self-Help Lake Monitoring program. He also stated Maronich had passed away on March 3, 2002. He will be missed.

Tangney mentioned the letters by Don Oker published in the newspapers regarding the Scattered Oaks Subdivision and the broken down piers near Isabelle Bay. Tangney said he had erroneously stated at the last meeting that Scattered Oaks does not pay a lake assessment. He found out later he had received information on the wrong lot 17 and in fact, they do pay on the one lot with 9 owners.

Tom Ganfield called to our attention the proposed roadwork on Town Line Road. He suggested he would monitor it. Tangney told him to go ahead.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: Philips requested the review of treasurer's books be done earlier than it was last year. He is ready for it now and would prefer it be done soon rather than wait till close to the annual meeting. Tangney will take responsibility for obtaining appropriate people to do this.

Philips will also look into rates on T-Bonds or State bonds for future investments of the Districts funds. He is trying to obtain maximum interest rates as the CD rates have fallen dramatically.

Philips also will begin getting bids from other insurance companies in the near future to ensure we are receiving a competitive price on our liability and auto insurance.

Chemical Treatment: None

Harvesting and Equipment: The old harvester was sold for \$27,500. We still have the elevator and '86 GMC farm truck for sale. They are valued at about \$2,500. each. The Board agreed it would be acceptable to sell @ wholesale price in the Kelly Blue Book. Schmitz is still looking for a truck and should be able to buy one for under \$21,000. Schmitz will also pursue purchase of a 90-hp motor for the transport, if a good buy is available through the government or vendor program.

Schmitz also distributed copies of requirements he is sending to companies to obtain bids on the trailer/conveyor we are interested in purchasing.

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Modifications and repairs on the new harvester have all been completed by Inland and Schmitz is pleased with their service

Tangney will advise Schmitz relative to a new permit required to harvest weeds. Tangney has a copy of the paper work but the costs have not been established.

Bog: None

Fish Stocking: None

Old Business: The U-W Whitewater students did not attend the meeting so we did not receive an update on their progress.

New Business:

Tangney presented highlights from the WAL convention he attended in Green Bay March 7th to 9th as follows:

- Spooner Marine had a display and would build a trailer to our specifications. Schmitz will contact them with our specs for a bid
- The DNR will require a fee and permit for weed harvesting this year. Fee amount has not been determined at this time. Tangney has the form to submit. Waiting for amount and more information.
- Chapter 30 "recodified". It has been rewritten to make it easier to read and understand with some changes. Major change pending law – anyone under age 16 in a boat under 26 feet must wear a personal flotation device.
- He attended an interesting presentation on "disturbance to lake bottom from boat speed and power (just before planing is the worst). Copies of slides will be coming to Tangney with details and it was suggested they be shown at the annual meeting to educate the public.
- There is a LEGAL unmanned device to pull a water skier on the market today.
- Senate bill 468 if passed, will change the formula for boat gas tax money from 50 gal. per boat to 80 gal. This would result in more State dollars to various lake programs – over \$6 million.
- Relative to lake controversy NOISE from boats, personal watercrafts, etc. is the biggest issue
- Lt. Governor Margaret Farrow spoke on invasive species and appears to be the focus of her interest.
- Tourism Secretary spoke on tax from tourists. If there were no tourists, it would cost \$758. per taxpayer.
- Wisconsin is 6th in nation with 576,000 registered boats
- Bill O'Connor, WAL's attorney stated the Lauderdale issue was that they did not publish the budget in the paper. The annual meeting does not need open meeting requirements. The budget should be published using state statues verbiage. A sample will be published for all management districts and Tangney will furnish copy to Philips to prepare for publication.
- Detachment (member wants to be removed from the district) – the district should have procedure in place now. Sample procedure will be coming to Tangney for our board to work from.
- Districts have the power of annexation (adding property). The commission may initiate attachment proceedings by notifying owners and petitioning the county board. The county board proceeds with notice hearings and discussions in the same manner. The same rights of appeal apply. We must show the owners gain by being in the District.
- Fiberglass boats cannot legally be put in landfills.
- Change in Chapter 30 – different municipalities can have their own ordinances ex. Whitewater's could be different from Richmond's.
- Of 576,000 registered boats, 30,000 are personal watercraft or 5%, and of 422 boating accidents, 43 were PWC or 10%.

Tangney was very impressed with both the facilities of the convention place and the presentations. It was a very well organized meeting.

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Plier has indicated he will not have time to pursue the Scattered Oak issue. Tangney will follow up on this matter and actively pursue the Scattered Oak Homeowners Association by attending their meetings, etc.

There are 73 homeowners in the subdivision with 10 slips on the lake. There is a waiting list to obtain a slip. Prusener suggested we redefine boundaries such as ½ mile boundaries along the entire lakeshore and show the benefit the homeowners receive from the lake.

Marvin mentioned he has attended more meetings regarding the formation of the Walworth County Lakes group meeting. The latest was at Lauderdale Lake. It is still in the planning stage as to the issues, etc. Approximately 8 lakes are represented at the meetings.

The next Board meeting will be April 11th, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

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**WHITEWATER-RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – APRIL 11, 2002**

Meeting was called to order by Bernie Tangney, chairman at 7:05 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Bernie Tangney, Gordon Philip, Norm Prusener, Art Schmitz and Toby Shroble.
Board members absent: Gary Marvin and Mike Plier
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg
Guests present: Don Oker and Tom Ponyicsanyi

Minutes of the March 14, 2002 meeting were reviewed. Tangney had one correction – under Budget and Finance, Philips' name should be removed referring to obtaining appropriate people to review the records. Tangney was solely responsible. Duly noted, motion made to approve minutes as corrected. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Total expenditures for March were \$7,190.24. These were discussed and approved at last month's meeting. Philips transferred \$10,000 from savings to checking account. He also looked into investing into treasury bills, etc. to earn higher interest. He found the certificate of deposits were the highest interest available – earning 3%. He will also see what other districts are doing with their funds and report back to the board. Ponyicsanyi mentioned that Cenex Co-op is issuing shares at 8%. They are bonds issued off the Cenex floor (state co-ops). They are not underwritten. Philips will look into this for risk, etc.

Expenses for April totaled \$148.63. Motion to approve payment made, seconded and approved unanimously.

Administrative Matters

The board understands Mike Plier has time constraints with his new business and it is difficult to be an active participant on the board. Tangney will contact him to verify his status as a board member.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: Philips requested we discuss the 2003 budget at the June board meeting and finalize at the July meeting. He will also have quotes in June to review the insurance program at that time. The policies come up for renewal in September. This will allow enough time to review the quotes.

Tangney has procured Dave Byrnes & Susan Zawislak to do the book reviews. This will be done on May 7th.

Harvesting and Equipment: Schmitz believes the old farm truck will be sold for \$4,000 to Village of Palmyra. The Village Board is voting this week on the purchase of the truck. Our Board voted to pay Inland \$100 commission if the sale is completed as they procured this buyer. The elevator remains to be sold. We are asking for \$3,000-3,500 with hope of selling for a \$2,500 minimum.

Schmitz stated he has spent a tremendous amount of time in trying to obtain bids for building the new trailer. This is a very busy time for suppliers. Four vendors were contacted and only two furnished bids. One bidder was disqualified as they were not within our standards. If they were to add everything we required, their bid would have been \$21,882. Inland's bid for the board has accepted \$21,500. Delivery date is June 15th with a penalty of \$1,000, if late. The price is slightly higher than last year's purchase, due to improvements and modifications made on the design. Tangney will attempt to increase the DNR grant application from the original \$18,000 submitted to the new price of \$21,500. While there is no assurance it will be approved, it is certainly worth trying. He will also request the grant application be extended a year in the event the trailer would not be delivered under the delivery date.

Schmitz reported he has spent numerous hours on the Internet reviewing many possible truck purchases. He submitted 3 proposals for review by the Board:

- '95 Dodge with 168,000 mi. in Fond du Lac - \$15,900
- '98 Dodge with 121,000 mi. in New Jersey - \$18,150 – including shipping

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- '99 Dodge truck with 20,700 mi. in Chicago for \$19,700 still under warranty. The dealer was originally asking \$22,700

The Board favored the newest truck with low mileage, continued warranty and it was under Blue Book value. The Board was within its guidelines to spend over the budget amount. Motion was made to purchase the '99, seconded and passed unanimously. Tangney and Schmitz will travel to Chicago to inspect and purchase the truck.

Marvin will attend the County meeting to clarify the new harvesting permit requirements and fee.

Chemical Treatment: None

Bog: Philips requested a copy of the tape, made by Arnie Kaja and Marvin showing the harvester/bog problem, give to Kathy Arens. Tangney will supply the copy.

Fish: Ponyicsanyi reported the survey, which was scheduled in early spring, did not happen. However, Whitewater Lake is scheduled to be the first one done next spring. The survey must be done when the ice first goes out in late winter. Ponyicsanyi will advise the Board of the date for the testing as some of the Board members were interested in observing the survey. He also stated 2,000 northern would be planted in Whitewater Lake this year. Rice Lake will have both northern and bass planted this year. No quantity was identified.

Old Business:

UW-Whitewater students have not been in contact with either Tangney or Berg regarding the project they were working on for Lake Management

New Business:

Tom Ganfield has accepted the job of taking the secchi readings, which Boris Marohnich had been doing, and also the water samples, which Dr. Holland had been doing. He will attend a training meeting on April 15th conducted by the DNR. Tangney will also request Mark Muchinski, who is doing the Rice Lake readings, to attend the meeting.

The board discussed the continuance of spending \$1,800 annually to continue the geological survey of the lake. It was unanimously voted to drop this expense as it was not being utilized. We will retain the option of renewing the survey at a later date.

Tangney requested Board members have newsletter articles ready for the clerk by the May board meeting. Articles should be furnished to the clerk prior to the meeting and will be discussed at the May meeting.

Tangney had requested Shroble to check with the town administrator, who is also an attorney, to ascertain if we need a petition to change the boundary lines of the district. Since there is still some question, Tangney will check with attorney Ohm for an opinion.

Tangney reported he has had phone conversations with Holly, Schuetz, president of Kettle Moraine Beach Club (Scattered Oaks subdivision). He has explained the benefits they are receiving from the Lake District and would like the subdivision to become part of the Lake Management District. He also has met with Mr. Schaub, the owner of Lorwood Acres, another subdivision being formed. Tangney was suggesting putting the lots into the district before they are sold.

The next board meeting will be May 9th at 7 p.m. There being no further business, motion made to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg

**WHITEWATER-RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – MAY 9, 2002**

Meeting was called to order by Bernie Tangney, chairman at 7:05 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Bernie Tangney, Gordon Philip, Gary Marvin, Art Schmitz, Mike Plier, Norm Prusener and Toby Shroble
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg
Guest present: Don Oker

Minutes of the April 11th, 2002 meeting were reviewed. Marvin stated two changes regarding the review of the books – should be changed to “review will be done on May 7th.” The next change – “Marvin (rather than Tangney) will attend the County meeting. Duly noted, motion made to approve minutes as amended. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report

Disbursements for May totaled \$919.89, which included \$300 to Bob McCracken for his cash fund, and the \$300 to the DNR for the weed harvest permits. Motion made to approve disbursements as presented, seconded and approved.

Expenses totaled \$228 for the month of April. We now have a grant receivable from DNR for \$10,750 and owe Inland for \$10,750 for the new trailer in production. Income for April totaled \$4,230 – this included the \$230 lottery credit and \$4,000 for the sale of the farm truck. Philip summarized the monthly reports and has added a schedule of fund balances. Reports were approved as presented.

Administrative Matters

Grant has been increased to \$10,750 for the new trailer. The grant was also extended for one year in case there is a problem with delivery date.

Walworth County has a Clean Sweep for household hazardous waste materials date of Friday, May 31 in Whitewater and Saturday, June 1 in Elkhorn. These will be the only collection dates for this year.

Tangney discussed the new web site for the District now available at www.wrlmd.netfirms.com. Board members will be able to input information. Members of the District or other users will also be able to post their comments or ask questions on the site. Tangney has agreed to use his email address for the site. Hopefully this will be another tool of communication to relay information to the members. This is a free site designed by three students from UW-Whitewater. Rose Marie Berg will be attending a class presentation of their efforts at the university and Tangney has completed an evaluation report to be turned into their professor at that time.

Schmitz said the signs would be put on the equipment stating the DNR grant has purchased the equipment, which was requested by the DNR.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: Tangney requested each Board member be prepared to discuss the 2003 budget at the June Board meeting.

Schmitz presented a proposal to grant raises to the harvesting crew. He would like to increase Bob McCracken .50 a hr. and make John Sukala crew chief and give him an increase of \$1.50 hr. He did a good job last year and he has another job offered to him at a higher salary, but would like to stay with us. The other returning member is Michael Paul and he would increase \$1 an hr. to \$9 an hr. The remaining person, not hired yet would earn \$8 an hr. The increases would only be paid if they work the entire summer and be paid in the form of a bonus at the end of the season. He reminded everyone we do not pay any benefits and feels we are paying a little less than other places. We also save time if we do not have to hire and train new people each year. It usually takes two weeks to train a new person.

The Board had concerns we were going over budget on salaries. Philip stated there is a budget of \$24,000 for salaries. In 2000 \$18,800 was spent and in 2001 we spent \$30,000. Schmitz also said in 2001 we had an entirely new crew and chief. Also a new harvester which required training, repair, maintenance, etc. He also indicated there should be changes in the categories – such as McCracken will have at least 100 hrs. in

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May that should be put in equipment repair and maintenance rather than harvesting. Schmitz suggested using the budget of \$24,000 but move the \$5,000 allocated for parts and repairs into harvesting and from here on in everything will be charged to harvesting weeds. Philips agreed as long as the total harvesting budget remains \$46,000 for the year. The Board was in agreement for the wage increases as stated.

Phone bills have been averaging \$135 per month for the 7 months in use for a total of \$945, plus \$5 a month for the remaining 5 months of non-use, for a total of \$975 a year. Schmitz has looked into other plans and will look into adding a second line to McCracken's personal phone, which would be billed to the district. This would reduce cost considerably. If this is not feasible, he will pursue other options.

Philip said Dave Byrnes and Sue Zawislak favorably completed the annual review. He will furnish a copy to the clerk for the annual meeting.

Tangney suggested keeping Saturday expenses separated for booking purposes and also to keep separate records of bog, harvesting, repair, training and other expenses. Philips agreed with this and 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. Philips will work on this.

Chemical: Marvin requested the dates of June 3 and 4 are mentioned for chemical application in the newsletter. He reviewed the permit application for mechanical and/or manual aquatic plant control with the Board requesting their input. This is a new requirement of the DNR. The clerk requested a copy of the completed form for the archives.

Harvesting and Equipment: The new trailer should be ready for delivery by June 15. If not, there is a \$1,000 penalty for late delivery. Schmitz said he hopes to have the 10-ft. harvester in the water by June 15 and the 7-ft harvester next week.

Bog: Plier stated the bog in the narrow channel – across from the buoy – is already up. This usually is the first one to rise. This is not the bog we have the permit to work on.

Don Oker asked if the Board has made a decision to not have any commercial dredging done. Tangney responded that finances might allow for a commercial firm to come in and help us. Oker said he feels this is the only way to go that our harvester is not designed for this use. He is very concerned about the safety of the operators when using the harvester for removal of the bog. He feels the Board is going in the wrong direction. It will take too long to accomplish removal with our equipment. Schmitz said this was stated at the December meeting – that it might be a 10-year project, spending \$15,000 a year. Inland does not feel we are jeopardizing the equipment by using it for the bog removal. Tangney said Inland would have built a harvester exactly like ours for their use, if they would be contracted to work on our bog. Oker is concerned the membership does not know what is involved and will be disappointed at the slow progress we are making. Oker reiterated that at the December meeting he stressed the new harvester was a bigger and better machine that was primarily designed for harvesting weeds, but that it would be used to pick up floaters and pieces. Marvin said he remembered it as being an experiment and if it does not work we would shut it down. We will ask Inland to come out with a barge and dredging machine when the test bog is up. Oker stressed the Board must be very careful that operators are fully trained as there is a possibility of tipping the harvester. Schmitz said with dredging there is a lot of sludge and silt being churned up and homeowners would not like that either. We also have to follow the test plan for the area that has been approved by the DNR. Schmitz said there is also a false rumor going around that we spent \$35-80,000 on repairs due to damage done by working on the bog. He stated we spent \$3,500 and all of that was for alterations. Repairs were very nominal.

Boundary Line Change: Sue Zawislak, property owner, indicated she would be interested in working with the Board as she recently retired from a position in the real estate department of a bank and has more time available. Tangney thought she could be useful in working with him on this committee.

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He stated he thinks this is an important project and he will not set the boundary lines for any changes, but will make suggestions to the Board. The Board agreed no agricultural land should be included in the changes. We need to decide where to draw the lines as to which properties are benefiting from the lake. Mark Ohm, attorney, told Tangney we do not need to circulate the petition. We are in the position today that if the Board says we want to take these properties in, we need to go through the legal process of informing the county of what we are doing. The county has a 90 day process they go through and then they have a hearing and if the county says they're in, the property is in the District. The people do have a right to appeal.

Prusener suggested extending lines to property within 1,000-ft. of the lake. The Scattered Oaks homeowners' president requested Tangney not come to their meeting, but contact homeowners individually. Mr. Schwab has 40 acres for sale and he has no problem with selling the property as part of the Lake District. Marvin agreed drawing the line would be the hardest. The Board is in agreement that changes need to be made. Schmitz made the suggestion we write into our by-laws that once the land use is changed from agricultural to residential that will automatically go into the District.

Schmitz mentioned he would like to add another site on Whitewater Lake to unload weeds. If this is possible, we could sell our barge that is 10 years old and needs new belting. He would then replace it with a used pontoon boat. This would enable us to save \$800 a year in gas costs and the cost of an outboard motor every other year. We would be able to pick up weeds from more than one place at the same time. We would carry fuel and crew to the harvesters on the pontoon.

Schmitz stated he has a lead on the sale of the elevator and wondered if the sale price could be in the range of \$2,500-3,000. Tangney stated to get what he can for it.

Fish: None

Old Business: The newsletter will probably go out in the next week. The Board was asked to go over the rough draft for possible changes and accuracy. Several changes and additions were made.

Tangney will furnish verbiage for the new website that has just become available from the students at UW-Whitewater to be added to the newsletter.

The Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District business card will be imprinted at the end of the newsletter.

Plier was asked his intentions of remaining an active Board member. He replied he is extremely busy with his business and must devote his primary time to the business. However, he does want to remain a Board member for the time being. If he changes his mind he will notify the Board.

New Business: Toby Shroble announced that Jerry Grant, Land Management would replace him as the county representative to the Board. This will be his last Board meeting. The Board expressed their thanks for his time and efforts and agreed he will be missed.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, June 13, 2002 at 7 pm. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

amended

**WHITEWATER-RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – JUNE 13, 2002**

Meeting was called to order by Bernie Tangney, chairman, at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Bernie Tangney, Gary Marvin, Gordon Philip, Norm Prusener and Jerry Grant.
Board member absent: Mike Plier
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg
Guests present: Chuck Chamberlain and Tom Ponyicsanyi

Tangney began the meeting with a welcome to new Board member, Jerry Grant and asked that Grant supply some information regarding his background. Grant said he is a long time resident of Whitewater, served 33 yrs. on the city police force as a police officer and was very active in the schools and university as a lecturer, etc. He has also served 15 years on the school board and is presently on the county board.

Tangney stated the clerk had received a letter from Don Oker making suggestions to changes of the minutes. Oker had requested a copy of the minutes, which the clerk did mail to him. Copies of this letter were passed out to the Board to read at this time. Ponyicsanyi stated minutes couldn't be judged until they are brought to the floor and the person requesting the changes must be present to contest them. He also stated the Board couldn't submit minutes prior to approval. Tangney stated so noted.

Tangney again requested the Board review the minutes as presented. There were no changes or corrections. Schmitz made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; Prusener seconded, unanimously approved. Oker's letter was then presented for discussion. Schmitz said he disagrees regarding Oker's comments regarding his (Schmitz) comments in the letter and that they were taken out of context. The Board did not agree with points made in Oker's letter and if Oker wishes to come to a Board meeting, he may.

Treasurer's Report

Disbursements for month of May totaled \$6,635 with the largest expense being harvesting wages and maintenance. Report was unanimously approved as presented.

June's disbursements totaled \$10,804.71. A significant item was \$6,154.20 for chemical applications to the lakes. There being no changes or corrections, motion made, seconded and approved as presented.

Administrative Issues

Letter received from Audrey Greene, Walworth County lake representative informing the Board of the Walworth County Lake Assoc. meeting on Saturday, June 15 at 9 a.m., Walworth County Annex. Marvin plans on attending.

A letter should be forthcoming from the County regarding the replacement of Toby Shroble by Jerry Grant, as the County representative on the Lake District's board. The Board also signed an appreciation letter thanking Shroble for his time and efforts on the board. A copy of this letter will also be sent to the County.

Grant said Shroble is currently busy with the Rural Transit Committee and will probably be president of the committee, which involves more trips to Madison. Grant is on the Public Conservation and Agriculture Extension committees so he (Grant) would fit into the Lake District board.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: Tangney said the 2003 budget must be published for the membership before the Annual Meeting. Philips then furnished a form showing the Budget items for 2002, actual figures for 2001 and 2000. He has added several categories to further show how dollars are/will be spent. He also showed the major equipment maintenance and repair items for 2001. Board members are to email the proposed figures to Philips as soon as possible to enable him to update the proposed budget and finalize at the July board meeting. Tangney also requested that members have any articles or information they would like published in the newsletter brought to the meeting.

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Bylaws state a written notice of the annual meeting and budget hearing, together with a summary of the proposed budget shall be mailed at least 10 days in advance of the meeting to the membership and to the DNR. The summary, time and notice of place of annual meeting and budget hearing may be published twice in a paper of general circulation in the area in lieu of sending written notice to electors residing within the District. The first insertion shall be at least 15 days before the meeting, and the second insertion shall be the following week, at least 7 days before the meeting.

Chemical Treatment: Chemical application was done on both lakes on June 5th. A DNR representative accompanied Marvin to observe the chemicals being applied. Approximately 21 properties were treated on Rice Lake. The bay did not require chemicals. Marvin presented a map showing the areas treated on Whitewater Lake. The applicator will return on June 17th to review how the chemicals are working and to treat any missed spots. It takes approximately 7-10 days for the chemicals to work. Tangney expressed his appreciation to Marvin for his time and efforts.

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.

Marvin mentioned Stephanie Manning, DNR representative, who accompanied him on the application day, noted some fish kill on the lakes prior to application. Tangney said he had received a couple of complaints regarding fish kill and members were wondering if it was due to the chemicals. He went out on Rice Lake and viewed the areas noted and found chemicals were not applied there, and concluded the fish kill was likely related to spawning. Ponyicsanyi did the same on Whitewater Lake and said he discussed this with Doug Welch of the DNR and they agreed that everything starts at the same time – spawning is done at the same time chemical application and weed harvesting needs to be done. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary compared with the past years.

Harvesting and Equipment: The Johnson farm is no longer a viable dumpsite for weeds. They had put too many restrictions on our use. Ponyicsanyi said we might check with Per Peterson – across from Lakeview School, to use the weeds for plowing into fields for fertilizer. They will also check with Dominic Gailoretto for a dumpsite.

Inland may not have the trailer ready for delivery by the due date of June 17th. It may be a week or two later which will mean Inland will incur a \$1,000 penalty. Inland also lost a \$150 radio while the harvester was in their care and Schmitz will insist on replacement.

Schmitz and Marvin requested that in the newsletter property owners be asked to put their addresses on piers in order to identify properties. It will make it much easier for the harvesting crew and the shore patrol in emergency cases to identify properties.

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.

Bog: The permit for removal of the test site bog has been extended to August 25, 2003.

Boundary Line Change: Tangney is still looking for someone to assist him in identifying the parcels of land that would be added to the district. Once the lines are identified, a letter will be sent to the potential new members. Schmitz made motion, Prusener seconded, unanimously approved to have Tangney send a letter to the concerned property owners stating our intention. The letter must be written under attorney Mark Ohm's scrutiny.

Fish: Ponyicsanyi reported Doug Welch, DNR, had surveyed the entire Rice Lake shoreline on May 21, 2002. Following are the results from most abundant to the least abundant

1. Blue Gills 3.1" to 7.2"

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| 2. Bass | 5.7 " to 20.1" |
| 3. Perch | 3.6" to 8.0" |
| 4. Black Crappie | 6.4" to 9.1" |
| 5. Northern (1) | 26.2" |
| 6. Walleye (1) | 18.2" |

Welch also noted there was lots of carp activity and way too much milfoil. Ponyicsanyi said the bass that have been planted are to be taking care of the blue gills and keeping the small fish down. We need something that is a stronger predator. If Welch won't increase the walleyes, Ponyicsanyi would like the DNR help increase the northern. He wants to increase the budget for fish stocking in Rice Lake. According to an article in the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel Rice Lake will be the fishing lake of the future due to the fact so much of it has a natural shoreline.

Old Business:

Web Site: Members are urged to view the recently set up web page. Rose Marie Berg mentioned that if the site were not visited for 60 days, it would automatically be deleted. There is a new picture of the three pieces of equipment – harvester, trailer and the new/used truck for members to view. She also suggested we have some web page information available at the Whitewater Town Hall Open House, which will be on Saturday, June 22 from 11-2 PM.

New Business: The State currently proposes permits be issued for swim rafts (inflatables) that exceed 12 ft. in diameter or extend more than 3 ft. above the surface of the water. Philips wondered if the District has any authority to set up rules or is it up to the township.

Philips also mentioned an article by WALC concerning user fees instigated on the lakes. Cruse Lane would be a launch that could have a fee – for the outsiders using the launch. Philips said he would look into gathering more information on this possibility.

Prusener stated the lake patrol has acquired a jet- ski to patrol Rice Lake.

The Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled at Lakeview School at 9 a.m. on August 24th. The clerk will be making arrangements for the user reservation.

Board members are urged to try to find someone for the nominating committee, as we will have at least one board opening. Ponyicsanyi named several possibilities. Schmitz also had a suggestion. Nominees should be listed in the newsletter to be published in July.

The next Board meeting will be Thursday, July 11 at 7 p.m. Motion made to adjourn, seconded and unanimously approved at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg

approved

**WHITEWATER-RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – JULY 11, 2002**

Meeting called to order by Bernie Tangney, chairman, at 7:05 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Bernie Tangney, Gary Marvin, Gordon Philip, Norm Prusener and Art Schmitz
Board members absent: Jerry Grant and Mike Plier
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg
Guests: Steve and Cathy Durkin, Dave and Fran Claven

June 13th, 2002 minutes were presented and reviewed. Schmitz had one correction – the cost of the replacement radio should be \$150 rather than \$200 as stated. Correction so noted. Motion made to approve, seconded, unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Disbursements for month of June totaled \$19,337. Largest expenses included weed spraying at \$6,154, harvesting crew wages totaling \$7,582 and parts and repairs on equipment \$2,240. Current assets are \$122,644 and net fixed assets are \$122,155 through the month of June. Total liabilities \$13,719 which includes \$10,750 for the trailer purchase of \$10,750 to Inland. Total liabilities & equity are \$255,649. Current cash flow a positive \$33,005. Motion made to approve treasurer's report as presented, seconded and approved.

Expenses for month of July were approved for \$17,968.99 with the understanding that amounts to Biological Services for weed spraying and Parkside Marina was estimated. Motion made to approve expenses, seconded and unanimously approved.

The trailer should be delivered in approximately one week, ready for service. Tangney brought up the late fee of \$1,000 that was included in the contract for the trailer purchase. After discussion, the board voted that we would not hold Inland to this penalty because the late delivery did not harm the crew's efficiency or result in down time. We will not pay Inland the \$100 finder fee for the sale of the truck and Inland must replace the radio that was lost at a cost of \$150.

Administrative Issues

Tangney received a letter from Mike Plier stating that due to business commitments he is relinquishing his position as a Board member effective immediately. The Board agreed to accept his resignation and not to replace him at this time. At the Annual Meeting in August two seats will now be up for election. Gordon Philip has agreed to run again for treasurer and Tangney has received another nominee, Douglas Goodrich. We still need another candidate.

Tangney received a letter from WAL stating Lake Association members could sign up for their electronic newsletter and action alerts. The Board would like to have their individual names & email addresses included and the list will be brought to the Annual Meeting for interested members to add their names. This information will also be included in the newsletter being mailed at the end of the month.

The 2003 WAL convention will be held April 10-12 in Green Bay, WI.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: Philips will contact Camp Joy for their annual contribution. He has one bid out for insurance and has not heard from the other company. He hopes to have them both by the August Board meeting.

A lengthy discussion followed on the line items for the 2003 budget. Total harvesting expenses \$52,000. After much discussion the Board agreed on \$81,860 as the proposed budget. Philips will email the figures to the Board tomorrow. Schmitz proposed eliminating the transporter because it is a very expensive machine and needs replacement at a cost of \$80,000. It is also labor intensive, requiring one person to operate. By eliminating the machine we could save approximately \$4,600 yearly. His suggestion is to replace it with a cheap pontoon for \$1-2500 to transport fuel to the harvesters.

Chemical Treatment: Part of Whitewater Lake was retreated for weeds on June 24th – approximately 40 new lots were done and 40 were re-done. There is no charge for the ones that needed to be re-done. Cost is incurred only on the new area treated. Marvin is pleased with the job the contractor is doing.

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Harvesting and Equipment: Town of Richmond does not plan on improving the public access at Oakwood. There is a DNR citation to remove the boat and pier parked illegally on this public property. Schmitz would like to use this as a weed removal location for the harvester and would like this decided before the budget for 2003 is set.

Schmitz believes he is under budget to date for harvesting. The Saturday weed pick up continues to be a success. They have made as many as 54 stops totaling 6 tons of weeds in one Saturday.

In 1998 1,005 tons were removed, 1999 – 1,526 tons, 2000 – 1,268 and 2001 – 442 tons, a record low due to the weather conditions over winter. They are up about 210% at 332 tons YTD. Projecting out to the end of the year we should be around 900-1,000 tons, which would be a normal year.

Floating devices and rafts are hurting the harvesting of weeds. The paddle wheels pull the devices towards the harvester. Since they are usually located beyond the end of the piers it is a safety issue to come closer than 20'. There is no way for the crew to determine the length of the chains holding them down. This is also resulting in the weeds re-seeding themselves under these objects where cutting cannot be safely done.

Generally harvesting is not done between the end of the piers and the shoreline, as the weeds have been treated. Three complaints have been received regarding this matter and these people are refusing to remove their weeds in these areas. Harvesting is done from ends of piers to the buoy lines. This issue will probably come up at the annual meeting.

Members Dave and Fran Claven took the floor to state they live at the south lobe on the west side of the lake and weeds are very dense and the green algae and scum will soon cover the whole area. They were very insistent the Board contacts Dr. Jeffrey Thornton for his observations on the condition near their property. They claim he states the weeds should be cut and were cut until the current Board came on. Thornton allegedly said this Board is following the letter of the law but not following the spirit of the agreement as it was set up. Removals of the weeds make the lake much healthier. They pleaded weeds be cut even with the island. Tangney stated there is a 50' channel cut to get out onto the lake. Mrs. Claven believes leaving the weeds in front of their home is punishing them. Schmitz stated that from a practical standpoint they couldn't clear the weeds at this end of the lake, unless the citizens of the lake add another harvester, which would create a large expense. The water is only 3' deep and in order to do an effective job of harvesting you must cut to the bottom. This would damage the harvester. They would have to be cut at least every 10 days and there would be many floaters. Schmitz said the citizens of the lake must decide what needs to be done. Clavens said they have access to the lake, but do not have the view. Fishermen are no longer in this area as they were in years past. It used to be an excellent fishing area. They brought up the question of the bog being cut for some residents. The Board said this is a safety issue but not just aesthetic. Member Durkin also asked this matter be revisited. Tangney stated the Board would consider options and look at the problem. Schmitz said they have to consider the shallowness and he would have a hard time being convinced it is feasible to cut in this area, as it would result in damage to the machine. The Clavens were thanked for bringing their photos of the lake originations and they were requested to show them at a later date. Tangney agreed to contact Dr. Thornton.

Schmitz informed the board of the new harvesting crew cell phone number of 262-203-0246. This is a local number.

Bog: Philips said Inland was contacted to determine their interest in assisting us with the bog removal after the crew leaves in late August or early September. He also sent an email to Kathy Arens to find out what we have to do for approval on Phase II. He will also contact Pam Schense of the DNR to inform her of our progress. He will send an update letter to the bog committee members on where we stand on the bog and the status of the budget. He may also suggest they attend the next board meeting in August.

Fish: None

Boundary Changes: Tangney will discuss the proposed changes with Jerry Grant for his expertise. Discussion was held on location of the new lines. Mil rate today is \$.58 per thousand of property value. Philip strongly believed we should incorporate property west of County P and north of Territorial and use Brown Rd. as a dividing line. We

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would then have natural boundary lines. There are many residences that benefit from the lake with views and also own boats. Agricultural property would be excluded. Should agriculture property be rezoned residential we would again have to request rezoning from the county. Marvin is apprehensive about changing lines. Tangney will also try to obtain information from WAL as to how other districts have changed their boundaries. Mark Ohm thinks Tangney can go to a title company in Delavan and for \$50-200. he can obtain the correct names and addresses for the concerned tax role.

New Business:

Annual Meeting/Notices

We need a minimum of one more candidate for the two open positions for the Board. We have biographies on Philip and Doug Goodrich to print in the newsletter.

We will have no additional speakers scheduled. Tangney will furnish the agenda and Philip the proposed budget to be published.

Old Business: None

The next board meeting will be Thursday, August 8th at 7 p.m. There being no further business, motion made to adjourn at 10:20 p.m. Motion seconded, unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted
Rose Marie Berg

Approved

**WHITEWATER-RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 8, 2002**

Meeting called to order by Bernie Tangney, chairman at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Bernie Tangney, Gary Marvin, Gordon Philip and Jerry Grant
Board members absent: Norm Prusener and Art Schmitz
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg
Guests: Tom Ganfield, James and Terry Staples

July 11, 2002 minutes were presented and reviewed. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented. The special meeting held on July 12 minutes were then presented. This was a meeting consisting of four board members: Tangney, Schmitz, Marvin and Philips to view the Clevens and Durkins problem with weeds. These homeowners had attended the July board meeting and pleaded to have the board review their situation. Tangney had posted the scheduled meeting at the three township locations to conform to the open meeting law.

A boat visit by the four board members was taken to the south end of Whitewater Lake. It was determined that a lane would be cut starting at the island and tapering to 200' inside the slow no wake buoy's to a point 100 ft. south of Sheahen's property. This is to allow slow boats (pontoons) to travel the south end without being in the path of faster boats in the main body of the lake. Marvin was to meet with the chemical applicator to determine if any chemical action was feasible in this area. Harvesters will continue to keep the 50' path open to Cleven's pier. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Tangney requested an update from Marvin as to what has been done since that meeting. Marvin stated Durkins (next to Cleven's) has had a path cut to their pier. In addition, the chemical applicator treated four acres in this area. The depth in this area is only about 3 feet. Clevens and Durkins were each billed \$300 for this service. This was approximately 1/2 of the cost to the District. Next year Marvin plans to apply chemicals to this area as weed cutting is not feasible due to the shallowness of the lake in that area.

Philips questioned what we would do if other homeowners request extra services. Marvin replied this was a special circumstance as the area involved is about 1000' of shoreline with only two homeowners – they are all alone in this area – and the lake is very shallow. He will give some thought as to the question of handling situations that could arise with other homeowners.

Treasurer's Report

Total disbursements for the month of July were \$17,968.99. Philips included a Harvesting Payroll History summarizing hours and dollar amount spent:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1999	2,216	\$22,278
2000	1,798	18,809
2001	3,128	34,194
	(353)	(3,860) less bog
	2,775	30,334
2002		31,932 estimate

Based on his estimate for 2002, we will be approximately \$8,000 over budget for harvesting payroll costs. This does not include any bog removal expenses. Motion made and approved to approve report as presented.

Disbursements for month of August totaled \$9,808.84. The largest expense was \$6,011.00 for the chemical treatment of weeds. Motion made to approve payment as presented, seconded and unanimously approved.

Administrative Issues

Tangney is concerned we are not following the Open Meeting Law requirement in the printing of the monthly agenda in the Whitewater Register. The clerk provides the paper a detailed agenda, however since the paper is under new ownership, they are printing only the time and date of the Board meeting. The clerk will contact the paper and inform them we must have the detailed agenda printed. If they will not comply free of charge – as they have in the past, we will have to pay for the printing. It is important we follow the Open Meeting Law requirements.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: Philips has furnished Richland Agency all the information they requested for an insurance quote and it should be forthcoming. They offer a program strictly for government entities. Laub & Horton (our current provider) will also be furnishing a quote. They did mention premiums are increasing 12% this year. The third agency he contacted has not responded. We should have plenty of time to make a choice, as our policy will expire September 23rd.

Philips also said the insurance companies had asked if we have a written safety training program for the people operating the harvesting equipment. Tangney responded he contacted Jeff Thornton, who said normally the manufacturer's safety requirements are sufficient and we have this. One of the questions from the insurance companies was "are employees required to wear life jackets at all times?" Marvin said they are not wearing them. Tangney said we had bought special light weight inflatable vests and they were to wear them. This will be brought to Schmitz's attention. Philips said we should have a written manual requiring employees to sign that they have been informed of what to do in case of injury, fire, no alcohol for 12 hours prior to reporting for work, etc. This would show we are pro-active on safety.

Philips also prepared a Schedule to Statement of Income & Cash Flow that showed anticipated surpluses/deficits for the year 2002. He is estimating we will be roughly \$10,000 over in the harvesting budget. We will be over in the weed chemical treatment expense, but to offset we have eliminated the lake gauge survey at a saving of \$1,800 that should even out the cost. Philips thinks we will spend approximately \$12,000 on bog removal this year. \$15,000 was budgeted so will have a surplus in this category. Philips also feels it is important to complete Phase I of the bog removal this year. It appears we will be in the range of a \$7,000 total deficit for the year. He will also review these figures with Schmitz to see if he can confirm or furnish any other information on the harvesting expenses. All of this will be discussed with the membership at the Annual Meeting later this month. He also mentioned he would like to find out what the mil rate is of other lake districts in Wisconsin to compare. He may contact other districts. Our mil rate and budget has not changed in many years.

Chemical Treatment: Marvin reported they had treated 82 lots on Whitewater Lake and 22 on Rice Lake on August 7th. There were a few new sites included, but most had been treated earlier. They treated most of the bay on Rice Lake. Treatment was changed to a 2-4-D chemical and should be longer lasting than the chemicals used in July. They have finished treating for 2002.

Harvesting and Equipment: Schmitz had informed Tangney the crew had removed over 100 tons last week and this week should also be a high yield. Stephanie, DNR, went with Bob McCracken and observed the harvesting. Stephanie issues the harvesting permits and seemed pleased with our manner of harvesting. She also observed the bog. There were four small ones above water.

Tangney also spoke with Wayne Redenius regarding the Oakwood Dr. access asking if we would pay and take care of the site if we could use it for a weed-harvesting site. He responded they have enough on their plate right now and did not want to deal with the issue at this time.

Bog: Philips sent an email to Pam Schense, DNR, to find out what we would have to do in proceeding with Phase 2 of the bog removal. We will have to go through the entire permit process again as for Phase I plus an environmental impact study. Tom Ganfield offered to supply the study as he is familiar with the procedure and knows some of the DNR people.

He also requested permission from Schense to drive some point wells using perforated PC pipe in the bog for air to come up. If there was gas trapped under the "carpet" it would escape and the bog would not rise. No permission is

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necessary, but it is questionable the procedure will work. It will not be a significant expense and the consensus of the board is - give it a try.

The Staples asked a number of questions regarding the status of the bog as they are considering buying property near the bog. They had spoken with Schense and verified the information she had furnished with the Board. Marvin stated it would take a number of years to diminish the size of the bog, that it is bothersome in August and September. He stated they would be able to take a boat out from their pier. They would not be land locked.

Philips asked that Schense be notified when the crew begins working on the bog. Tangney is to inform Schmitz of this request. Marvin said the crew is to defer working the bog harvesting until the weeds are cut. The Board agreed. If the weed cutting continues until Labor Day it becomes a problem of personnel as the crew consists of college students who will return to school. Philips has spoken to Dennis of Inland who has some projects possibly breaking and requested he contact Inland in late August to see if they would have some personnel to work on the bog. Phil from Inland requested to go out on the lake when work has begun on the bog to view what the crew is doing and he then would give some thought as to what he could do.

Fish: None

Boundary Changes: Tangney has spoken with Jeff Thornton, SEWRPAC, and he feels we are working towards the changes correctly by bringing in the County Board and finding out how to proceed. The County Board has five questions to be answered and he had written the answers in a document for another lake with expanded views. Tangney requested Grant they get together to discuss the changes. Tangney also contacted Audrey Greene, Walworth Lake Specialist, who furnished contacts to six lake districts in Walworth County requesting information as to how or if they had set boundary lines. Lauderdale Lake sent the most interesting information and appeared similar to what our district wants to do. Thornton said it is important to stay with clearly defined lines, i.e. major highways if possible. They may not have holes in them. Two options would be tiered billing or exempt by zoning. Lauderdale took their agricultural property and put them in the district but excluded the area by zoning.

Old Business:

Philips furnished copies of the Financials for handouts at the Annual Meeting. They included the balance sheet, profit and loss, budget for last year, fund balances and the operating budget planned for 2003. Schmitz is to furnish year to date harvesting summary. The clerk is to obtain two helpers to tally the vote count and to check members in. Tom Ganfield offered to be one of the helpers.

New Business:

Tangney said he has heard that people will be coming to the Annual Meeting to say we are not using the seven-foot harvester in the manner it was purchased for. He looked up the original grant application that states the purpose for the purchase, which reads "The harvester will be used to supplement the operation of our existing 10 foot harvesting equipment. This smaller machine will do a better job of cutting in small and confined spaces, and picking up floaters that tend to form mats near and around piers. It will be easier to transport between the lakes and will allow more efficient use of our larger machine, which will be able to make longer passes without the need to turn and backtrack as frequently." Homeowners supposedly are coming out to request we pick up weeds inside the pier area. Tangney will quote as above.

Ganfield asked if we were familiar with the "dockominium issue." Tangney said yes, the State Supreme Court decision ruled the dockominiums were illegal and they may try to take it to the U.S. Supreme Court. Ganfield also offered to continue the Lake Gauge survey himself as he thinks the recorded information might be interesting and possibly useful down the road. He made arrangements to look at the box with Tangney.

The Annual Meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 24th and the next board meeting will be on Thursday, September 12th, 2002. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Marie Berg, Clerk

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
AUGUST 24, 2002

Chairman Bernie Tangney called the Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. at Lakeview Elementary School on August 24, 2002. He began by listing the handouts that were available at the time members entered the room, they included: Agenda of meeting, copy of the financial statements, harvesting report, sign up sheet to receive email from the Wisconsin Association of Lakes and ballot slips. Board members introduced were: Gary Marvin, secretary and Chemical Treatment, Art Schmitz, Harvesting and Equipment; Norm Prusener, township representative; Gordon Philip, treasurer and Bog chairman. Also present was Rose Marie Berg, clerk. Absent: Jerry Grant, new county representative. He replaced Toby Shroble who had represented the county for many years. Mike Plier recently resigned from the Board due to other commitments. Tangney also introduced John Brunner, president of the Property Owners Association, Tom Ganfield, a very active volunteer and former board member. Tom and Mark Muschinski do the secchi readings on the lakes to verify the clarity of the water. Jim Mulcahy, Kathy and Mike Hoar were present from the Bog committee. Tom Ponyicsanyi, Fish Stocking chairman, was unable to attend. Tangney also introduced his wife, Linda, who is a big help assisting with his duties.

BOG
COMMITTEE

In order to comply with State laws, the present meeting is now termed Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting. Gordon Philip said this is important and future meetings will be titled accordingly. Philip stated the budget has been \$80,000 for a number of years. In terms of the mil rate, which is how we are taxed, for 2001 it worked out to a mil rate of 58 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The year 2000 the rate was .65. The mil rate has been going down because the Board is constantly trying to contain costs. The mil rate will go down again this year as property values have gone up in the district and we will be paying less in the mil rate and the lake fees will be unchanged.

Philip went on to present the proposed budget for 2003. He went over the line items and highlighted the following:

- Increase from \$25,800 to \$30,700 in payroll & taxes
- Insurance increase from \$5,000 to \$6,000 - he's been advised premiums will increase by 12%
- Decrease in fuel cost from \$4,500 to \$3,000 4100 x 3000
- Decrease in bog activities from \$15,000 to \$10,000

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Total budget came to \$82,500 with a deficit of \$2,500. Last year we had a contingency fund of \$4,466. After the budget was presented, vote and discussion was deferred until later in the meeting.

Tangney stated the financial books were reviewed during the year and found to be in order by Dave Byrne and Sue Zawislak. ?? Greg said we should state why they are qualified to review the books.

OVER BUDGET
FOR YEARS 2000
2001 2002

Treasurer's Report: Philip presented the comparative balance sheet and the comparative income statements. A significant increase was the cost of wages for the harvesting crew - an increase of \$5,114 due to using the crew for maintaining and refurbishing equipment to sell. Obviously payroll taxes increased also. This also resulted in an increase of \$5,057 for repairs and maintenance.

Harvesting Operations was over budget by \$19,822. Weed Spraying costs in 2001 was under budget by \$4,417. Bog removal was also under by \$9,164 as the 2001 season ended earlier due to equipment problems. Total operating expenses for 2001 were \$84,800 resulting in an overage of \$6,375. The deficit for operating expenses was \$10,073 which came out of the contingency fund, leaving a balance of \$4,466 in that fund for future periods such as 2002. A member found an error in the assets of the 2000 balance sheet. **Bernie and Gordon - I could not hear the numbers, so please edit the above statements.** Motion was made to approve the treasurer's report with correction made as noted and a general mailing will be made of the corrected statement. Motion seconded and approved.

Tangney recognized Philip for the great job he is doing on keeping the financial records and doing the payroll gratis. In the past we paid an outside firm \$1,800 for this service. A round of applause followed.

Motion was entertained by Tangney to approve the minutes of the 2001 Annual Meeting which were included in the August newsletter. There being no corrections or additions, motion seconded and approved.

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The two candidates for election to the Board, Gordon Philip and Doug Goodrich, were introduced to the membership. Each made a brief presentation as to why they felt they were qualified to serve on the Board. The person who gets the most votes will get the 3-yr. term and the other will get the 1-yr. term. Ballots were passed out and election results will be announced later in the meeting.

Tangney requested all homeowners post their house numbers on the lakeside. It will make identifying property easier and help if assistance is needed in an emergency situation.

Committee Reports

Chemical Treatment: Marvin stated he is not at all happy with the weed situation. The District has spent more time and money this year than either of the last two years. He went out again yesterday and is dismayed at the amount of weeds. Many places have been treated three and four times. The prolific amount of weeds is due to the mild winter and the heat this summer. Next year they will begin treatment earlier, but they do have to wait until the water temperature is at least 60 degrees. In August they used a dry chemical which is supposed to last longer. He mentioned the DNR has to approve the areas to be treated prior to the first chemical treatment of the year.

He also advised property owners they should not water their lawns or gardens from the lakes for two weeks after the weeds have been treated or they may be damaged. It is safe to drink the water, swim, etc. right after treatment.

Harvesting and Equipment: Schmitz said he and Marvin work together to try and control the weeds. Marvin's job is to kill all the weeds from the shoreline to the piers. Schmitz's job is to keep weeds down from the end of the piers to the buoy lines and keep traffic lanes open and weeds down below the boat props, which creates the floaters. He thanked Philips for keeping him in line with the budget and Tangney pitches in wherever needed. He went onto explain why they are over budget. One of the reasons is due to the hours spent on Saturday mornings picking up weeds from the ends of piers. This cost approximately \$2,400. He feels this is a service required by the homeowners. They also continue to use the transport on the lake for efficiency. They harvest weeds on one side of the lake and unload them onto the transport; the transport goes over to shore where they unload them onto the trailer. His goal is to eliminate the transport. Working with the Town of Richmond in obtaining an access point that is owned by the Town could do this. The transport unit is only used approximately 20 min. of every hour and we pay an employee for all this time. This would eliminate approximately \$5,000 in expenses.

Another increase in labor expenses was due to starting a little earlier. This year we began one week early to get the lake ready for the holiday weekend. Last year we did not start till the first week in June. This year they are just finishing up harvesting now. Tonnage presently being reviewed is about half of what it was 3 weeks ago. Schmitz is not happy with the floaters this year. They have been making as high as 61 piers on Saturday mornings. Last weekend there were so many stops, they filled the transporter with about 8 tons of weeds. This is a problem for homeowners and the crew. One way to get around this could be the purchase of a piece of equipment, which is not a weed harvester, but a weed cutter. A weed harvester cannot go close to shore; it could become damaged due to shallow water or objects in the water. This machine is a cutter only, a cutter-rake combination or a rake only. It would cost approximately \$12,500 and it appears we could get half of this back from DNR grant money. It would cost about \$5,000 a year for an employee to operate and approximately \$400-500 for fuel bringing the cost for purchase and operation (for one year) to about \$12,000. The rake would go in and pick up the weeds at the shoreline and drag them out into the lake. It would work in conjunction with the harvester. The harvester would come by and pick up the weeds. This machine can sit in as little as 10 inches of water because nothing is loaded onto the machine. **The lift area is 10 ft. wide. (Is this the correct term)**

A question from the floor was why more of Rice Lake is not harvested. The reply was that this specific area is State land and the goal is to remove weeds adjacent to residential property. Rice Lake was only harvested once this year. It was scheduled another time, but conflicted with the chemical treatment. Since Tangney lives on Rice Lake, Schmitz relies on him to advise when harvesting is required. Schmitz said homeowners also can contact him if they feel harvesting is needed.

Schmitz reviewed the harvest log, which showed this year they have harvested 889 tons YTD. In the year 2001 only 441 tons were harvested. Weeds this year are growing to a depth of 8 to 10 ft. deep. Harvesting is not done in these areas. Boats also create many floaters.

Schmitz went on to explain progress on bog removal. In 2001 the crew worked 93 hrs. and removed almost 510 tons or a total of 866 yards. The harvester holds 10 yards per load at a cost of \$50 a hr. This includes fuel and labor costs. This year they have worked only a piece of bog which had broken off and floated to a homeowner's pier. It took 5 hrs. and 1.5 loads. They plan on starting on bog removal August 26th full time with the large harvester while keeping the small harvester on weed harvesting until harvesting is finished. They have the potential to work on the bog 5 days per week @ 10 hr. days removing 10 loads per day, which will be 11,225 square feet per week. He would like to have two people work overtime - paying them \$12 per hr. as opposed to \$8 per hr. If we were to go to an outside firm, they would charge \$35 hr. for one person. In his opinion we should use our people and stretch the day out.

Schmitz then entertained questions from the floor. One being how would our use of the Richmond lake access affect homeowners property and wouldn't it increase boat traffic by our improving this landing. Schmitz said there is not a lot of parking space near the site, so he didn't think that many outside boats would use it. Schmitz thought that from a legal standpoint we are a municipal entity. He believes we could have the right to use this access as a municipal entity and prevent the public from using it. He also said that right now the land is being used by private citizens who have boats and piers out there. A property owner said he is afraid it will become a much-used public access and will lower neighbors' property values. Schmitz replied does the District want to spend an unnecessary \$15,000 a year or should we pursue the access?

In answer to a question Philip said to proceed with Phase II we have to submit a new permit to the DNR and because we will be removing a lot more material, we have to do an environmental assessment. In the past we have used ~~Arn~~ Associates who formerly were with the DNR and have a good relationship with them. This time Tom Ganfield, Bog Committee member is going to do the application and environmental assessment forms at no charge. He also has quite a bit of experience with the DNR. Philip thinks this application will proceed faster than the Phase I permit approval. In Philips estimation, we do have the DNR's support behind us. A number of people confronted with the bog issue are concerned with property values. He stated a prospective buyer was interested in purchasing property on East Lake Shore Drive. They contacted the DNR and asked what is being done with the bog situation and what will happen in the future. The DNR's response was they are very supportive of what the Lake Management District was doing and felt we are on the right track in removing and dealing with the bog situation. We cannot submit the application until Phase I is complete.

AND WE'VE ~~NOT~~ ^{ALREADY} ~~STARTED~~ ^{BEEN} TO COMPLETE PHASE I ~~WOULD~~ ^{WOULD} HAVE BEEN VERY

He does not feel we are a year behind on the removal. Last fall ~~was very ambitious (?)~~ because it was brand new to us ~~and we never really got started~~. If we don't complete Phase I by October of this year, we will be behind. If progress does not proceed satisfactorily, it can always be an option to approve a special assessment to get it done in one year using an outside firm which would be more aggressive. After Phase I is completed and we have the permits for Phase II we will at that point in time determine how Phase II be removed. Are we going to do it with our equipment on a piece meal basis or are we to look for a contractor, which will be more dollars and require an assessment? It would be more practical to address this issue at next year's meeting. Ganfield stated it usually takes 6-9 months to receive DNR approval for permits. If we apply in late fall, we should have the permit by August 2003 and cannot start removal until the bog comes up, which usually is in late August.

A member stated he feels the 7 ft. harvester could come in close to shore (and has in the past) to remove his extensive amount of weeds. Schmitz agreed, but if he does it for one person, he will have to do it for all. He agrees and sympathizes with the homeowner. This is one of the reasons he would like to purchase the weed cutter/rake previously discussed. He said there was an article recently that the weeds are getting worse and this is the worst year in 25 years. The same owner said he doesn't think they run the harvester blades deep enough. Schmitz replied they lower the sickle bar until they churn up mud. When mud is churned up it means they are too deep. The maximum depth is 5 ft. for the sickle bar.

Motions:

1 - Motion was made to modify the budget to allow purchase of the cutter/rake upon approval as proposed. The money would come from equipment reserve. Question asked if Schmitz had looked at other options. He replied he had looked into the purchase of a pontoon boat and fitting it with paddle wheels. Estimates were about \$25,000. He will request a demo for the Board to observe it in operation before purchase. Motion seconded, vote unanimous to approve.

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2 – Motion presented to modify the budget to increase \$4,000 for operation of above piece of equipment. Seconded, unanimously approved.

3 – Motion made to modify budget to include \$2,500 for Saturday morning pick up. Seconded, unanimously approved.

4 – Motion made to modify budget to include \$10,000 for equipment reserve. We have not been building an equipment reserve. Seconded, unanimously approved.

5 – Motion made to modify budget to increase bog removal budget to \$15,000 (\$5,000 increase). Motion seconded, majority carried, approved.

Tangney read the results of vote tally – Gordon Philip 3-year term, Doug Goodrich 1-year term.

Fish Stocking: Ponyicsanyi has been working with the DNR and we will have fish planted. Survey needs to be taken on Rice Lake to determine amount.

A member questioned whether we could charge user fees for boat launching. Philip replied he has questioned WAL and they are exploring user fees and he will follow up. He agrees user fees would be very useful. Schmitz said some lakes have instituted user fees and found the DNR stepped in and said you have to provide parking etc. If you don't listen to them, they will take away other monies like fish stocking, etc. Schmitz then suggested members could form a committee and take on the responsibility to investigate the possibility of charging fees. The Board is stretched thin with the new and existing assignments. Another member suggested we contact the townships to hear their experience with user fees and their relationship with the DNR

Motion:

6 - Motion presented to approve a Board member working on the harvesting crew, to be compensated for his time. This would be done on a short-term basis only in order to keep the work going. The by-laws will be amended to state accordingly in the future. Motion seconded, unanimously approved.

Boundary Line: Tangney said he was proposing to change the existing boundary lines. The purpose was to expand the District and incorporate the homeowners that enjoy the lake benefits on a regular basis and do not pay any dollars to the Lake District. Agricultural land would be exempt. A member inquired if the purpose was to include more non-waterfront owners. He said this would result in vastly different interests in how we run the lake. Off-water owners could overtake the district and the on-water owners become a minority. For example, off-water owners would not be interested in purchasing the cutter/rake which would benefit only on-lake owners, etc. The Board has to answer to the body and if many off-lake owners came to an annual meeting, on-lake owners could be out voted and we would lose control. This was a good point. Another member stated this was a big issue and membership was not notified this would be discussed. Tangney responded it was published in the May newsletter but not in the August issue. It had been published in the agenda in the local newspaper, which conformed to the by laws. A member then stated that many attendees of this meeting had already left and there were not that many people left to vote on such an important issue.

Another member stated the Board is doing their fiduciary responsibility by trying to hold the budget where it is, but a few more dollars on a tax bill is not such a big issue. Another member said the tax collected for the Lake District is almost lost on the total tax bill.

Motion:

7 – Motion made to table the pursuit of changing the boundary lines. Seconded, vote taken, majority ruled to table.

Old Business:

Dockominium issue – Bernie, I couldn't understand what you said about the Lake Geneva issue.

New Business:

A member inquired about the placement of the buoys. Tangney responded the township did not want to relinquish their responsibility. He suggested concerned members attend the town meeting. John Brunner of the Property Owners Association said he had spoken to Ron Fero and the association would supply reflecting tape to be placed on

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the buoys. Fero is receptive to their help. Marvin said he had called Fero this morning and requested buoys be placed to note the bog as this is a safety issue. Marvin suggested other members also call to state their concerns.

Motion:

7 – Motion made to amend budget from \$80,000 to increase budget to \$101,500 and the four increases are:

- \$4,000 wages and payroll taxes for operating the rake/cutter
- \$2,500 Saturday pick-up
- \$5,000 bog removal from \$10,000 to \$15,000
- \$10,000 added to equipment reserve fund

Motion seconded, approved unanimously.

101,500

The Saturday pick up will continue through the Labor Day weekend.

The 2003 Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 23rd at 9:00 a.m. – same location. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

**SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2002**

Meeting called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Assignment of officers, unanimously agreed:
Bernie Tangney, chairman
Gary Marvin, secretary and chemical treatment
Gordon Philip, treasurer, bog committee
Art Schmitz, harvesting and equipment

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg,
Clerk

Philip, Gordon

To: Rose Marie/Greg Berg
Subject: RE: Annual Meeting Minutes

SORRY FOR THE DELAY!!!

1. In paragraph (1) indicate that "Tom Ganfield, aand member of the Bog Committee.
2. In paragraph (3) should read " Decrease in fuel cost from **\$4,100** to **\$3,000**
3. Treasurer's Report: second sentence

" Principal budget overspending of \$5,114 in Harvesting Wages and Payroll Taxes and \$5,057 in Repair & Maintenance was attributed to refurbishing equipment of resale and addressing deferred maintenance issues."

4. See changes in your memo below.

-----Original Message-----

From: Rose Marie/Greg Berg [SMTP:grberg@idcnet.com]
Sent: Saturday, September 28, 2002 12:07 PM
To: Gordon Philip
Cc: Bernie Tangney
Subject: Annual Meeting Minutes

Gordon - Have you had a chance to read over the minutes I had furnished you? Specifically this one paragraph.

Harvesting Operations was over budget by \$19,822. Weed Spraying costs in 2001 was under budget by \$4,417. Bog removal was also under by \$9,164 as the 2001 season ended earlier due to equipment problems. Total operating expenses for 2001 were **\$91,175** resulting in an overage of \$6,375. The **2001 operating deficit** was \$10,073 which came out of the contingency fund, leaving a balance of \$4,466 in that fund for future periods such as 2002. A member found an error in the assets of the 2000 balance sheet. **Bernie and Gordon - I could not hear the numbers, so please edit the above statements.** Motion was made to approve the treasurer's report with correction made as noted and a general mailing will be made of the corrected statement. Motion seconded and approved. **will forward correction shortly.**

Tangney recognized Philip for the great job he is doing on keeping the financial records and doing the payroll gratis. In the past we paid an outside firm \$1,800 for this service. A round of applause followed.

Page 3. P# 3 should ARON Associates

P# 4 second sentence " To have completed Phase I last fall would have been very ambitious as we received the permit on August 25th and had to work our way through a learning curve>"

Page 5 Motion:

" Motion made to amend the proposed budgeted tax levy from \$80,000 to \$101,500 as a result of the following four motions. This increased our operating expense budget for 2003 to \$94,000 and provided for a \$10,000 addition to our Equipment Reserve Fund for a total of \$104,000.

The difference between the tax levy of \$101,500 and operating expenses and reserves of \$104,000 is budgeted interest income and donations of \$2,500.

amended

**WHITEWATER-RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2002**

Meeting called to order by Bernie Tangney, chairman at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Bernie Tangney, Gary Marvin, Gordon Philip, Art Schmitz, Doug Goodrich and Norm Prusener
Board member absent: Jerry Grant
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

August 8, 2002 minutes were presented and reviewed. Minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Philip reported final tax payment from Richmond of \$5,477 and \$22,280 from Whitewater townships have been received. Tangney said the DNR grant money of \$10,750 is being processed. Total harvesting costs for August was \$11,471. Total August disbursements were \$8,837.24 with the largest being \$4,028.40 for weed treatment. Motion was made to approve report, seconded and unanimously approved.

September disbursements totaled \$9,362.80. Payment of \$7,270.00 was made to Laub & Horton for the annual insurance premium. Motion made to approve payment as presented, seconded and approved.

Administrative Issues

Tangney welcomed Douglas Goodrich as the new board member elected at the August Annual Meeting.

Tangney noted he spoke to the new owner of the Whitewater Register who stated he is charging everyone for printing of the monthly board agenda in the public notice section of the paper. Cost for this service will be \$25.30 per month. They will publish the notice of the board meeting free of charge. In order to comply with the open meeting law, the board agreed to pay the anticipated \$250 year for publication in the official newspaper of the area.

Tangney requested the clerk to mail copies of the road permits for Richmond Township to Tom Ganfield.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: Philip will prepare the corrected balance sheet for mailing which was discussed at the annual meeting. Upon receipt from Philip, the clerk will prepare the mailing to the general membership as promised.

Philip presented quotes from two insurance companies – one from Laub & Horton, our current carrier, and the second from the Richview Agency, which was listed in the WAL directory. The present policy expires September 23rd. Questions arose regarding comparing different portions of the quotes. Motion was made, seconded and approved to allow Philip to choose the company he preferred as he was familiar with the areas which needed clarification. Either company could be chosen if the final quotes were within \$1,000 of each other.

Tangney will sign the form terminating the Lake Gauge Survey report. Ganfield will continue doing the survey for our own purposes.

Chemical Treatment: Marvin said he and Barry were disappointed in the results of the third treatment this year. Next year they will begin treatment earlier and use the stronger of the two chemicals.

Harvesting and Equipment: Tangney met with Richmond Town Board last night and the Lake District will be on their calendar for October to discuss the Oakwood Dr. access. Tangney will represent the District at the meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of October.

Motion was made and approved to proceed with the application for a DNR grant to apply to the purchase of the sickle bar/rake equipment which was approved at the Annual Meeting. Price will be \$12,500 for the equipment. Schmitz will try to have the supplier demonstrate the equipment on the lake. Board members will attend the demonstration if at all possible.

Weed harvesting has been done for two weeks. However, weeds will be picked up by the 7 ft. harvester from piers only for the next two weeks on Saturday mornings (the 14th and 21st) and also on weekdays during this period. All equipment will be off the water the first week in October.

Tangney made a motion to amend our Lake Plan book to reflect using the weed/rake. Seconded and approved

Bog: Schmitz reported they had equipment breakdowns this week. Belting was torn on the new trailer and had to be replaced. Inland felt they were overloading the trailer and Schmitz has cut back on the weight of the load. He said 166.75 ton was taken out the last week in August and 126.5 ton the first week in September due to the breakdown. The second week 175 ton was removed. He figures by the end of the season that they will have removed approximately 10,000-sq. ft., including stationary and floating bogs. Schmitz said they have taken out over three times the amount they did last year. The board is pleased with the progress. Bob Harmon and Ralph Henning will both be working part time on bog removal. The 7-ft. harvester will be in operation at all times during the bog removal process to pick up the small break away pieces.

Boundary Line Change: Due to discussion at the annual meeting this committee is eliminated for the time being. Marvin said at some time in the future we should explore ways to increase revenues – such as having people using the lake (not members of the district) pay a fee.

Fish: None

Old Business

Reviewing the annual meeting information – the budget has been increased from \$82,500 to \$104,000 for the year 2003 with the following increases:

- \$10,000 equipment reserve
- \$4,000 manpower for operating the weed/rake
- \$2,500 Saturday weed pick up
- \$5,000 bog removal – increased from \$10-15,000

The impact of the above amendments was to increase the tax levy from \$80,000 to \$101,500

Marvin stated that he made some notes during the annual meeting, which he hoped could be discussed. He felt the members had received information on the prior budget earlier and too much time was spent on this subject. By the time we voted on increasing the budget for 2003 many members had left the meeting and it was not fair to the entire membership to have the remaining members only vote on such an important issue. In the future the board should indicate any possible changes considered in the proposed budget and also major issues such as consideration of purchasing equipment, etc. This would make the members aware of the boards wishes prior to the meeting. Philip indicated he was under the impression the \$80,000 budget was firm. Prusener said now that we have “broken the glass ceiling” of the \$80,000 number, it will be easier to make changes when necessary. Goodrich said by publishing any possible changes prior to the meeting, will make the entire membership aware of changes and have the result of more members attending the meeting and voting. After discussing these points, the board agreed there was merit in all of the items and consideration will be given in preparing next year’s meeting and budget. Tangney stated his goal is to control spending for next year and he appreciates the help and constructive criticism presented at this time.

New Business

A newsletter will be going out containing the updated financial page with the updated budget, evaluation of purchase of the weed/rake status report, bog update and pursuit of Phase II of bog removal.

Tangney asked if Goodrich had any preference as to his duties as a board member. Schmitz requested Goodrich works with him and Goodrich agreed. Schmitz and Goodrich will meet to discuss how they will split up some of Schmitz’s obligations.

The next board meeting will be October 10th, 2002. There being no further business meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

amended

**WHITEWATER-RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – OCTOBER 10, 2002**

Meeting called to order by Bernie Tangney, chairman, 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Bernie Tangney, Gary Marvin, Gordon Philip, Art Schmitz, Norm Prusener, Jerry Grant and Doug Goodrich
Board members absent: None
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Philip had several corrections to the September 12, 2002 board meeting. Paragraph 2 – September disbursements changed to \$9,362.80 from \$1,995.81. At the September meeting the board had approved Philip to choose the insurance carrier as long as the difference in premium costs were within \$1,000 of each other. He chose Laub & Horton agency, with the carrier being Wisconsin Prime. The difference between them and the other company, Gems Pak was \$65. The premium of \$7,270.00 was paid in September. Philip chose to stay with Laub as the difference was insignificant and we had been with them for several years. Philip discussed the comparison quote between the two companies with the board members. The largest increase was in workmen's compensation – with an increase of 56% - partly due to a larger crew and higher wages. The above change to the minutes necessitated removing the sentence "significant payment of \$304.74 to Whitewater Register", as it was no longer the largest disbursement for the month.

Under the bog committee on page 2, Schmitz requested a change of 14,000-sq. ft. removed to read "by the end of the season we will have approximately 10,000-sq. ft. removed including stationery and floating bogs." Also the 159-ton taken out last week should be changed to 166.75 and the 121-ton figure should be 126.5.

Under Old Business in the minutes – the budget has been increased from \$82,500 to \$104,000. Also after "\$5,000 bog removal" Philip requested "increase from \$10,000-15,000. Another sentence – add, "The impact of the above amendments was to increase the tax levy from \$80,000 to \$101,500." There no being any further changes or corrections, Tangney entertained motion for approval as amended, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Philip began with explaining the correction that will be published in the newsletter. He explained assets should equal liabilities. The change he made is a result of an omission, under equity he had a figure of \$14,539 for operating surplus for the year 2000. This was on the Comparative Balance Sheet handed out at the annual meeting. That number represented the balance of our cumulative deficit and did not represent the current year. Missing was the interest income and proceeds of the sale of assets of \$9,978. That amount belonged to the equipment fund and should have been shown separately. The actual surplus for 2000 was actually \$15,213. By showing those two items separately as what happened in the actual year 2000 it stands corrected at that amount. It also required that the total amount of equity as of December 31, 2001 did not change at \$253,238. To correctly reflect what transpired in the year 2001 there was interest income and proceeds from the sale of assets again of \$6,759 which went into the equipment fund. There was an operating deficit in 2001 of \$10,073. This means that total operating expenses for the year were \$10,073 less than the taxes collected, plus the contribution from Camp Joy plus a few miscellaneous items.

He also handed out copies of the amended annual budget for 2003. Bold type indicates the numbers that were amended. The harvesting payroll and taxes were increased to \$37,200 for a \$6,500 increase. Bog removal activities was increased by \$5,000 to \$15,000. We booked a provision of \$10,000 for equipment fund reserve.

Philip began reviewing the September financials by stating in the future he will make every attempt to mail these statements to the board to review prior to the board meeting. Total expenses for September were \$16,449 this includes expenses amended and approved tonight and also payroll and payroll taxes. We received the DNR grant of \$10,750 in September. Motion made, seconded and approved to accept statements as presented.

Disbursements for October of \$5,058.03 were presented for payment. The two largest disbursements were to Inland Lake Harvesters for \$1,462.40 hydraulic motor, trailer belt and miscellaneous repairs and Ralph Henning's storage bill for 9/1/02 to 2/28/03 was \$2,088.90. Tangney entertained motion to approve for payment as presented, with the

exception the Inland check will be held until Schmitz negotiates with the manufacturer on the modifications to be made to the trailer. Motion seconded and approved.

Philip stated he tried to put together a brief forecast for the rest of the year. He thinks we're looking at an operating deficit of about \$10,000 for this year. This is similar to what we had last year. He suggests or recommends we look at the operating budget for next year to see if we can't somehow cover the 2002 deficit out of the 2003 budget by lowering expenses. Tangney said he had requested Philip to review a few years of historical data on different categories to look for some areas where we can improve financial operations.

Administrative Issues

Tangney received a letter from WAL requesting a contribution to assist them in the expenditures relative to the Dockominium issue. Their legal expenses are \$80,000 and so far have received \$43,000 with \$40,000 owing for legal. The District had contributed \$500 two years ago. After discussion, motion made; seconded and approved we would not send anything at this time.

Tangney distributed copies of a letter sent to Rose Marie Berg by Dennis Smith, stating a Whitewater-Rice Lake Taxpayers Alliance had been formed and requested copies of Annual Budget for 2002 and 2003, agenda for Annual Meeting 2002, tapes recorded of this meeting, copy of minutes of the September 2002 Board Meeting, any Charters pertaining to the District and Ordinances enacted by the Board since inception, copies of any documents relating to the salaries of Board members and copies of any and all billings to Lake Management District from January 1, 2002 until this request is answered. Smith stated any costs allowed under WI Statute, Chapter 19.35 (3)(b) shall be paid in advance if requested or would be paid upon receipt of bill. This letter was dated October 7th, but not picked up at the post office by Philip until the 10th. Berg did not receive this letter directly as Philip picks up mail.

None of the Board is aware of a reason for the above requests. Tangney has left a message for Mark Ohm, who has represented the district in other matters, to discuss the proper handling of this matter. Tangney requested Doug Goodrich to work with him assisting in what needs to be done. Tangney made a motion that he will, under Doug's leadership, contact Mark Ohm and follow his advice on the action we should take. Motion seconded and approved.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: Covered previously in meeting

Chemical Treatment: Marvin – just pray for a lot of snow and a cold winter.

Harvesting and Equipment: Tangney and Philip attended the Richmond Township Board Meeting to discuss the Oakwood Dr. access. Basically they reported they would not do anything for the Lake District. Reason being they have numerous requirements that must be met if they were to put a boat launch in. They would need to put in a parking area at a large cost and they have other problems to contend with at this time.

Schmitz said board members did observe the weed/rake in operation this week. We had approval to purchase from the membership at the annual meeting. Schmitz was disappointed in that it did not move the weeds away from the shore. The manufacturer said putting longer rakes and moving them closer together could make it better. Goodrich will contact a contractor who uses the machine for reference. Schmitz also had one other lead to contact. If adequate modifications can be done and the references are favorable, the Board will consider purchase. Tangney said he would need to apply for the DNR grant by October 16th. Discussion was tabled until the next Board meeting.

All of the equipment, including the elevator, will be stored in the shed by the end of the week. The new trailer will be hauled over to Inland for the modifications needed. The fuel gauge and tank, etc. needs to be replaced on the older pick up. He has an estimate of \$1,571.73. Schmitz was authorized to have the work done as needed.

Since we have not sold the old elevator, Schmitz suggested using it to load bog during the bog season. It is difficult to find help to work on the bog at the end of summer. If we could use the elevator for loading, his idea was to hire a trucker and use his truck to haul the bog away. The 7-ft. harvester has hydraulics on it, but the 10-ft. harvester does not, so we might have to install hydraulics or get a portable power-pak to sit on the shore just to run the elevator. He will look into this idea. He would check with Inland to have them possibly redo the trailer, as it wasn't built to our specs.

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Tangney inquired about the year end reports for the bog and harvesting to use in the newsletter. Schmitz furnished a report for each harvester working on the bog. The 7-ft. machine took out about 102 tons or 173- cu. yd. This was used mainly to pick up floaters that got away from the larger machine or broke away. The 10-ft. harvester took out 1,063 tons, which converts to 1,805-cu. yds. Schmitz feels comfortable removing about 9,000-lbs. Per load with the 10-footer. Last year we took out 509 tons or 866 yd. He feels our equipment can handle the bog, but he wants to know if this is the will of the people – to continue working on the bog. Marvin agrees and thinks we should bring it to them. The reason Schmitz brought it up is that estimates from different contractors wouldn't get within a half a million dollars to remove the whole thing. It will be a much lower cost for homeowners to continue with our equipment, but take a longer period of time.

He and Tangney stopped at the DNR storage site off County P recently and said the site is about 150-yds. long and about 20-yds. wide with a depth of 3-4 ft. deep – roughly 1-1/2 times the length of a football field. Tangney will check with the DNR to see if we can cut down a few trees and push some of this material back down the hill.

Bog: Tangney and Goodrich went out on the lake using Goodrich's GPS depth finder and Tangney presented a report showing the various statistics. Global Positioning System (GPS) readings were taken using Goodrich's depth finder and using a pole feeling bog risen/removed area. Philip has the readings and calculations to be included in the report to the DNR. The harvested area is approximately 9,729-sq. ft. per these measurements. This is the area removed in 2002.

Schmitz said they are now working on the center core of the bog and it breaks up and loads, resulting in them making a load in a half-hour. Because it is so pliable it seems to be less depth and softer. He is a little concerned that the center of the bog could break out and we may have to contend with that when it happens. Marvin said the main thing to do in Phase I was to open it up so we could put in the slow-no wake buoy and still have a traffic lane. Schmitz said it is open now.

Philip took aerial photos last week and he will get with Ganfield to see about working on the Phase II permit. He will probably have a bog committee meeting between now and the next board meeting. Based on the annual meeting and Ganfield, we will not need to use Arron Associates to apply for the permit. Marvin said we need to define our future goals as Phase I is done – we have a traffic lane, which was the purpose. Now Phase II and beyond, is a question in his mind. He wonders if it is necessary to take out the whole center section of bog. It is a nice thing to do but is that the desire of the people. Philips said he thought Phase II was to take out a rectangle of 100,000-sq. ft. Phase I was just a corner of 10,000 sq.-ft.

Fish: None

Old Business

The newsletter will be prepared this month containing:

- Financial corrected page
- Final 2003 budget with explanation
- Year end harvesting report with statistics
- Year end bog report
- Weed rake status

New Business

Marvin said he attended a Walworth County Lake Assn. Meeting and someone brought up that along with the weed permit from the DNR, we are to file a year end report showing the amounts of weeds taken out of the lakes this summer. He contacted Stephanie, DNR, and she has mailed a report to Schmitz. Marvin will be glad to help Schmitz complete the report. He said the next meeting in November would discuss dues for the association, which means we must decide if we want to continue participation. Tangney suggested this become a committee with Marvin in charge.

New Business: None

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The meeting was in public input when Schmitz stated his displeasure with a letter from Don Oker to the editor of the Whitewater Register. Schmitz felt his wife was unjustifiably criticized and she had done nothing wrong. The letter was inaccurate. The board as a whole agreed the letter contained inaccuracies. Oker stated he did not come to this meeting to defend the letter. The letter reflected his feelings following the annual meeting.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, November 14, 2002. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Marie Berg, Clerk

**WHITEWATER-RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 14, 2002**

Meeting called to order by Bernie Tangney, chairman, 7:05 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Bernie Tangney, Gary Marvin, Gordon Philip, Art Schmitz, Jerry Grant and Norm Prusener.
Board Member absent: Doug Goodrich
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg
Guests: Don Oker, Dan and Claudia Holst, Jim Mulcahy

Minutes of the October 10, 2002 meeting were reviewed. Marvin corrected the New Business paragraph to read he had contacted Stephanie of the DNR and she mailed the year-end weed report to Schmitz (rather than Philip). Schmitz also suggested a change in the Bog report to read "they are now working on the center core of the bog and it breaks up and loads, resulting in them making a load in a half-hour. Changed from chops up and pops right up. Marvin then made motion to approve minutes as amended, seconded, and accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Tangney said the treasurer's report was mailed to board members with the minutes of the meeting and asked if everyone had reviewed it and if there were any corrections or questions. Motion made to approve as received, seconded and accepted as received. Philip made the comment that total operating expenditures through October 31st show a deficit of \$9,683 and there are still some truck expenses to be incurred. This will result in a deficit of over \$10,000 for the year and will deplete the contingency fund we currently have. We are borrowing from the equipment fund to cover the deficit. We will have to address this matter at a future date.

November expenses were then submitted for a total of \$524.32. Motion to approve payment as presented, seconded and approved.

Administrative Issues

Tangney is expecting a letter from the DNR relative to the grant. He attended the DNR meeting on October 16th at LaCrosse and received permission for the weed/rake grant with the contingency that it is being granted as a test and the DNR will not grant any other permits to buy the same machine until we say it works. Goodrich relayed this information to John Hockney and it didn't seem to make a difference to him. Tangney had hoped this would spur him on to work closely with us to perfect the machine to work for us and thus enable him to obtain more business for his machine. Tangney also mentioned that Pewaukee attended the meeting and said they have a seven-man crew that do nothing but clean up shoreline. They have two machines similar to our harvesters but without cutter blades – the front conveyor goes under water. One man drives it and two men are in the water on the shore raking the weeds from the shore and pushing weeds up on it. They have two units like this with six people and a seventh person on the truck hauling the weeds away. He cited this as an example of what other lakes are doing and said this must be a very expensive operation. Philip stated he did receive the letter stating we have the grant.

Tangney and Ganfield met with the gentleman from the Lake Gauge Survey Co. and he showed Ganfield how to read and use the tape. He turned the keys to the box over to us and Ganfield will monitor it. The DNR does not have a problem with our keeping the box on their property. The box is now our asset. Tangney said the tape is read every 15 minutes, but the tape needs to be changed very infrequently.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: None

Chemical Treatment: None

Harvesting and Equipment: A letter was received from Dennis Cole at Inland and Tangney said there may be situations in the letter which appear to be negative of Schmitz. Tangney wants it made very clear that Schmitz was only doing his job and this letter is a compliment to Schmitz in protecting our interests and getting things done for the district. Schmitz said the letter was written because the trailer was taken back to Inland after a belt breakdown, with a request to make recommendations as to what we could do to avoid that problem again. The board had voted at last month's meeting not to pay a bill for repairs made in summer until Cole had made recommendations to prevent this problem from happening again. Schmitz had not received a response from Cole, even though Schmitz had made a phone call after the last meeting stating he had a board meeting tonight and would like to bring up whatever proposal he would make to discuss it at tonight's meeting. This resulted in the letter being sent, stating Inland does not want to do

business with our district as he feels we are holding non-payment of the bill over his head and he cannot get along with McCracken. Another grievance was that we did not pay a finder's fee of \$500 for the sale of the old harvester. Cole also felt the radios we requested him to replace should have been removed prior to bringing the equipment for repair and Inland is not responsible for this loss.

After reviewing the letter with the board, Tangney said he didn't think we wanted to lose Inland as a vendor. Inland also stated they did not receive a seller's fee for the sale of the old harvester. Philip said he did send \$500 and will clear up this issue. Prusener recommended we pay the bill and not put a lot of credence in the letter and just continue as though nothing happened. Tangney then proposed we receive documentation on the \$500 check and he and Schmitz will personally go to Inland to talk to Cole and resolve the issues with the hope they will continue doing business with our district. There are only 3 vendors for this type of machinery and one of the three is in Canada, so it is beneficial to continue a healthy relationship with Inland.

In regards to the weed/rake purchase, Tangney showed the board a type of tines he had found at Triebold's and will take them to Hockney's to see if something along this design would work on the weed/rake. Marvin also suggested he ask if he is interested in designing a piece of equipment that will work for us. If not, that's fine too, but we need to know where we stand. Tangney said he spoke with Goodrich today and Goodrich had said that a month ago when he spoke to Hockney who had no interest, but in today's conversation he showed a desire to work with us. Marvin suggested we continue to work with Hockney, but in the meantime he will be attending a meeting of the Walworth County Lakes Association people and will ask if anyone knows of any other source to obtain a machine of this type.

Tangney presented an informational copy of a report showing the hours worked by our crew chief. Over five years, the crew chief worked:

621 hrs. 1996	750 hrs. 2001
627 hrs. 1997	725 hrs. 2002
512 hrs. 2000	

Philip stated a more critical point is the increased cost of harvesting per ton. Over seven years we spent:

1996 - \$12.90 per ton	1999 - \$14.59 per ton	2002 - \$31.10 per ton
1997 - \$ 9.61 per ton	2000 - \$14.83 per ton	
1998 - \$17.96 per ton	2001 - \$68.78 per ton	

This is the cost of labor for the crew. Marvin pointed out that the highest cost per year was when they cut the least weeds. By cutting more weeds, the cost goes down. Philip said if they didn't have the weeds to cut, the crew would go home. Tangney said that is the key - the crew comes in with a guarantee of 40 hrs. Schmitz said he feels we can control expenditures in other ways. One being, we would not have to start as early as we did. We now have a good fleet of equipment and we do not need to start much before the weekend of May 28th. We also could start with a smaller crew and add the 5th person in July. Schmitz is concerned that we may not get the caliber of people we want, if we don't guarantee the 40-hr. week. Schmitz also said McCracken needs to do more physical work, but how much can we ask of him? Marvin asked if it is necessary to have a person with his experience. If we get more of the crew returning, could the college crew do his job? Schmitz replied that only one person may return, and he is doubtful. Schmitz also said he himself couldn't continue to work 10-15 hrs. per week as he has been doing. Schmitz and Marvin agreed we do need experienced, qualified people, as this can be a dangerous job using very expensive equipment. Tangney said we do need to keep the cost issue in mind and keep this under control. Schmitz requested Philip break out the cost of hours per week all year long. Philip agreed to do this. Tangney also said he hoped Goodrich would be a help to Schmitz by supervising the crew on a daily basis. This would enable Schmitz to cut his time. Schmitz also suggested that McCracken would not have to start working as early in May if Goodrich could place the ads and do the interviewing.

Marvin received a phone call from Ron Ferro stating that someone had called him saying they had seen our crew at the Parkside launch and saw our crew cleaning equipment. When asked if they were using muriatic acid and if it was, wouldn't it hurt the fish - a crewmember replied "I don't fish this lake anyway, so I don't care." Tangney said he heard the complaint from Ferro on Election Day. He inferred the DNR would be unhappy. Tangney contacted McCracken to find out the product used and then went to TruValu and obtained the chemical contents. He took these over to Bill Norris who has a doctorate in chemistry or physics. He asked Norris to determine if we were doing something wrong.

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He said it would be very difficult to ascertain an answer because the main thing is to determine how much pollution was there. He got into the acidity of the lake – stating lakes are basically acidic which causes this acid to break down faster which would make it less harmful than if it was in drinking water. According to the specs here, if you had 5 parts (?) you could drink it. Tangney then called the DNR who did not have an answer. Tangney then sent the specs requesting to them look into it and let us know if we did something wrong and obviously if we did, it won't happen again. Schmitz said this was a practice that McCracken did at Lauderdale Lakes when he worked for them.

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.

Bog: Philip has prepared a directive to send to Pam Schense, DNR, advising her of the numbers completed in Phase I. He will show that we have exceeded the 10,000-sq. ft removal in the report. He has spoken to Tom Ganfield and he is ready to proceed with preparing the necessary paperwork for the Phase II permit. He has the aerial photos to send.

Tangney said Heartscape is going to remove the bog and weed material at our DNR storage site. They will use this material to manufacture mulch for sale to the public. Schmitz said next year they hope to work something out with them Heartscape to have them pay for our labor in hauling the material to their company. Philip suggested we obtain written approval from the DNR to remove the material and check with our insurance company to see if we need coverage for their removal.

Fish: None

Walworth County Lake Association: This is the new committee headed by Gary Marvin. Marvin stated he will attend a meeting on Saturday and he expects the association to be officially formed. They are trying to get agreement on what the purpose of the organization will be. Some want it as only an informational tool – to be able to share and obtain knowledge from other lake organizations.

Old Business

Berg has not heard from Dennis Smith regarding picking up the information she compiled for the Whitewater-Rice Lake Tax Alliance. The Board suggested she re-send the letter certified mail-return receipt requested. She will do so. Marvin said he heard from Ponyicsanyi that the off-the-lake people feel they are not getting anything for their dollars from the Lake Management District. Rumor has it that they want to get out of the district. None of this has been confirmed as fact as to the purpose of the Tax Alliance Group.

The newsletter was mailed on November 8th to members. Dan Holst said he was a little confused as to why the budget was changed. Tangney said the board proposed the budget and the general membership made changes in four different areas. The meeting notice was published in the newspaper twice and also an individual mailing went to the members. The members attending the meeting have the right to vote changes regardless of the number attending.

New Business

Prusener mentioned that Ron Ferro, town chairman, said he had a couple of complaints regarding taxes.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, December 12, 2002. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg, Clerk

**WHITEWATER-RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING – DECEMBER 12, 2002**

Meeting called to order by Bernie Tangney, chairman, 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.
Board members present: Bernie Tangney, Gordon Philip, Norm Prusener, Jerry Grant and Art Schmitz
Board member absent: Doug Goodrich and Gary Marvin
Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg
Guests: Gale Shelbourn and Tom Ponyicsanyi

Minutes of the November 14, 2002 meeting were reviewed. There being no changes, motion made to accept as presented, seconded, unanimously approved.

Treasurers Report

Philip said the treasurer's report had been mailed to board members earlier. Tangney commented as of this date the deficit in the budget was \$12,842 and would be discussed later. Since there were no changes, motion was made to accept as presented, seconded and unanimously approved as mailed.

December expenses were submitted. The largest bill was for \$2,230.64 less 5% discount to S&H Trucking for repairs to the truck. Total expenses were \$2,793.99. Motion made to pay bills as presented, seconded and approved.

Philip mentioned that in January 2003 a check would be issued in the amount of \$500 to the DNR for a permit for bog removal and the environmental assessment. He said we would need a permit every other year to continue the process.

Administrative Issues

The annual Wisconsin Lakes Convention will be held from April 10-12, 2003 in Green Bay WI. Tangney distributed registration forms and urged board members and significant others to attend at the districts' expense.

He attended last year and found it very informative with excellent speakers and facilities. The clerk will submit entries received and requested applications are submitted to her by February 1st to obtain the early bird discount for registration.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: Philip said he contacted Wisconsin Department of Revenue to find out what other management districts mil rates are in the state of Wisconsin for comparison purposes. He has not received a reply and will also contact WAL. Tom Ponyicsanyi suggested he check the Walworth County internet site and other counties have the same. Prusener said he has a Blue Book the state puts out annually which also shows this information. Tangney suggested Marvin could obtain this information from the Walworth County Lake Association meetings that he has been attending.

Tangney made a motion to allow the treasurer to pay bills as needed until the next board meeting to ensure payment on a timely basis. Motion seconded and approved.

Chemical Treatment: None

Harvesting and Equipment: Schmitz said he and Tangney met with Joe from the Hockney Company and requested he make some modifications to the weed/rake we are considering purchasing. He thought the changes would result in a price increase between \$1,000-3,000 which would bring the price to \$15,500. Changes would be \$1,000 to modify the front end and \$2,000 to modify the back end. Tangney

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said he hoped to make a decision with the board this evening as to the purchase and final price. Schmitz replied the only way we could come to a decision would be to agree to spend the \$12,500 with the \$1,000 option bringing the price to \$13,500 and then set a price that if Hockney would be willing to go with the double pontoon and give us the steering we wanted we would be willing to pay up to, but no more than \$15,500.

Tangney asked for discussion of the proposed purchase. Philip and Prusener both said they were opposed to the cost and that it is not a proven piece of equipment. No other Lake District is using this particular piece of equipment.

Schmitz said they would be raking the weeds, but also cutting them in shore areas where the chemicals did not work. He also said he would not put this equipment to use until July or August as usually the chemicals work early in the year. Tangney said since there are five board members present it will be up to the members to vote on the purchase. He also stated he is willing to go back to the DNR to request an increase in the grant for the additional cost of modifications. He said the DNR is very interested in this machine and had approved the original grant with the condition no other grants would be approved for this purchase until it is proven this machine works. Tangney, Schmitz and Grant voted to approve the purchase with a directive for Schmitz to follow in the purchase.

Motion was made by Schmitz to increase the \$12,500 approved by the members of the district an additional \$1,000 for a total of \$13,500 to purchase the Hockney model HC-10H which includes the modification to the front end for the weed/rake. Also up to \$2,000 to make the modification to the back end to articulate the steering on the duckbill and also to split the pontoons. Motion was seconded and since majority ruled, approved. Tangney requested Schmitz obtain an invoice to enable him to request the grant increase by the beginning of January as Tangney will be on vacation for approximately eight weeks and he wants to submit the request before leaving.

Tangney called DNR and spoke to Paul Sandgren regarding the issue of the muriatic acid being used in the lake to clean the districts harvesting equipment. Next year we will not use muriatic acid at the boat launch but will use another chemical, which is more lake friendly.

Tangney left a message for Heartscape again today, with no response. They do have a key to get into the dump area and had previously stated they would haul away the bog and weed material to be ground up and put into a potting mixture they will manufacture.

Ponyicsanyi brought up the subject of time being wasted by the harvesting crew. He cited an occasion where the crew brought the harvester from one end of the lake to another, leaving the harvester to go to lunch. An hour later they returned and had to drive the harvester back to the other end to resume harvesting. Tangney said this issue has been brought to the board's attention and it re-enforces the need for the board to do something about time being wasted. He also said that Goodrich is now on the board and we are hoping that he will take over in supervising the crew and be more cognizant of what's happening on a day to day basis.

Bog: Philip met with Tom Ganfield who would like a letter from Heartscape expressing their intention to take the bog material and also indicate how many cubic yards they would be willing to take. Tangney will try to obtain the letter. Philip said they are looking at removing about 1,200 cu. yds. annually for the next six years. Ganfield also suggested we obtain a letter from the DNR authorizing Heartscape to go on the DNR property to remove the material. Tangney said he is very comfortable with this issue as he has spoken to the DNR and they have no objections. Philip said he feels it is necessary to have a paper trail

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of the DNR approval. Tangney to handle. Philip said they are going to request the DNRs' permission to continue to use the facility for depositing bog material. Ganfield suggested they talk to Dennis Cole from Inland regarding the need of a trebidity curtain and a fence to contain the bog material to keep floaters from getting away. Tangney said that is the purpose of keeping the 7-ft. harvester in the area – to pick up materials that may break off.

Philip said they are on schedule to apply for the environmental assessment permit by January 15th. Tangney said he was under the assumption that if we proved the bog was not connected to the bottom of the lake, we would not need a permit. Philip said he would talk to Ganfield about this.

Walworth County Lake Association: Marvin attended a meeting and relayed the information to Tangney there will be another meeting in February and they probably will organize and request \$50 annual dues. Marvin and Tangney feel it will be beneficial to join the association.

Fish: Ponyicsanyi is encouraging planting of muskies in Rice Lake. Fingerlings are about 7-8" and that is a good survival rate. Tangney requested Ponyicsanyi come back to the board before he pursues this idea. Because of the possible changes in DNR personnel, no promises are made as to the stocking.

Old Business

Clerk reported Dennis Smith signed receipt for the certified letter stating materials he requested are ready to be picked up upon receipt of payment for costs incurred. Berg has not had any response from him. Tangney said we've learned that any requests made in future will be honored if payment is received first.

New Business

None

The next board meeting, unless needed earlier, is scheduled for May 8th, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg, Clerk