

MINUTES

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
District Commissioners Meeting
January 12, 1989

Present: Willard Gross, Kenneth Loehndorf, William Norris, Thomas Ponyiscanyi.

Absent: James Van Dreser

Guests: Mary DeVries, Jake DeVries, Sue Patterson, Nello Castelveccchi, Roy Sheahen, Jack Lawrence, Marge Freitag, Robert Benjamin, Walter Lauer, Adele Lauer, Vern Ludtke, Dale Poeppel.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34PM by Chairman Norris.

1. Secretary's Report. Gross read the minutes of the December 8, 1988 meeting. Carlo Balistrieri sent a letter with the following corrections - his correct name is Carlo, that both Mr. Balistrieri and Ken Wagner of the Balistrieri & Wagner Law Offices are the attorneys of record for the District, and lastly, that "the commissioners agreed that legal council check the lake management records and render an opinion at the April 13, 1989 meeting regarding insurance". Loehndorf/Norris moved to accept the minutes with the corrections. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
2. Treasurer's Report. Ponyiscanyi reported a beginning balance of \$7885.06 with \$590.16 in the checking account and \$7294.90 in the savings account. Bills received include:

Tom Ponyiscanyi (postage, telephone)	\$ 15.78
Lauderdale Lakes Assoc. (follow-up septic survey)	100.00
Bruce Kelley (follow-up septic survey)	100.00
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	\$215.78

Previously approved bills which were paid included Walworth County Data Bank, UW-Extension, and Bill Norris for a total of \$268.16. Total disbursements were \$ 483.94. Loehndorf/Gross moved approval to pay the new bills and acceptance of the treasurer's report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

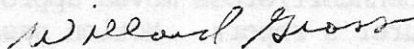
Norris presented a bill from the U.S. Postal Service for our bulk mailing permit fee. Ponyiscanyi/Gross moved the payment of the fee. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Most guests were present to discuss the Resolution to establish a slow-no-wake area in part of the south basin of Whitewater Lake which was presented to the Richmond Town Board in December. Gross read the resolution and summarized the Board's plans and reasons for recommending a slow-no-wake area. During discussion of the issue, residents expressed concern about promoting stagnant water, excessive weed growth, and loss of property values. The residents appeared to prefer a smaller, pie-shaped, slow-no-wake area. The Board urged interested guests to attend the February Richmond Town Board meeting to express their concerns.
4. Dale Poeppel explained the Whitewater Walleye Club. He indicated that the club was an organization in name only, for working with the DNR to establish a walleye rearing pond and for stocking walleyes. The Board of Commissioners recommended that Norris write a letter to Doug Welch and Rick Dauffenbach of the DNR notifying them that the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District is assuming responsibility for all fish stocking and fishery improvements in Whitewater and Rice Lakes.

5. Norris presented a contract he received from Integrated Lakes Management for weed harvesting during 1989 at a cost of \$68/hour. The contract was signed by Norris and Ponyiscanyi. Norris will return a copy of the contract.
6. Norris presented several DNR permit applications for building sea walls on Whitewater Lake, which were sent to the Whitewater Town Board, but not to the Lake Management District. The Board expressed its anger and frustration at being ignored by the DNR, especially since a letter was sent to the DNR about this issue and Gloria McCutcheon informed the Board that it would receive notice of any applications for permits for activities on Whitewater and Rice Lakes. Loehndorf informed the Board that the Town Board had received a notice of an application for a dredging permit. Norris/Ponyicsanyi moved that Gross should contact Gloria McCutcheon, Director of the Southeast District DNR Office to arrange a face-to-face meeting regarding this issue. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.
7. Norris reported on several pieces of correspondence he has sent. A letter to Bruce Baker, Director of the DNR Bureau of Research, requesting data on water quality for Whitewater and Rice Lakes was answered with a suggestion to contact Bob Wakemann of the DNR Southeast District. A letter sent to Neal O'Reilly of the DNR requesting information on building a discharge measuring system below Rice Lake has not been answered. In addition, there has been no response from the Wisconsin Association of Lake Districts (WALD) to a letter expressing the District's interest in joining WALD.
8. Loehndorf/Norris moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:23PM.

Respectfully submitted.



Willard Gross, Secretary

Addendum

The next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is February 9, 1989 at 7:30PM, in the Whitewater Town Hall.

The secretary has arranged a meeting with Gloria McCutcheon of the DNR on February 10, 1989 at 10:00AM, in the DNR Southeast District Office.

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District Commissioners Meeting
February 9, 1989

Present: Willard Gross, Kenneth Loehndorf, William Norris, Thomas Ponyicsanyi,
James Van Dreser.
Guests: Maryln Kienbaum.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34PM by Chairman Norris.

1. Secretary's Report. There being no corrections, Loehndorf/Ponyicsanyi moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
2. Treasurer's Report. Ponyicsanyi reported a beginning balance of \$7401.12, with \$7294.90 in savings and \$106.22 in the checking accounts. An additional \$30.00 was received from Dale Poeppel for the walleye stocking fund. The only bill was for \$60.00 from the U.S. Postal Service for a 3rd class bulk mailing permit for which payment was approved at the January meeting. The current treasury balance is \$7371.12 with \$7294.90 in the savings account and \$76.22 in the checking account.

Gross requested that the Treasurer's report reflect the \$4000 contingency fund for weed harvesting or weed harvesting equipment as approved at the November 10, 1988 Commissioners meeting.

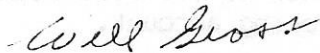
Ponyicsanyi reported receiving a statement of interest income of \$487.09 on the savings account, from First Citizens State Bank. The Board suggested Balistrieri & Wagner be contacted on how to handle the reporting of this income.

Loehndorf/Van Dreser moved approval of the Treasurer's report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Norris reported that he had sent Rick Dauffenbach, DNR Assistant Fish Manager, a letter (1-13-89) notifying the DNR that the Lake Management District (LMD) was assuming responsibility for fish stocking and other fisheries improvements on Whitewater and Rice Lakes.
4. Norris requested discussion of the Lake Management District becoming affiliated with various organizations such as the Wisconsin Association of Lake Districts (WALD) at a cost of \$100/year, the North American Lakes Management Society (NALMS) at a cost of \$30/year, and the Wisconsin Federation of Lakes (WFL) at a cost of \$20/year. Gross/Loehndorf moved that the LMD become affiliated with WALD. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
5. Norris distributed a brochure regarding a Wisconsin Aquatic Resources Education Program which described a program for teaching children about aquatic resources and fishing. The commissioners recommended that the brochure be sent to Dale Poeppel for the Fisheries Committee to consider as a possible LMD activity, and for possible inclusion in the District newsletter.
6. Norris reported that the District attorneys, Balistrieri & Wagner have requested the appointment of a representative to work with them on incorporation and tax exempt status for the District. Norris recommended Will Gross, who was approved by unanimous consent of the Board.

7. Norris requested the Board consider not having a March meeting. The Board agreed to hold the next meeting on April 13, 1989.
 8. Norris reminded the Commissioners that the 1989 Annual Meeting is scheduled for August 27, 1989. Therefore, the Board needs to put out a Newsletter with information on budget and soliciting nominations for Commissioner, by June 15, 1989.
 9. The Board discussed agenda items for the meeting with Gloria McCutcheon, Director of the DNR Southeast District Office, and other DNR representatives on February 10, 1989. Gross volunteered to prepare a written agenda.
 10. Ponyicsanyi/Van Dreser moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:58PM.

Respectfully submitted



Willard Gross, Secretary

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Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
District Commissioners Meeting
April 13, 1989

Present: Willard Gross, Kenneth Loehndorf, William Norris, Thomas Ponyisanyi, James Van Dreser.

Guests: Charlie Cruse, Vern Ludtke, Walter Hicks, Dale Poeppel.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM by Chairman Norris.

1. Secretary's Report. Loehndorf/Van Dreser moved that the minutes of the February 9, 1989 meeting be approved as written and distributed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
2. Treasurer's Report. Ponyisanyi reported a beginning balance of \$7,294.90 in the savings account, including the \$4,000 contingency fund, and \$76.22 in the checking account. Disbursements included \$100 for membership in the Wisconsin Association of Lake Districts (WALD), as well as a bill for \$70.20 from Bill Norris for miscellaneous expenses.

The 1988 mill-tax money in the amount of \$15,110.77 was received from the Town of Whitewater. The LMD records indicate it should have been \$15,116.14, but the Township overpaid last year. Other income included \$92.19 and \$89.43 interest on the savings account, and Gross just turned over the tax check from the Town of Richmond.

\$600 was transferred to the checking account on 2-10-89 and \$15,000 was deposited in the savings account on 3-24-89. The final balance in the accounts are \$21,876.52 (including \$4000 contingency fund) in the savings account and \$616.79 in the checking account. Loehndorf/Van Dreser moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Norris reported receiving and returning a DNR document on sewer service charges in 1988. He indicated to the DNR that the District had no such charges.
4. Norris introduced Carlo Balistrieri, District legal counsel, to discuss incorporation and tax-exempt status for the LMD. Balistrieri gave an oral report of his investigation into these concerns. He indicated there was some question whether the District could incorporate as it already is a body politic under Ch 33 of the State Statutes. Therefore, Balistrieri there was no need for the District to apply for incorporation.

Balistrieri indicated that the District is recognized as a legal corporate body under the State Statutes so that the LMD has the status of a non-profit organization. Donations to the LMD are already tax-exempt, and if desired, the LMD should qualify for special postal rates just as other not-for-profit organizations. Balistrieri suggested there was no special need to apply for tax-exempt status and that it would constitute an extra expense. Balistrieri indicated that the LMD organizational documents and the Ch. 33 Statutes should be appropriate legal documents for demonstrating the District's legal status.

It was Balistrieri's opinion that insurance for the District was not necessary until such time as the LMD engages in activities which may involve incurring some type of liability. He indicated that as a public entity, the LMD and its commissioners have a certain amount of governmental immunity. After discussion, especially about the possible liability of District Commissioners,

Balistreri indicated that it was his personal and legal viewpoint that our current activities did not justify the expense of insurance.

Ponicsanyi/Norris moved that base upon the advise of legal counsel, the Board not take any action on incorporation, tax-exempt status, or insurance at this time. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

5. Ponicsanyi requested discussion on getting the DNR interested in Rice Lake and stocking fish. Ponicsanyi suggested that the LMD use the interest money from the savings account to stock fish in Rice Lakes. After discussion, the Board did not take any action.
6. Gross reported on the February 10, 1989 meeting of Board members with the Southeast District DNR Director, Gloria McCutcheon and members of her staff. The DNR promised to keep us better informed on permit applications and other activities on Whitewater and Rice Lakes. They also stated that the fishery survey had been postponed for this year. At the request of Board members, the DNR offered to send a letter offering suggestions and recommendations on fish management activities until a fishery survey is completed. DNR representatives recommended that the Board meet with the U.S. Geological Survey and interested parties to develop a comprehensive study plan for Whitewater and Rice Lakes.
7. Gross reported on a meeting he arranged on February 24, 1989 with Steve Field (USGS), Dave Kendzorski (SEWRPC) and Neal O'Reilly (DNR) regarding a lake study plan for Whitewater and Rice Lakes. The recommendations from the group were for the District to start out slowly and begin with a study of the hydrology of Whitewater and Rice Lakes. The study should include data collection on lake level fluctuations, lake discharge, groundwater flow, and hydraulic budgets for both lakes. Steve Field is to make a field observation of the lakes and formulate a proposal to the Lake District. Expected costs of such a study would be \$5000-10000 depending on the amount of local help.
8. Loehndorf reported that the Town Board had received no new DNR permit applications from the DNR. Cruse reported that he had received a permit for dredging and that another person had applied for a permit. Cruse and Poeppel reported that a lake property owner is presently dumping truck loads of material on the shoreline that is washing into Whitewater Lake and questioned if a permit would be necessary for such an activity.

The Board again raised the question on whether the District was being properly informed by the DNR about permits for activities on the lakes. The Board requested the Secretary to contact Vince Kalvin and Neal O'Reilly regarding these matters and to request that O'Reilly attend the May Board meeting.
9. Norris raised a question whether the Board desired to harvest weeds on Rice and Whitewater Lakes at approximately the same time as last year. The Board agreed that the District should keep the same harvesting periods, unless weed conditions indicated a change. It was noted that the \$4000 contingency fund could be used for additional harvesting. Charlie Cruse and Vern Ludtke will be helping to coordinate the harvesting again this year.
10. Gross gave a brief report regarding the 1989 Wisconsin Association of Lake Districts Convention in Stevens Point, April 7-8, 1989.

11. Loehndorf reported that he attended the March meeting of the Richmond Town Board and that the Town Board approved the placement of buoys establishing a slow-no-wake zone in the southern part of the South Basin.
12. Loehndorf reported that the Whitewater Town Board had received a request from Mr. Tagney to establish a ski slalom on Rice Lake with permission for practice sessions during three days of the week including weekends. Some Rice Lake residents are protesting the request as is the DNR Forest Unit (Bruce Chevitz). No action was taken by the Board.
13. Norris requested discussion of the Newsletter and clarifying the date of the 1989 Annual Meeting. The Board agreed that the Annual Meeting should be held on Saturday August 26, 1989.
To meet all deadlines, the Newsletter must be published by June 27, 1989. Newsletter articles suggested by the Board include: 1989 weed harvesting plans, transfer of walleyes from Delevan Lake, a summary of meetings with the DNR, budget for 1990, solicitation of nominees for commissioner, consideration of changing the mill rate in the By-Laws. Norris requested Commissioners to have draft reports for the Newsletter by the May Board meeting.
14. Poeppel asked about expending funds for improvements to the walleye rearing pond. Gross/Ponyicsanyi approved any expenditure up to \$100 by Dale Poeppel for pond improvements.
15. Norris announced that the next Board meeting would be held May 11, 1989 at 7:30PM in the Whitewater Town Hall.
16. Gross/Ponyicsanyi moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55PM

Respectfully submitted,

Willard Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary

11. Leabard reported that he attended the March meeting of the Richmond Town Board and that the Town Board approved the placement of bays establishing a right-of-way zone in the southern part of the South Basin.

12. Leabard reported that the Whitewater Town Board had received a request from Mr. Taguey to establish a ski station on Rice Lake with permission for practice sessions during three days of the week including weekends. Some Rice Lake residents are protesting the request as is the Town Forest Unit (Bruce Coville). No action was taken by the Board.

13. Morris requested discussion of the Newsletter and clarifying the date of the 1989 Annual Meeting. The Board agreed that the Annual Meeting should be held on Saturday August 19, 1989.

To meet all deadlines, the Newsletter must be published by June 30, 1989. To meet all deadlines, the Newsletter must be published by June 30, 1989. Director of Wildlife and Fisheries, a summary of meetings with the Board, budget for 1990, solicitation of business for commission, consideration of changing the mill rate in the By-Laws. Morris requested Commissioners to have draft reports for the Newsletter by the May Board meeting.

14. Poppel asked about expending funds for improvements to the Wildlife meeting room. Gross/Polycosny approved any expenditures up to \$100 by late Poppel for pool improvements.

15. Morris announced that the next Board meeting would be held May 11, 1989 at 7:30PM in the Whitewater Town Hall.

16. Gross/Polycosny moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 9:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Willard Gross
Willard Gross, Secretary

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Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
District Commissioners Meeting
May 11, 1989

Present: Willard Gross, Kenneth Loehndorf, William Norris, Tom Ponyicsanyi.
Absent: James Van Dreser.

Guests: Neil O'Reilly (DNR), John and Emily Glen, Bertha Ehrenreich, Ed Coyne.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Norris at 7:34PM.

1. Secretary's Report. Loehndorf/Norris moved that the minutes of the April 13, 1989 meeting be approved as written and distributed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
2. Treasurer's Report. Ponyicsanyi reported a starting balance of \$22,493.31 with \$21,876.52 (including \$4000 contingency fund) in the savings account and \$616.79 in the checking account. The 1988 taxes were received from the Town of Richmond. The money was deposited in the checking account and \$3,800.00 transferred to the savings account, leaving \$83.86 of the taxes in the checking account. There were no bills to pay so the final balance is \$26,377.17 with \$25,676.52 in the savings account and \$700.65 in the checking account.

A bill for \$492.00 was received from the Balistreri & Wagner Law firm for legal services. In reserving the Lakeview School gymnasium for the annual meeting, Ponyicsanyi discovered the District had not paid the \$50 rental fee for last year's annual meeting. Norris presented a statement for \$85.06 for miscellaneous expenses. A bill for \$4.74 was received from Home Lumber for fish pond expenses. Loehndorf/Norris moved approval to pay the outstanding bills and accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Norris presented a copy of a proposed agreement with the DNR regarding responsibility for the fish rearing pond. The agreement indicated that the District would assume liability for any accidents or problems at the pond. Since the pond and land are owned by the DNR, the commissioners did not feel the District should ^{pay} any liability. Neil O'Reilly suggested further discussion with Doug Welch (District fish manager) and volunteered to contact Welch personally. Norris/Loehndorf moved that the District not sign the agreement, but to give it to the District's lawyer for an opinion. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

4. Norris announced that the Greater Whitewater Property Owners Associations Spring meeting is May 20, 1989. Ponyicsanyi will represent the Lake District at the meeting.

5. Norris summarized the result of the May 10, 1989 Whitewater Town Board meeting regarding the establishment of a ski slalom on Rice Lake. The Town Board recommended that the opposing parties work out an agreement among themselves. Loehndorf added that the Town Board approved the installation of piers at selected sites for back-lot property owners.

6. Norris announced that he toured both Whitewater and Rice Lakes with the Integrated Lakes Management representative. The representative expressed concern over the suitability of access sites for unloading weeds. Norris is concerned that the weed harvesting may be less efficient this year because of this problem. Gross/Loehndorf moved that the \$4,000 contingency

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fund be used for this years weed harvesting because of the great abundance of weeds in Whitewater Lake. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

7. Norris introduced Neal O'reilly, Water Resource Manager with the DNR. O'Reilly gave the Board a copy of the minutes from the February, 1989 meeting of the Commissioners with District DNR officials. He also gave the District a copy of all shoreline structure permit applications for the past 2½ years. O'Reilly explained that the District had not been notified of permit applications for spraying or shoreline improvements because prior to the February, 1989 meeting, copies were sent to the Townships and the DNR assumed that the Townships were notifying the Lake District. However, since February, the Lake District should receive separate notification. The DNR has received only one application since February. The Board informed O'Reilly that it has not received any notification. Several Commissioners mentioned additional complaints. O'Reilly stated he would request a meeting with the DNR District Director, Gloria Mc Cutheon, and report back to the Lake District.
8. Norris requested discussion of the next Newsletter which will contain all the information about the 1989 Annual Meeting on August 26, 1989. In order to meet the By-Laws 60-day notification period, the Newsletter must be mailed by June 26, 1989.

Norris started the discussion by proposing that the Lake District purchase its own weed harvesting equipment. A lengthy discussion for and against the proposal took place.

Gross announced that he had arranged a meeting with Steve Field of the U.S. Geological Survey on May 15, 1989 to conduct a field survey of Whitewater and Rice Lakes. This meeting was in conjunction with the meeting held February 24, 1989 with the U.S.G.S., DNR, and SEWRPC. The purpose of the field survey was to evaluate conditions for a hydrologic study of both Whitewater and Rice Lakes. Gross suggested that if a study proposal can be developed it may be considered for the 1990 budget.

Gross indicated that the U.S.G.S. would require a depth-contour map (hydrographic map) of Whitewater and Rice Lakes. The map for Whitewater Lake was drawn in 1954 and no map exists for Rice Lake. This project might be considered for the 1990 budget. Estimated costs of the hydrographic maps is \$600 if the Lake District performs the field work.

9. Because of the late hour and the amount of material to be discussed, Gross/Ponyicsanyi moved that the meeting be postponed until Monday, May 15, 1989 at 7:00PM. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was suspended at 10:10PM.

Continuation of District Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 15, 1989

Present: Willard Gross, William Norris, Tom Ponyicsanyi.

Absent: Kenneth Loehndorf, James Van Dreser.

10. Norris requested discussion of a nominations committee to solicit nominees for the office of commissioner. After discussion, the Board decided to contact Walter Hicks to serve as chairman of a nominations committee. Hicks will contact other people to serve on the committee.

11. Ponyicsanyi requested discussion of the 1990 budget before covering other Newsletter items and presented a budget outline. After discussion, the Commissioners approved the following partial budget:

Operating Expense	\$ 400
Newsletter	\$1000
Legal Fees	\$ 800
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 300
Wisconsin Association of Lake Districts (membership)	\$ 100
Fishery Program	<u>\$2000</u>
Subtotal	\$4600

12. In view of the severe weed problems on Whitewater Lake this year, the commissioners present concurred that more must be done to control weeds in 1990, and that it is necessary to request the Lake District membership to amend the 0.5 mil tax limitation in Article III, Section 6 of the District's By-Laws.
13. The commissioners continued discussion of projects to consider for the 1990 budget. At Norris's request, Ponyicsanyi compiled an approximate cost estimate for the District purchasing and operating its own weed harvesting equipment. Ponyicsanyi estimated the cost at \$ 56,400/year amortized over a seven year period.
14. Gross proposed that the District not purchase harvesting equipment at this time, but increase its budget for commercial weed harvesting. He believes the District does not have sufficient information on the best management procedures applicable to the problems of Whitewater and Rice Lakes. Gross felt uncomfortable committing the District to an expensive project without adequate information that weed harvesting represented the best, most economic, management procedure.
15. Gross reported on the May 15, 1989 meeting he and Norris had with Steve Field of the USGS. Field proposed a one-year study of the hydrology of Whitewater and Rice Lakes. The study would involve measuring the lakes water inflow, water outflow, groundwater flow, evaporation, precipitation, and lake level fluctuations. Using the data and literature references, a crude phosphorus budget could be developed. Since the USGS conducts lake studies on a cost-sharing basis, the approximate cost of such a study would be \$ 10,000 to the district. This cost includes establishing a permanent lake-level monitoring station at the outlet of Whitewater Lake. Gross suggested including the USGS study in the 1990 budget.
16. Gross also proposed that \$600 be included in the 1990 budget for preparing current hydrographic maps of Whitewater and Rice Lakes.
17. The Commissioners could not reach a concensus on projects to recommend for the 1990 budget and decided that the various projects should be presented in the Newsletter along with an explanation of each project. At the Annual Meeting, the District members will vote on the various projects to include in the

1990 budget. The 1990 budget approved at the Annual Meeting will determine the increase in the mil tax rate needed to meet the budget.

18. Meeting adjourned at 9:10PM May 15, 1989.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary.

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\$ 1000	Newsletter
\$ 800	Legal Fees
\$ 300	Miscellaneous Expenses
\$ 100	Membership
\$ 2000	Fishery Program
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\$ 4600	Subtotal

13. The Commissioner's continued discussion of projects to consider for the 1990 budget. At Morris's request, Poynter's compiled an approximate cost estimate for the District purchasing and operating its own weed harvesting equipment. Poynter's estimated the cost at \$ 58,400/year amortized over a seven year period.

14. Gross proposed that the District not purchase harvesting equipment at this time but increase the budget for commercial weed harvesting. He believes the District does not have sufficient information on the best management procedures applicable to the problems of Whitewater and Rice Lakes. Gross felt uncertainties concerning the District to an expensive project without adequate information that weed harvesting represented the best, most economic management procedure.

15. Gross reported on the May 17, 1989 meeting he and Norris had with Steve Field of the USGS. Field proposed a one-year study of the hydrology of Whitewater and Rice Lakes. The study would include the flow water inflow, water quality, groundwater levels, vegetation, sedimentation, and lake level fluctuations. Using the data and literature references, a study program budget could be developed. Since the USGS conducts lake studies on a cost-sharing basis, the approximate cost of such a study would be \$ 10,000 to the District. This cost includes establishing a permanent lake-level monitoring station at the outlet of Whitewater Lake. Gross suggested including the USGS study in the 1990 budget.

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Absent: James Van Dreser

Guests: see attached list.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32PM by Chairman Norris.

1. Secretary's Report. Gross read the minutes of the May 11, 1989 Board Meeting. Ponyicsanyi requested a correction of the Treasurer's report as follows, "Norris presented two bills of \$85.06 and \$4.74 from Home Lumber Co. for materials used at the rearing pond". Loehndorf/Ponyicsanyi moved that the minutes be approved and accepted as corrected. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
2. Treasurer's Report. Ponyicsanyi reported a starting balance of \$26,377.17 with \$700.65 in the checking account and \$25,676.52 in the savings account. He noted that the \$4,000 contingency fund was designated for weed harvesting at the last meeting. Bills paid were: Balistieri & Wagner \$492.00; Home Lumber Co. \$89.80; and Postmaster \$14.00 for our Post Box rental. The final balance is \$25,751.37 with \$104.85 in the checking account and \$25,676.52 in the savings account.
Bills received this month were: Integrated Lakes Management \$2,720.00 for weed harvesting on Rice Lake and Will Gross \$41.20 for copying, postage, and secretarial supplies. Loehndorf/Gross moved approval to pay the outstanding bills and to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
3. Because of the large audience, Norris opened-up the meeting to the people present to voice their concerns. Concerns expressed by the audience included:
 - a. Who is responsible for the removal of trees which have fallen into the lake.
 - b. The question of what the District Commissioners plan to do about weeds this summer.
 - c. What can be done to control weeds along the shorelines so people can use their beaches?
 - d. The benefits of weed harvesting versus herbicide spraying to control weeds.
 - e. A recommendation to contact Ed Kowalski about equipment for weed harvesting.
 - f. Complaints about the State not helping with the weed program, but making money from the recreation area.
 - g. Better surveillance of weed harvesting in 1989 that areas not cut in 1988 be cut this summer

Norris and the other Commissioners explained that the District is restricted in its weed harvesting program by the budget restriction imposed by the 0.5 property mil-tax levy which is in the District's By-Laws. In order to do more, the District requires a larger budget, which means changing (increasing)

the mil-tax levy stated in the By-Laws.

Norris suggested that the District purchase its own weed harvesting equipment. A discussion of costs and the pros and cons of weed harvesting followed.

Gross commented that he had investigated what could be done about additional weed control in 1989. First, and most important, it would be necessary to have an emergency meeting of District members to have them approve spending additional money for weed control in 1989. In addition, Gross contacted a company which sprays herbicides and two weed harvesting companies regarding their availability this summer. The spraying company felt that little could be accomplished this summer because the new State requirements could probably not be met until late July. He felt that spraying at that late date would have minimal effect on the weeds and minimum benefits to the District. One weed harvester, Wisconsin Lake Harvesters, could do additional harvesting either next week or in early August. The problems of arranging an emergency meeting and the advantages and disadvantages of a second weed harvesting were discussed. To end debate, Norris requested a motion from the audience authorizing the Board to arrange an emergency meeting. The matter was dropped when there was no motion from the audience.

In response to a complaint that areas in the South Basin were not harvested last summer, Loehndorf/Ponyicsanyi moved that the harvesting start in the Richmond Township part of Whitewater Lake in 1989. Motion passed by voice vote.

Several members of the audience requested that costs and additional information regarding weed control options for 1990 be sent to District voters prior to the annual meeting. Norris acknowledged that the Board would do so.

4. The meeting recessed for several minutes to allow the audience to leave if they so desired.
5. Gross raised an issue that the District Newsletter includes a request to change the mil-tax levy in the By-Laws, as part of the agenda for the annual meeting, but that this action was never approved by the Board of Commissioners. Gross/Norris moved that the Board of Commissioners recommends that the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District amend Article III, Section 6 (Annual Budget and Tax) of the District's By-Laws regarding the mil-tax levy, from 0.5 mil to 2.5 mils of equalized evaluation.

Present Statement: "The property tax levy of the District shall not exceed a rate of 0.5 mils of equalized evaluation."

Proposed Change: " The property tax levy of the District shall not exceed a rate of 2.5 mils of equalized evaluation".

6. Loehndorf requested to be excused at this time.
7. Gross/Norris moved that the agenda for the Annual Meeting be approved as presented in the District Newsletter. Motion passed by voice vote.
8. Ponyicsanyi requested discussion of the 1989 budget. Approximately \$12,000 of the 1989 budget is uncommitted, and Ponyicsanyi would like to have the money committed to specific projects. Norris/Gross requested that the issue

be postponed until the July Board meeting. Motion passed by a voice vote.

9. Dale Poeppel reported on activities at the walleye rearing pond. He suggested that the Board consider the stocking of Northern Pike in Rice Lake as an item for the 1990 Budget. Poeppel will be meeting with Doug Welch and Rick Dauffenbach, DNR fish biologists on June 9, 1989 and asked the Board if it had any requests he should convey to the DNR. Gross requested that Poeppel inquire about the status of a fisheries report the DNR promised last February. Norris requested that Poeppel inquire about the DNR agreement regarding the rearing pond.

Norris reported that he has been in contact with a DNR attorney regarding the rearing pond agreement, but he has received no response in the past two weeks.

10. Norris presented a newspaper notice, published in the June 8, 1989 issue of the Whitewater Register, indicating that Biological Controls, Inc. intends to spray herbicides for weed control in parts of Whitewater Lake. Norris/Ponyicsanyi moved that the Board request a public informational hearing on the matter. Motion passed by voice vote.
11. Norris read a letter from Mr. Lauer regarding dead carp in the South Basin of Whitewater Lake. Mr. Lauer requested that the District be responsible for picking up and disposing of the carp. The Board took no action.
12. Norris reported that the District has received a copy of a DNR permit application for dredging and a seawall.
13. Gross/Ponyicsanyi moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Willard Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary

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Gross/Foryscazyk moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Willard Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary

MINUTES
District Commissioners Meeting
Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
July 13, 1989

Present: Willard Gross, William Norris, Tom Ponyicsanyi, James Van Dreser, Marilyn Kienbaum (for Ken Loehndorf).

Guests: Charles and Marian Cruse, George and Eleanor Kovar, Roger Fagerstrom, Eydie Kugath, Clifford Witte, Walter Hicks, Ray Heger.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM by Chairman Norris.

1. Secretary's Report. Gross read the minutes of the June 8, 1989 Board meeting. Ponyicsanyi noted that the treasurer's report should be corrected to reflect a final balance of \$25,781.37 not \$25,751.37. Ponyicsanyi also noted that Mr and Mrs Patterson, and Alex Erton, were guests at the June meeting. Van Dreser/Ponyicsanyi moved that the June minutes be accepted as corrected. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Gross reported on correspondance in the past month. He distributed copies of the letter sent to Gloria McCutcheon, DNR Southeast District Director, questioning the DNR's decision refusing a public informational hearing on the application to spray herbicides in Whitewater Lake. Gross also distributed copies of McCutcheon's letter of response and summarized the DNR's reasons for their action.

Gross reported he had received a letter nominating Chet Zorn for District Commissioner. A question was raised whether Mr. Zorn owned property within the District as his residence is outside the District. Gross is to check with the Whitewater Town Clerk on the matter.

Gross reported he had sent letters to the Wisc. Dept. of Revenue and Mr. Lauer as requested at the June meeting.

2. Treasurer's Report. Ponyicsanyi reported a starting balance of \$25,781.37 with \$25,676.52 in the savings account and \$104.85 in the checking account. The District received \$253.43 in interest on the savings account. Bills paid included; Integrated Lakes Management - \$2,720.00 for weed cutting on Rice Lake. and Will Gross - \$41.20. Ponyicsanyi noted that \$3,500.00 was transferred from the savings account to the checking account. The final balance is \$23,273.50 with \$843.55 in the checking account and \$22,429.95 in the savings account.

Bills presented for approval included: Ponyicsanyi - \$10.72 for miscellaneous expenses, Norris - \$186.54 for Newsletter postage (\$106.88) and miscellaneous expenses, Integrated Lakes Management - \$9,452.00 for weed harvesting on Whitewater Lake, Whitewater Limestone - \$66.07 for gravel placed on the Hill Drive lake access, Walworth County - \$35.00 for address labels, UW-Extension - \$80.56 for printing the Newsletter. Gross/Norris moved approval of the bills and acceptance of the Treasurer's report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

3. Gross distributed a draft of a letter he proposed be sent to Governor Thompson urging the governor to sign the legislation relating to the Lake Resources Account Budget. Gross gave a brief report on the reason for sending the letter. The Board unanimously agreed the letter should be sent to the Governor and directed the secretary to send copies of the letter to various individuals, including area legislators.

4. Norris reported on correspondence he has received. Dick Swanson sent an article describing the use of the Asian (Amur) Grass Carp for vegetation control. After a brief discussion, the secretary was instructed to write Mr. Swanson acknowledging receipt of his letter and indicating that grass carp are illegal in Wisconsin.

Norris reported receiving copies of five permit applications for shoreline improvements on Whitewater Lake, from the DNR. The Board took no action.

Norris reported he had received a letter from Carlos Balistieri (District lawyer) asking if he should be present at the Annual Meeting. After discussion, Gross was instructed to notify Mr. Balistieri that the Board did not feel legal counsel was necessary at the meeting.

5. Ponyicsanyi requested discussion of the 1989 District budget which was postponed at the June Board meeting. Ponyicsanyi stated that there are approximately \$12,500. in uncommitted funds, primarily because no water quality studies were initiated in 1988 or 1989. Gross/Norris moved that \$2,000 be reserved as a contingency fund for the preparation of hydrographic maps of Whitewater and Rice Lakes and that a \$10,000 contingency fund be established to support the U.S.G.S. hydrologic study. Gross stated he has been negotiating with Dr. Dennis Richter of UW-Whitewater for preparing the hydrographic maps, but that arrangements are not complete at this time. Gross also reported that Steve Field, of the U.S.G.S., has indicated that their matching funds are exhausted for 1990 so that a hydrologic study could not start before October, 1990. The Gross/Norris motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
6. Norris requested discussion of the agenda for the Annual Meeting to be held August 26, 1989 at 2:00PM in the Lakeview School Gym.
 - a) The Board discussed contingency plans if there is a large attendance exceeding 200 people.
 - b) Norris announced that his wife, Gerry, will form a committee to handle registration and balloting.
 - c) Laura Hicks will chair an Audit Committee including Mardell Winter and Ann Zarach.
 - d) Russell Jones will serve as parliamentarian for the meeting.
 - e) Cliff Witte reported that the Lion's Club has an excellent public address system which the District might consider borrowing for the meeting.
 - f) Norris suggested that election of the new commissioner be the first item of business and the request to change the mil-tax levy limitation in the District By-Laws the second business item. There was discussion whether the budget should be presented before the request to change the By-Laws. A consensus was reached that the question to change the mil-tax levy in the By-Laws should come first, but that its relationship to the proposed budget should be carefully explained to the audience.
 - g) Norris reported that he had received a firm quote on the cost of a weed harvester as an alternative for aquatic weed control. The cost is \$120,500 excluding a dump truck which would probably cost an additional \$10,000. During discussion, Gross distributed a statement

expressing his opposition to purchasing a weed cutter at the present time and commented upon his position. The guests and the Board became involved in a discussion of whether the Commissioners should recommend a specific weed control alternative and proposed budget or allow an open discussion of alternatives at the meeting and determining the budget based upon actions at the meeting. The Board agreed that it would be best if the Board recommended a weed control procedure and recommend a specific budget.

Gross/Ponyicsanyi moved that the Board of Commissioners recommend spending \$50,000 for commercial weed control in 1990. After discussion, Norris/Van Dreser moved to amend the original motion to spend \$60,000 on commercial weed control. The amendment passed by a unanimous voice vote. The original Gross/Ponyicsanyi motion, as amended, passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Based upon the above action, Ponyicsanyi indicated that the proposed 1990 District Budget would be \$64,600.

7. Gross commented that a letter should be sent to District residents indicating the changes in the proposed budget and a new listing of all candidates for the position of Commissioner. As secretary, Gross will prepare the letter.
8. Gross/Van Dreser moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Willard Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary

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Gross/Ponykany moved that the Board of Commissioners recommend expending \$50,000 for commercial weed control in 1990. After discussion, Gross moved to amend the original motion to spend \$60,000 on commercial weed control. The amendment passed by a unanimous voice vote. The original Gross/Ponykany motion as amended, passed by a unanimous voice vote.

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8. Gross/Van Dresser moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Will Gross
Willard Gross, Secretary

MINUTES
District Commissioners Meeting
Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
August 3, 1989

Present: Willard Gross, Kenneth Loehndorf, William Norris, Thomas Ponyicsanyi.

Absent: James Van Dreser

Guests: Robert Benjamin, Walter Hicks, Steve Thornton, Dale Poeppel.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34PM by Chairman Norris.

1. Secretary's Report. Loehndorf/Ponyicsanyi moved approval of the July 13, 1989 Commissioners meeting minutes as printed and distributed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Norris reported that Marty VanSteenderen will serve as parliamentarian for the annual meeting, in place of Russ Jones.

2. Treasurer's Report. Ponyicsanyi reported a starting balance of \$23,273.50 with \$843.55 in the checking account and \$22,429.95 in the savings account. Disbursements were \$9,831.49 as payment for the bills approved at the July 13, 1989 meeting. During the month, \$9,500 was transferred from the savings account to the checking account to cover the bills. The final balance is \$13,442.01 with \$512.06 in the checking account and \$12,929.95 in the savings account. The budget includes a \$10,000 contingency fund for the USGS hydrologic study and a \$2000 contingency fund for preparing hydrographic maps of Whitewater and Rice Lakes. The District has \$1,442.01 for operation until March, 1990. Ponyicsanyi reported that the books were up-to-date and ready for auditing.

3. Ponyicsanyi reported that Dale Poeppel and the Ad-Hoc Fisheries Advisory Committee discussed stocking walleye in Rice Lake and requests a contribution of \$1000 for fish stocking.

Norris asked about the liability agreement with the DNR regarding the walleye rearing pond. Ponyicsanyi responded that nothing had been done and the issue has not been pursued by the DNR.

Norris questioned the idea of continuing the walleye stocking program without specific recommendations from the DNR. Gross concurred with Norris and suggested that the Commissioners postpone action until the September meeting at which Doug Welch and Jim McNally would be invited to discuss fish management recommendations. Loehndorf/Gross moved that the Ad-Hoc Fisheries Committee be delayed until the September 1989 Commissioners Meeting.

4. Gross presented a draft copy of a letter to send to District residents notifying them of changes in the agenda for the annual meeting. The Board approved the letter which Norris will have copied and mailed to District residents.

5. Loehndorf reported that he had received two requests from property owners that their property be deleted from the Lake Management District, one from Mr. Franke, and one from Mr. Steve Thornton who was present and presented his arguments to the Board. During discussion, it was pointed out that certain regulations exist regarding the establishment of District boundaries which should be researched before any decision is made. Norris/Loehndorf moved

that any decision be deferred until the November meeting while Norris researches the regulations regarding District boundaries and determines how the properties requesting removal would affect the District's boundaries.

6. Norris reported receiving copies of two DNR permit applications for sea wall construction. Both permits were received after approval by the DNR.
7. Norris reported that Ed Kowalski had called him expressing interest in the weed harvesting business and doing weed harvesting for the District. Norris requested that Kowalski prepare a written proposal and present the proposal at a monthly Commissioners meeting.
8. Ponyicsanyi requested discussion of the continuing communication problems with the DNR, especially the problem of not receiving copies of permit applications (Mrs. Proctor) or receiving notification after DNR approval. In addition, Doug Welch's letter about their shocking survey did not really provide any fish management recommendations. Audience members also expressed dissatisfaction with the DNR. The Board decided that if the DNR is not more cooperative on providing weed management guidelines, it would request a meeting with the Director of the DNR, in Madison, and area legislators to voice their complaints.
9. Norris requested discussion of the annual meeting. Norris asked about holding the meeting outdoors in the event of a large crowd which was agreeable to the commissioners.

The Board agreed that the amendment to change the mil-rate in the By-Laws should be explained before a motion is made and that it be made very clear to the audience that amending the By-Laws has nothing to do with the budget and does not mean an automatic expenditure of money. The budget must be approved each year by District residents. Ponyicsanyi will introduce the amendment.

Gross will introduce and comment on the USGS hydrologic study.

Norris asked for direction in case the mil-tax levy amendment to the By-Laws is not approved or that District voters do not approve the 1990 Budget. The consensus of the Commissioners was to request a revised budget or mil-tax rate from the audience. As a last resort, the Board could request approval of a \$21,000 budget with a reduction in aquatic weed control to \$16,400.

10. Loehndorf read a letter of resignation from the Board: "This will be my last monthly meeting as commissioner; as of September, the Town Board will appoint another supervisor to take my place. I have been privileged to be at the conception and birth of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District. I feel it is now time for other members of the Town Board to learn the mechanics and inner workings, and the cooperative efforts of both the Town of Whitewater and the commissioners in furthering the efforts of good lake control".

Gross/Norris moved to thank Ken Loehndorf for his time and dedication to the lake management district and that the Board accept his resignation with great reluctance. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

11. Norris reported receiving a phone call about a septic tank problem. The Board decided it should obtain more background information on septic systems and become better acquainted with the County sanitary regulations.
12. Loehndorf/Ponyicsanyi moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:18PM

Respectfully submitted,

Willard Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary

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12. Board member [Name] moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10PM

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Cross
Richard Cross, Secretary

MINUTES
WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
THIRD ANNUAL MEETING
August 26, 1989

The meeting was called to order at 2:00Pm by Chairman Bill Norris.
There were 259 District voters present plus guests.

1. Norris welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the District's Board of Commissioners: James Van Dreser - Walworth County representative (excused); Kenneth Loehndorf - Town of Whitewater representative; Thomas Ponyicsanyi - treasurer; Willard Gross - secretary; and himself as chairman. Norris also introduced Marty Van Steenderen as parliamentarian for the meeting.
2. Norris read a list of rules for conducting the meeting and requested a motion to adopt the rules for the annual meeting. Mr. Scala/Mr. Burke moved adoption of the rules. Motion passed by a majority hand vote.
3. Norris requested a motion to adopt the meeting agenda as printed. Mr. Grover/Mr. Darbo moved adoption of the printed agenda. Motion passed by a majority hand vote.
4. Secretary's Report. Gross read the minutes of the Management District's second annual meeting held May 28, 1989. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Mr. Hicks/Mr. Lewers moved that the minutes be accepted as read. Motion passed by a majority hand vote.
5. Treasurer's Report. Ponyicsanyi reviewed a printed report of income and expenditures which was distributed at the meeting. Cash on hand after the second annual meeting was \$20,047.67. Income was \$22,398.58, and expenditures were \$29,004.67, leaving a balance of \$13,442.01. There is a \$2,000 contingency fund to prepare hydrographic maps of Whitewater and Rice Lakes, and a \$10,000 contingency fund for the USGS hydrologic study. After a brief discussion, Mr. James/Mr. Nere moved to accept the treasurer's report as printed and distributed. Motion passed by a majority hand vote.

Norris announced that an audit committee consisting of Laura Hicks, Mardell Winter, and Ann Zarach had audited the LMD books and found them to be in order.

6. Ad-Hoc Fisheries Advisory Committee. Dale Poeppel reported that this Spring (1989) 1,200 adult walleyes from Delavan Lake were stocked in Whitewater Lake at no cost to the District. The value of the fish was between \$2000-\$3000. The Committee and the DNR began using a new one-acre, fish-rearing pond constructed and given to the DNR by the gas pipeline company. The main purpose of the pond is to raise fish for stocking in Whitewater and Rice Lakes. Poeppel estimates the value of the pond at \$20,000. This summer (1989) 11,000 walleye fingerlings were raised in the pond with an estimated value of \$5,000, that were planted in Whitewater Lake. Rice Lake was stocked with 4,000 walleye fingerlings at a cost of \$1,000, in August. Hopefully, the walleyes will help control the stunted bullhead population in Rice Lake. The Committee is tentatively planning to work with the DNR to raise northern pike for stocking in both lakes. The goal of the fisheries committee is to improve fishing and property values. Mr. Lauer/Mr. Keltner moved that Mr. Poeppel's report be accepted. Motion passed by a majority hand vote.

7. Chairman's Report. Norris introduced Ken Loehndorf, chairman of the Whitewater Town Board. Loehndorf urged Whitewater residents to carefully review the new Town Ordinances included with their tax bill, especially the new dog ordinance which is being strictly enforced.

Loehndorf reported that the Town Board is considering an ordinance requiring the posting of fire numbers at the lake shore of properties. The numbers would help provide lake side protection from burglaries, wanton property damage, and better emergency service. He requested a "straw vote" of support for such an ordinance. A majority of the audience raised their hand supporting the ordinance. Loehndorf indicated that the Town would provide the numbers to residents, at cost, and that the Town Board would specify where the numbers should be placed.

Loehndorf reported the Town Board had received a request to change the boating ordinance by extending the slow-no-wake after 7:00PM regulation to Sunday, as well as, the present Friday and Saturday. The issue will come before the Town Board in January, 1990, and Loehndorf requested Town residents to contact him or other Town supervisors to express their feelings about the ordinance change.

8. Election of Commissioner. Loehndorf assumed the chair for this part of the meeting. He announced that one commissioner is to be elected for a three-year term. Loehndorf announced the candidates were Clifford Witte, William Norris, and Chet Zorn, who was not present. The two candidates present gave a brief presentation and answered questions from the audience. The results of the written ballot were as follows: Norris - 174, Witte - 63, Zorn - 22. Bill Norris was declared elected for a three-year term.

9. Amendment of Tax-levy in the By-Laws. Ponyicsanyi introduced the Board's recommendation to amend Article III, Section 6, (lines 5-6) of the District's By-Laws as follows: The property tax levy of the District shall not exceed a rate of 2.5 mils of equalized evaluation. Mr. Coyne/Mr. Grover moved approval of the amendment as printed. Ponyicsanyi explained that the Commissioners believe that the present 0.5 mil-rate limitation in the By-Laws is too low to raise any money to even consider any effective lake management, so the Commissioners are recommending the change to 2.5 mils as the limit. The change does not mean an automatic change in the budget, but simply setting an upper limit in the By-Laws to avoid amending the By-Laws to match the budget at each annual meeting. Mr. Vesely explained that the mil rate in the By-Laws does not determine the amount of money that district residents will be assessed. Ponyicsanyi explained that the amount of the tax assessment depends upon the size of the budget which must be approved at every annual meeting. Considerable discussion followed.

Mr. Coyne/Mr. Darbo moved the previous question. It was explained that this motion was to determine whether the audience wanted to end debate on the motion or to continue to debate. Chairman Norris declared the motion passed by a majority show of hands.

Mr. Wilson requested a division of the house and a standing count of the audience. The count indicated that the motion passed, yes - 180, no - 38. Ken Loehndorf as a representative of the Town of Whitewater requested that the minutes reflect that he has abstained from the previous vote and the vote on the main motion.

Norris requested a vote on the main motion. In answer to questions from the audience, it was explained that a 2/3 majority was required to pass the amendment and change the By-Laws. Since there were 259 voters in attendance, 172 yes votes were needed for approval. Voting would be by written ballot.

10. USGS Hydrologic Study. The chair declared the meeting would go on to the next item of business while awaiting a count of the ballots on the amendment to the By-Laws. Norris introduced Gross who gave a brief explanation of the proposed study and the contingency fund to cover the estimated \$10,000 cost of the study. He entertained a motion for approval of the study. Mr. Worth/Mr. Tagney moved that the USGS hydrologic study of Whitewater and Rice Lakes be approved. After a brief discussion, the motion passed by a majority hand vote.
9. Amendment of Tax Levy in the By-Laws. Norris reported that the motion to change the mil tax levy in the By-Laws, was defeated in a written ballot because it failed to obtain a 2/3 majority. The vote was yes -151, no - 106.

Considerable discussion took place on how to proceed with this item of business, with several motions made and withdrawn. Based upon the opinion of the parliamentarian (Marty Van Steenderen), Mr. Poltrock, and several other members of the audience, Chairman Norris declared that a motion to reconsider was in order, but must be presented by someone who voted with the prevailing side. Since there were 151 yes votes, someone who voted yes represents the prevailing side.

Mr. Hicks/Mr. Darbo, both of whom voted in favor of the amendment, moved to reconsider the recommendation to change the mil tax levy in the District's By-Laws. Motion passed by a majority hand vote.

Mr. Darbo/Mr. Grover moved to postpone discussion of the tax levy amendment until after discussion of the proposed 1990 budget. Motion passed by a majority hand vote.

11. Budget Hearing on the 1990 Budget. Ponyicsanyi reviewed and gave a brief explanation of the various items in the printed 1990 budget. The major item of discussion was the \$60,000 budgeted for aquatic weed control. Several audience members desired to know what type of weed control was going to be performed. Other people spoke for, or against, weed harvesting, as well as, for, or against weed spraying. Ponyicsanyi explained that the Board of Commissioners planned to meet with experts from the DNR and review all methods of weed control before selecting a specific plan to control weeds. While the exact method of management is unknown, it would probably involve several methods, including weed harvesting.

Mr. Chamberlain/Mr. Witte moved approval of the 1990 budget, but the motion had to be withdrawn because the budget exceeded the mil tax limitation in the By-Laws. The mil tax levy in the District's By-Laws must be changed before the 1990 budget can be approved. At the suggestion of Mr. Poltrock, Norris requested a consensus of the audience regarding the proposed 1990 budget. A show of hands indicated that a majority of the audience supported the 1990 budget.

9. Amendment of Tax Levy in the By-Laws. Norris requested discussion on amending the mil tax levy in the By-Laws. Mr. Breidenbach/Mr. Chamberlain moved to amend the tax levy in the District By-Laws from 0.5 mils to 2.0 mils.

Discussion for and against the motion took place until Chairman Norris declared the twenty-minute time limit had expired. Norris requested a motion to extend discussion if the audience desired to do so. No motion was raised and Norris requested a vote on the motion by a show of hands. Norris ruled that the motion passed by a 2/3 majority hand vote.

Mr. Wilson requested a division of the house by written ballot. The count was; yes - 148, no - 50. The motion was passed by a greater than 2/3 majority. Mr. Seip requested the minutes reflect the time the vote was announced as 5:05PM.

11. Budget Hearing on the 1990 Budget. Norris requested a motion to adopt the 1990 budget.

Mr. Weber/Mr. Laursen moved to amend the budget by adding \$20,000 to the aquatic weed control budget item, for use if necessary; thereby modifying the 1990 budget to \$84,600. After discussion and a hand vote, Norris declared the motion to amend passed by a majority hand vote.

Mr. Ponyicsanyi and Mr. Gross requested a division of the house by counting hands. The count indicated the motion passed with yes - 116, no - 40. Commissioners Ponyicsanyi and Gross requested their no votes be recorded in the minutes. Commissioner Loehndorf requested the minutes show he had abstained from voting.

Mr. Tangney/Mr. James moved adoption of the 1990 budget as amended. Motion passed by a majority hand vote.

12. Norris reported that the Board of Commissioners recommended August 11, 1990 for the next annual meeting of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District and entertained a motion to that effect. Unknown persons moved and seconded the motion which passed by a unanimous voice vote.

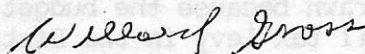
13. Norris announced that Ken Loehndorf was leaving the Board of Commissioners and that Dick Kraus would be replacing him. Norris stated that Loehndorf has been a great help to the Board and a strong supporter of the District. Norris requested a round of applause as appreciation for Loehndorf's work.

14. Norris declared that since it was after 4:30PM, no new business would be transacted.

15. Norris declared the annual meeting adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 5:27PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Willard Gross, Secretary

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
Board of Commissioners Meeting

September 14, 1989

Present: Willard Gross, Richard Kraus, William Norris, Tom Ponyicsanyi.

Absent: James Van Dreser

Guests: Doug Welch (DNR Fish Manager), Mr. & Mrs. Bob Benjamin, Walter Hicks,
Dale Poeppel.

1. Secretary's Report. Ponyicsanyi/Kraus moved approval of the August 3, 1989 Board meeting. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.

Norris raised a question regarding the typed minutes of the Annual meeting of August 26, 1989. Norris believed that the motion to amend the budget by adding \$20,000 for aquatic weed control was specifically for weed harvesting. Norris believed that Laursen's second was contingent upon the money being used for weed harvesting. Although Gross disagreed with Norris, he stated he would check the tape of the annual meeting for clarification.

2. Treasurer's Report. Ponyicsanyi reported a starting balance of \$13,442.01 with \$512.06 in the checking account and \$12,929.95 in the savings account which includes \$12,000. of contingency funds. He received a \$5.49 check from the Town of Whitewater as a correction in the 1988 tax assessment. Bills received during the month include: Bill Norris \$118.04 (postage & miscellaneous); Getter Press \$62.96 for 650 copies of the Annual Meeting letter; Brookcrest Farm & Fish Hatchery \$1,000. (for 4000 walleye fingerlings planted in Rice Lake); Getter Press \$19.17 (for 200 copies of Treasurer's Report for Annual Meeting), for a grand total of \$1,200.17. The sum of \$1,000. was transferred from the savings account to the checking account. The final balance is \$12,247.33, with \$317.38 in the checking account and \$11,929.95 in the savings account. Gross/Kraus moved approval of paying outstanding bills and accepting the treasurer's report. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

In response to a concern whether the \$84,000 1990 budget could be met with a 2.0 mil tax levy, Phyicsanyi reported that he had checked and found that the District could raise \$85,254. at 2.0 mil tax on the 1988 equalized property evaluation.

3. Norris requested discussion of lake access sites and particularly, the request for abandonment of an access site on Ridge Road submitted to the Whitewater Town Board. Norris requested comments from Dick Kraus. Kraus explained that a lake access site may be owned by a township, the county, or the DNR and that the one in question is actually owned by the county. In this case, the Town Board makes a recommendation regarding abandonment of the site. If the Town Board approves the access abandonment, the county and the DNR become involved, but if the Town Board opposes the abandonment the other governmental units go along with the Town Board recommendation. Kraus indicated he opposed abandoning the Ridge Road access because it would set a poor precedent.

Considerable additional discussion was held about lake access sites. One concern expressed was the impact of abandoning access sites or other loss of other properties on the Management District's boundaries. Ponyicsanyi described the loss of a small land parcel on the east side of Whitewater

Lake when the Obrien property was sold. The Board of Commissioners agreed that the Board should become better acquainted with information and procedures abandonment and/or improvement of lake access sites.

4. Norris introduced Doug Welch, Area DNR Fish Manager, who had been requested to attend tonight's meeting along with Jim McNally, to discuss lake management on Whitewater and Rice Lakes. Norris opened the floor to general discussion. Ponyicsanyi asked if the District could receive some large-mouth bass from North Lake which has a very-low water level and may winterkill this winter. Welch said the DNR would investigate and might try salvaging some fish, but the normal procedure is to open the lake to any fishing with no size limits or bag limits.

In response to a request for an update on the comprehensive fish survey for Whitewater and Rice Lakes, Welch stated the survey would not be performed during this biennium, so it would have to be resubmitted for reconsideration in the next biennium period (1991-1993). Gross asked how the Commissioners could help getting the fish survey approved. Welch suggested that the Board could write Doug Morrissy, Bureau of Fish Management, urging approval of the survey.

Welch indicated that the one-night shocking surveys such as was performed on Whitewater Lake in 1987 and 1988 have been curtailed by the Southeast District Office, so he was unsure if such a survey would be performed this year.

In discussing fish stocking management recommendations, Welch indicated that the DNR policy is to stock fish based upon ecological considerations. Therefore, large-mouth bass and northern pike would be best for Whitewater and Rice Lakes. Some discussion of a northern pike rearing area in Rice Lake has taken place. In response to questions about stocking walleyes, Welch stated that stocking walleyed pike, particularly in Rice Lake, was questionable because studies have shown that walleyes can suppress large-mouth bass. However, Welch stated that, in part, fish management depends upon what people want. If people want walleyes rather than bass, this can be considered a part of fish management.

The Board requested Welch's assistance in identifying sensitive weed areas in Whitewater and Rice Lakes, as part of the impending aquatic plant management plan. Welch did not know when Whitewater-Rice Lakes were scheduled, but he believed that the DNR may determine sensitive weed areas in our lakes by the end of next summer (1990)

The cooperative agreement regarding the walleye-rearing pond to be signed by the District and the DNR was discussed. Welch indicated his disappointment that the District had not signed the agreement. He stated it is a standard form used by the DNR. Welch also clarified that the pond is not for the exclusive use of the Lake Management District, and may be used for other purposes not involving Whitewater or Rice Lakes. The Board thanked Welch for coming to the meeting and sharing his expertise and information with the Board.

5. Due to the lateness of the hour, Norris suggested postponing other meeting business until the October meeting. Gross indicated that according to the By-Laws, it was necessary to elect officers of the Board of Commissioners. Kraus/Ponyicsanyi moved that the same officers last year be reelected to the same office in 1989-90. After a brief discussion, motion passed by a majority voice vote with Gross abstaining and Van Dreser absent.

6. Kraus/Ponyicsanyi moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:09PM

Respectfully submitted,

Willard Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 AM
by a unanimous voice vote.
Krus/Pomykanski moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,

Willard Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
Board of Commissioners Meeting

October 12, 1989

Present: Willard Gross, William Norris, Tom Ponyicsanyi, James Van Dreser

Absent: Dick Krause

Guests: Walter Hicks

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 7:38PM

1. Secretary's Report. Van Dreser/Ponyicsanyi moved that the minutes of the September 14, 1989 Board meeting be approved as printed and distributed. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. Treasurer's Report. Ponyicsanyi reported a total starting balance of \$ 12,247.33 with \$ 317.38 in the checking account and \$ 11,929.95 in the savings account. There was one bill from Ponyicsanyi of \$14.36 for phone calls and stamps. The final balance is \$ 12,232.97 with \$ 303.02 in checking and \$ 11,929.95 in savings.

Gross/Van Dreser moved approval to pay the bill and accept the treasurer's report as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Ponyicsanyi reported that a problem existed with the tax base for the Lake Management District (LMD) in that district properties were being deleted from the County records. Ponyicsanyi talked with Eunice Stoppel and Dick Gilkey of Walworth County about the matter. It appears that when lots were changed to certified parcels, or when some lots changed ownership, the assessed evaluation of that property was lost from the records of the LMD total assessed evaluation. Ponyicsanyi compared a Walworth County printout of LMD properties with a copy of the properties listed as part of the original survey to form the District. Ponyicsanyi estimated that approximately 20 properties were missing from the County records, and that the error resulted in a loss of almost \$5 million in assessed evaluation over the past two years.

Van Dreser suggested that the Board ask the Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue to write the Walworth County Treasurer, Dick Gilkey, explaining the proper procedures for handling property assessments for lake management districts.

Ponyicsanyi stated that he and Norris will be meeting with the Walworth County Treasurer on October 13, 1989.

3. Norris reported that he had received information from Rose Grandt on the way in which the District will receive its tax money in the future. Instead of receiving the entire amount in March, the District will receive their portion of the tax monies as they are collected. which means the District can expect the tax money in two installments - one in March, and one in August. Norris indicated that this may create some difficulty in paying for some summer projects.
4. Gross reported that he was finally successful in arranging a meeting with DNR personnel to discuss and develop a weed management plan for Whitewater and Rice Lakes. The meeting will be held Monday November 13, 1989, at 9:00AM at the DNR Southern District Headquarters in Madison. DNR personnel who will be there include: Sandy Engel, Stan Nichols, Neal O'Reilly, and possibly Dick Wedepohl. Gross urged all commissioners to attend and to have questions/suggestions prepared ahead of time. Sandy Engel and Stan

Nichols were sent copies of the 1988 Whitewater Lake Vegetation Survey. Gross recommended asking a few other individuals to attend the meeting. Ponyicsanyi and Van Dreser indicated that they doubted they could attend the meeting.

5. Norris stated that Jim Bland of Integrated Lakes Management called him indicating that their company was going out of the weed harvesting business and ^{that} they were interested in selling their harvesting equipment. Norris reported that all prices are negotiable, but that they are asking \$27,000 for a 2-year old, five-foot harvester, plus \$9,000 for a conveyer-trailer. Another sale arrangement was for an older weed harvester, trailer, and a shore conveyer for \$20,000. After much discussion, Ponyicsanyi/Van Dreser moved that the Board of Commissioners form a group to investigate the condition of the weed harvesting equipment for sale by Integrated Lakes Management, and if feasible, make an offer to purchase which will not entail borrowing any money for purchase of the equipment. Motion passed by a majority voice vote with Gross voting no.
6. Gross raised the issue of correcting the two-year-old mailing list of individuals receiving the monthly Board Meeting minutes. Four names were dropped from the mailing list by mutual consent of the Commissioners.
7. Norris reported that the Whitewater Town Board denied the petition to void a lake access on Ridge Road. He expressed concern about the Commissioners not being familiar with all the lake access sites on Whitewater and Rice Lakes. Norris suggested that ^{the} Board obtain a list of current lake access sites, and identify those sites which are particularly important to the LMD.
8. Gross reported that he had checked the tapes of the 1989 Annual Meeting, and that the tapes indicated the additional \$20,000 for aquatic weed control was not specifically allocated for weed harvesting.
9. Gross/Van Dreser moved adjournment. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
Meeting adjourned at 9:46PM
The next meeting is Thursday November 9, 1989.

Respectfully Submitted,

Willard Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
Board of Commissioners Meeting

November 9, 1989

Present: Willard Gross, William Norris, Richard Kraus.
Absent: Tom Ponyicsanyi (excused), James Van Dreser.

Guests: Vern Ludtke, Walter Hicks.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM by Chairman Norris.

1. Secretary's Report. Norris/Gross moved acceptance of the secretary's report as printed and distributed. Motion passed by a majority voice vote.

303.02 2. Treasurer's Report. Norris read the report prepared by Ponyicsanyi. The starting balance was \$12,232.97 with \$ 11,929.95 in the savings account and \$ 302.02 in the checking account. There were no bills or receipts for the month so the account is unchanged. Gross/Norris moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as read. Motion passed by a majority voice vote.

Kraus/Norris moved that future treasurer reports be a formal one page report, with copies distributed to each commissioner just prior to each meeting. Motion passed by a majority voice vote.

3. Norris reported on the meeting he and Ponyicsanyi had with Eunice Stoppel and the Walworth County Treasurer's Office on October 13, 1989. A total of 13 properties had disappeared from the Lake District's tax print-out over the past several years. Norris and Ponyicsanyi were assured that the 13 properties would be reinstated and that everything has been corrected.
4. Gross reminded the commissioners of the November 13, 1989 meeting with the DNR to discuss a weed management plan for the lakes. The meeting is set for 1:00PM at the Southern District Office in Madison.
5. Gross requested Board authorization to prepare a letter to send to various DNR officials urging their support to approve the Comprehensive Fish Survey for Whitewater and Rice Lakes.
6. Hicks raised the question about the unsigned agreement between the District and the DNR about liability for the fish-rearing pond. Hicks hoped that the DNR would *not refuse to* conduct any lake projects because of the unsigned agreement. Norris indicated that Ponyicsanyi has been in contact with Doug Welch trying to resolve this matter.
7. Norris reported that he has not investigated the problems associated with allowing selected property owners to drop out of the Lake District, but that he personally was opposed to such actions. Gross recommended that Norris prepare a District policy statement against deletion of any properties from the Lake District, and to bring the statement to the Board for approval.
8. Norris reported receiving two DNR approved applications for seawall construction - Frank Hampson and Henri Kinson.

9. Norris reported on the Board's investigation into the possible purchase of used weed harvesting equipment from Integrated Lakes Management, Inc. Walt Hicks and Jack Dauffenbach accompanied Norris to look at the equipment. The 5 year-old harvester was in poor shape. Dauffenbach considered the 2 year-old harvester (5-foot cut, 200 cu. ft. capacity) and the trailer/conveyer to be in reasonably good shape. He felt it would cost \$3,000 to \$5,000 to put the equipment in first-class shape. The asking price was \$23,500 (\$35,600 new) for the harvester and \$8,000 (\$13,552 new) for the trailer/conveyer. Dauffenbach estimated the average life span of a harvester at 10 years, but with exceptional care a harvester could last 20 years.

Norris and Hicks were not sure the used weed harvesting equipment was best suited for Whitewater and Rice Lakes problems, so they did not make an offer to buy the equipment. They recommended that the Board not pursue this matter further.

10. Norris reported on a possible leasing agreement with option to purchase for a weed harvester. He stated that D&D Products, Inc., which builds weed harvesters is considering such a leasing program. This program appeared more appealing to the commissioners. Gross recommended that the topic be brought up at the meeting with the DNR.

11. Norris expressed concern about being able to find a commercial harvester to do harvesting in 1990. He requested that we meet again soon after the November 13th meeting with the DNR. The next Board meeting was set for Thursday, November 30, 1989 at 7:30PM in the Whitewater Town Hall.

12. Meeting adjourned at 9:15PM by consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Willard Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
Special Meeting of Board of Commissioners

November 30, 1989

Present: Willard Gross, Tom Ponyicsanyi, William Norris.

Absent: Richard Kraus, James Van Dreser.

Guests: Walter Hicks.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Norris.

1. Secretary's Report: Item 2 of the minutes of the Nov. 9 Meeting was corrected to show that balance in the checking account was 303.02 dollars (Not \$302.02). Similarly, item 6 was corrected to show that Hicks concern regarding liability for the fish-rearing pond should include the fact that the pond is on land owned by the DNR. Otherwise the minutes were approved, by majority voice vote, as written and distributed.
2. Treasurer's Report: As voted in the Nov. 9 meeting, the Treasurer distributed detailed copies of financial transactions for the last period. Expenditures were \$60.34; savings account balance \$11929.95; checking account balance \$242.68. The Treasurer's report was approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. Because of health concerns, Secretary Will Gross asked to be relieved of responsibilities to the Lake Management District for an indefinite period of time. The Board will begin to identify a temporary replacement for this position. Similarly, Treasurer Tom Ponyicsanyi indicated that the demands of his new job may, in the near future, force him to consider tendering his resignation from the Board.
4. Weed Control Program for 1990: The Board is actively trying to define and implement the weed control program for 1990 in Whitewater and Rice Lakes. On Nov. 13, 1989, Will Gross, Walt Hicks, and Bill Norris met in Madison, Wis. with Sandy Engel, Neal O' Reilly, Dick Wedepohl, and Bob Wakeman, of the DNR, and with Stan Nichols of the Wis. Geological and Natural History Survey. These persons, some of the most knowledgeable in Wisconsin on the subject of weed control, offered no real alternatives to our original plan for extensive harvesting of weeds together with limited applications of herbicides.

On Nov. 20, 1989, Walt Hicks and Bill Norris met in North Prairie, Wis. with officials of D & D Products, Inc., a major manufacturer of weed harvesting equipment. The purpose of the visit was to explore the possibility that D & D would provide equipment and services for harvesting weeds on Whitewater and Rice Lakes--this arrangement to include a rebate whereby our Lake District could purchase the equipment at some future date. Results of this visit were summarized in a memo from Bill Norris to the Board dated Nov. 22, 1989.

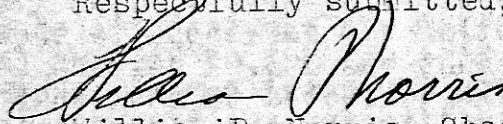
The content of this memo was discussed in some detail. Unfortunately the proposed contract promised by D & D did not arrive. Items in the memo needing clarification included a) requirement

that the District supply a dump truck, b) definition of the amount of harvesting the District must pay for, c) renegotiation of the contract at yearly intervals, d) basis for depreciation of the harvesting equipment, e) possibly other less important details.

The Board recognized the necessity of developing a more detailed program for weed harvesting and application of herbicides.

Norris and Hicks will continue contacts with D & D with the aim of early definition of the program for 1990.

Respectfully submitted,



William P. Norris, Chairman

MINUTES

District Commissioners Meeting Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District December 14, 1989

Present: James Van Dreser, Tom Ponyicsanyi, William Norris,
Dick Kraus.

Guests: Ray Heger, Bob Benjamin, Walt Hicks.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Norris

1. Secretary's Report: Because of Secretary Will Gross' request during the Special Meeting of District Commissioners on Nov. 30, 1989 that he be relieved of his duties as Secretary, the minutes of that meeting were prepared by Chairman Bill Norris. These minutes were approved as prepared by motion of Van Dreser and second by Kraus, and unanimous voice vote.
2. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tom Ponyicsanyi reported that there were no expenditures since the Nov. 30 meeting. The checking account balance remains at \$242.68, and that of the savings account at \$11,929.95, for a total of \$12,172.63. Kraus moved for approval of the Treasurer's report, second by Van Dreser. The report was approved by unanimous voice vote.
3. The Board discussed the need to fill the vacancy on the Board created by Will Gross' illness. Norris moved to appoint Walt Hicks, and this was seconded by Kraus. Approval was by unanimous voice vote, and Hicks immediately assumed his position on the Board. Because Hicks does not type, Norris agreed to prepare Minutes of future meetings from notes prepared by Hicks.
4. Tom Ponyicsanyi reported that Dale Poeppel is concerned because problems relating to use of the fish-rearing pond, discussed earlier with Doug Welch of the DNR, are still not resolved. Poeppel asked for follow-up and clarification of the walleye rearing program. Ponyicsanyi agreed to follow-up this problem.
5. Norris reviewed the present status of our weed harvesting program for 1990. We have received two proposals--one from American Business Resource Corporation of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.; the other from D & D Products, Inc. of North Prairie, Wis. Both of these firms offered substantially identical equipment--namely, a 7 foot wide harvester, with transporter, shore conveyor, and dump truck. ABRC offered to operate the harvester for \$85/hour with an added cost of \$17.50 for each load of the transporter. The total cost is estimated at \$120/hour. The work would be done on a schedule of 11 hours each day, seven days a week.

D & D offered to dedicate its equipment to Whitewater-Rice Lakes for the entire summer of 1990--basically from May 15 to Oct. 15. Their cost would be \$112/hour, with 10% of total operating costs credited to our District against the ultimate cost of the purchase of the harvesting equipment.

After discussion, Ponyicsanyi moved to accept the D & D proposal. This was seconded by Van Dreser who suggested the motion be amended to allow Norris to sign the contract. Kraus modified the motion further by suggesting that two Commissioners should sign. This was approved by unanimous

voice vote.


6. Norris reported on a telephone conversation he had with Bob Wakeman of the DNR on Dec. 12, 1989. The subject was the use of pelleted herbicides for aquatic weed control. Wakeman stated that permits are available to individuals wishing to treat less than $\frac{1}{4}$ acre at a permit cost of \$20. Permits for larger areas cost an additional \$25/acre. Pelleted 2,4-D should be applied at 150 pounds/acre, whereas liquid 2,4-D is applied at 1.4 gallons/acre foot. It would be possible for the DNR to issue a permit to our Lake District to cover all the herbicide treatment that is allowed for each of our lakes. Wakeman suggested calling either Brian Suffern or Jim Schmidt at Marine Biochemists in Mequon--Phone 242-0450.

Marine Biochemists' Jim Schmidt stated that 2,4-D adsorbed on clay pellets is available at a price of \$75/30 lb. Thus the cost of treating one acre with pellets is \$375/acre not counting the cost of the permit. Pelleted 2,4-D is not toxic to fish when applied at 200lb./acre. Liquid 2,4-D when applied by Marine Biochemists as a spray costs \$400-\$450/acre. 2,4-D is an herbicide registered with the EPA. It is considered to be relatively non-toxic, but there should be a 24 hour restriction on swimming after it is applied. The material is bio-degradable in 1-2 months. Marine Biochemists will sell the pellets or contract to spray with liquid 2,4-D.

The Board expressed concern that it appears possible that individual property owners could treat the lakes with herbicides without any controls in place. It appears that pelleted herbicides can be purchased without a permit.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


William P. Norris, Chairman

P.S. There will not be a meeting of the Lake District Commissioners in January. Our next meeting will be at our regular meeting time in February-- February 8, 1990 at 7:30 PM. At that time we should begin to plan the details of our summer weed control program.