

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORTS:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BUDGET HEARING:

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

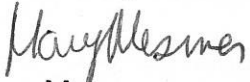
Nomination Results - President Jim Stevenson asked Mary Mesmer, Municipal Clerk, to announce the results of the election of Board members. Mary Mesmer presented the results as presented to her by the Annual Meeting clerks: Bernie Tangney will serve a 3 year term, Gary Marvin will serve a 3 year term,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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Mary Mesmer
Municipal Clerk