

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
APRIL 14, 2005**

The regular board meeting of the Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District was called to order by Mark Skidmore, Secretary at 7:00 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall. Skidmore chaired the meeting in Chairman Jim Bartlett's absence.

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

Board member absent: Jim Bartlett

Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Guest: Jeff Widner, Art and Suzie Speerbrecher

Administrative Issues:

Minutes of both the December 9th and 21st, 2004 meetings were accepted as presented. Felland made the motion to approve, Philip seconded, motion passed.

It was noted the March 10th meeting was cancelled due to lack of a quorum of board members.

Finance:

Philip reviewed the ending 2004 financial reports. He reviewed the increases that were approved at the 2004 annual meeting for the 2005 budget. He will be sending out the full annual report before the next board meeting. Philip also recommended a newsletter be sent to the members very soon. The nominating committee needs to be set and the membership informed of the open position with an invitation for nominees. Philip's position expires this year.

Disbursements: Among the March and April disbursements were checks to the DNR for permits for chemical treatment this spring - \$1,270 for Whitewater Lake and \$370 for Rice Lake to the DNR and the down payment of \$37,785 to Aquarius for the new harvester. Motion for payment of a total of \$40,300.11 was made by Felland and approved by Grant, passed unanimously.

Equipment: Felland reported Aquarius plans on delivering the new harvester the first week in May, and that is right on schedule. Widner believes the warranty work needed on the 7-ft. harvester has not been done.

It has been at Inland the entire winter. Widner will check on the status.

Harvesting: Steinke and Widner would like to get the equipment in the water as soon as possible.

Chemical Treatment: Skidmore received DNR approval of our request to chemically treat in the south lobe. The only requirement still needed is to do a plant survey for the DNR. Barry will do this within the week of treatment. Skidmore discussed doing the chemical treatment earlier this year, but there is a problem with water temperature. If the water is too cold the chemicals don't work as well.

Skidmore also mentioned the possibility of sonar treatment on the lakes to Barry. He was not optimistic about this treatment, as there is too much natural flow (movement) in the water. The water must be still to be effective. The entire south lobe was not scheduled to be done - just the amount we can afford and what the DNR approves. It will be done with 2-4-D per Skidmore. Widner asked about treating Isabel Bay. Philip thought there should be enough money in the budget to do both.

Bog: None

Fish Stocking: None

Walworth County Lake Association: Skidmore will contact Audrey Greene, DNR, to find out when and where the meetings will be held. No one has attended since Gary Marvin left the board.

Boundary Changes: Skidmore said a report from the sub-committee would be forwarded to board members for their review before the May meeting. Motion made by Philip to have Jeff Thornton, author of our Lake Plan, attend that meeting. Seconded by Prusener, motion passed unanimously.

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Old Business: Jerry Grant will represent the board at the Annual WI Lakes Convention in Green Bay WI. It will be held April 28-30th. The clerk will make reservations.

New Business: Philip will pay Widner for harvesting hours every Friday providing Philip receives the previous weeks' hours on Tuesday of that week.

There being no further business, motion made by Felland, seconded by Grant and approved to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 12th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
MAY 10, 2005**

The regular board meeting of the Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District was called to order by Jim Bartlett, chairman, at 7:08 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.

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

Board members absent: Jim Felland and Jerry Grant

Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Guests: Brian Morris, Laurie Harnack, Csaba Keller, Don Meyer, Brian Morris, Don Oker, Bernie Tangney, Jeff Thornton, Justin Tyson, Don and Shirley Wickersheimer

Administrative Issues:

Minutes of the April 14, 2005 meeting were accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Boundary: Skidmore gave a brief overview of the sub-committee's report and recommendations previously distributed to the board. He distributed copies of the report to guests attending. The committee considered three boundary alternatives.

1. Maintaining the current boundaries.
2. Modify the boundaries for riparian owners only
3. Expand the boundaries and utilize existing roads to define them. This option gave consideration to the roads and the logical extension of the district. Agricultural properties would be in the district, but not taxed.

For each of the boundaries, the committee calculated the assessed value.

The committee also researched the various approaches used throughout the state to identify options that would work for our district. The committee ended up focusing on three options.

1. Utilizing a single tax rate for everyone in the district.
2. Utilizing a single tax rate and supplementing it by charging riparian owners for specific services such as weed pick-up and spraying.
3. Using a multi-tiered system that charges different rates for riparian versus off-lake.

Each of these alternatives was analyzed using the assessed valuations to determine the impact on the tax rate. The committee ended with a recommendation to expand the district and to adopt a two-tiered approach for the tax.

Skidmore then introduced Dr. Jeffrey Thornton, Principal Planner of Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPAC), to share his knowledge of the process of boundary changes in Lake Districts. Dr. Thornton was the author of our Lake Management Plan. Dr. Thornton has worked with several districts in addressing this topic.

This says that we have to notify each owner of intent to attach, the county then has a public hearing during which we have to show the following three items:

Per Dr. Thornton, Chapter 33 of the WI statutes controls The Lake Management Districts. Under this provision, the boundaries must:

1. Must define a reasonable boundary
2. The lands that are included form a logical basis for protecting the lake
3. The lake will benefit from those lands being in the district

Little other direction is provided, although some basic rules seem to apply in most cases.

1. The riparian owners need to be included.
2. Owners with lake rights should be included.
3. Often, the watershed is utilized as a guideline
4. Boundaries defined by lots cause problems as lots can be divided.

Generally, the community must decide what would be reasonable.

Some comments by Dr. Thornton:

- What percentages of lakes are using multi rates versus a uniform/flat rate? Thornton stated Little Muskego Lake has a 3-tier rate. More districts are going to a flat rate or a special charge revenue system. Some will have a tax rate base fee for their general revenue and a special charge for services like aquatic plant harvesting or chemical application will have a charge to riparian owners only.
- Probably the majority of lake districts in WI use road systems as the envelope in which the Lake District sits. It is used primarily because roads are unlikely to disappear and if they change there will be a record. Property boundaries change – particularly if there are farms or large acreage. They get subdivided and then are they in the district or out?
- The key question the county will ask is “will the lake benefit from including these lands?” If we can show the majority of the lands within the proposed larger envelope are draining to or are part of the watershed that drains to the two lakes then that substantiates our case.
- Thornton says when asked how to set boundaries, he usually answers to include the largest area to meet the needs of the community. We could have a tier on the outer fringe that pays no tax at all but would receive the information that everyone else receives. These members would have the right to vote. Any property owner/registered voter has the right to vote.
- He is seeing more and more districts adopting the flat rate or essentially the special charge option for raising funds. Fewer are using the mil rate. There are three ways that a district can raise money:
 - Property tax – not to exceed 2.5 mil or \$2.50 per thousand assessed valuation
 - Special charge – to provide for recurring annual expenses – above and beyond operating the district
 - Special assessment – for long term capital investments
- Prusener asked if Thornton was aware of any districts using the shoreline zoning for a boundary. State and county statues define shoreline zoning as 1,000-ft. from a lakeshore. Dr. Thornton replied that Lake Beulah utilizes a 600-ft. line around Lake Beulah and it cut through the middle of some properties, presenting the question of are they in or out because you can’t include “part properties”.
- Who can vote? All registered voters in a household can each vote, unless the bylaws restrict it.
- Skidmore said there is a concern that if we expand the district, the riparian owners will lose some control and they have the most at stake. What is the experience of other lakes that have broader boundaries? Is there a lot of tension created or do they cooperate? Thornton says that, typically, those that don’t identify themselves with the lake don’t turn out at the annual meeting. The risk is that only they may turn out for the annual meeting and put a motion to dissolve the district on the agenda. One person can put this on the agenda 30 days before the meeting. It is probably not realistic however. He has never seen this happen.
- Thornton said that if we decide to go for the outer boundary, the procedure is:
 - We send a letter out to all the people within the outer boundary stating that we are in the process of attaching them to the district
 - The county convenes a public hearing
 - The board has to satisfy the fact that an attachment is necessary – that it will bring some
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have on the lake itself. The key is to make sure that the majority of those properties are within our watershed. We must answer the question – do these lands drain to the lake? Is it possible that contaminants or bad land use practices would impair the lake? Personal usage of the lake is secondary. If the subdivision has deeded Lake Access then that benefit is more immediate and we have the preferential opportunity to access the lake.

- Thornton noted that the county usually takes a neutral stance. They feel their job is to convene the public hearing and based on the testimony offered at the public hearing, they will make a decision to attach or not to attach. To his knowledge there have been only two or three attachment hearings in the last decade and in each of these cases the attachments have been successful. Frequently it is a watershed based type of argument – that these lands drain to the lake and in some of the cases there were deeded lake access that were not taken into account when the districts were initially formed so there were additional rationale for bringing these lands into the district. He can't be sure how this county will react to our petition. Our board has the power to make the decision to attach. We do not have to put it to a public vote. However, it does have to go to a public hearing with the county.
- If we intend to propose a tiered taxation system – that tiered system is subject to review at every annual meeting as it will be part of our budget. Unless we write it into our bylaws or somehow have a written undertaking that we have a tiered taxation system, the risk to people that we're bringing in is that they would pay a share equal to everyone else.
- If we bring in agricultural property with a zero tax base, as it becomes residential they would become taxed.
- Skidmore asked Thornton if our proposed expansion, based on his experience, is a reasonable proposal. Thornton said it is a reasonable boundary – it does meet for the most part our ownership. It is identifiable -based on the road system and would be defensible. He would be comfortable taking it to the county board if we were to attach the additional properties.
- Bartlett brought up the question of road boundaries – is it the inside of the road closest to the lake or both sides of the road? Thornton said he usually advises people to use the centerline of the road as the boundary. Bartlett asked why couldn't we use the property on the outer edge of the road. Thornton said if we include properties touching the outside edge of the road, then the boundary is the property boundary beyond the road. What happens then if one of the properties is subdivided? This could potentially be an issue. Roads have the benefit that they don't go away! Property boundaries can change. Bartlett used the example of Kettle Moraine Rd. – houses are across the street from the lake, face it and use it. The next boundary road is a mile away. Thornton said we would have the option of actually drawing the boundary along the property line.
- The discussion on this topic will be continued at the next meeting. A public hearing will be scheduled to obtain additional feedback from the district members. Dr. Thornton offered to have the district boundaries, current and expanded, super-imposed on an aerial photograph of the lake. Mark will work with Dr. Thornton in obtaining the picture.

Harvesting: Steinke said she received complaints that our equipment is being parked on Town Line Road. Bartlett said she should call Jeff Widner and tell him to move anything parked there. Steinke plans on starting operations the 20th of May. We also need to make sure that Widner stays within the harvesting budget this year. Steinke will also verify that Widner has incident report forms available and they are to be used for each incident and reported to our insurance company as needed.

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Chemical Treatment: Skidmore reported chemical treatment would occur May 17th and 18th – weather and water temperature permitting. Property owner Kathy Durkin (sp?) wants to make a voluntary contribution for additional treatment in the south lobe. They are selling some of their property. Gary Marvin will assist Skidmore and Maureen McBroom, DNR, on the treatment days. Steinke volunteered to put the notices on piers on Rice Lake. Bartlett suggested Skidmore put out an email requesting volunteers to put pier notices on Whitewater Lake.

Equipment: The new harvester is to be in the water by the 20th of May. The 7-ft. harvester is still having repair work done. Bartlett will call Felland and see that he co-ordinates the movement and readiness of the equipment into the water with the harvesting date of operation. The 10-ft. harvester is still in the barn along with the transporter. The outboard motor has to be put back on the transporter because our grant request to convert to a diesel was not granted by the DNR.

Budget and Finance: Most significant expenses included \$43,000 to Aquarius upon delivery of the new harvester and a \$10,000 seasonal advance to JNT for labor. Motion to pay a total of \$53,404.47 was made by Steinke, seconded by Prusener, passed unanimously.

Philip presented Financials through the month of April. Motion to approve by Steinke and seconded by Skidmore, approved unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Steinke and seconded by Philip at 9:00 p.m. The next scheduled board meeting will be June 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JUNE 9TH, 2005

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

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Jim Felland, Jerry Grant, Gordon Philip and Mark Skidmore

Board members absent: Norm Prusener and Tammy Steinke

Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Guest: Jeff Widner

Administrative Issues:

Minutes of the May 10th, 2005 meeting were accepted as presented.

Bartlett distributed a summer calendar containing specific dates that he will be referring to throughout the meeting. Adjustments may be made to the dates as needed.

The clerk submitted her resignation to Bartlett tonight and she suggested the board might want to mention the opening for this position in the newsletter. She agreed to stay on until a replacement is found.

Committee Reports:

Boundary: Skidmore reported he spoke with Jeff Thornton to find out when an overlay map of the district would be ready. He hoped to have it forthcoming in the next week or so. Felland said if we can get a digital copy he has a 54" color printer and he would be able to reproduce as many maps as we want. It will also be printed in the next newsletter.

Skidmore will also submit a brief summary of possible boundary changes, including a map to be mailed in a short newsletter to all members. We would like this to be mailed by June 30th and then follow up with a listening session for district members. This is planned for Saturday, July 23rd at Lakeview School. The clerk will make arrangements for the school. Skidmore will also invite Jeff Thornton to attend this meeting to field possible questions from the membership.

Chemical Treatment: Chemical treatment was done in May. Shoreline areas, Isabel Bay and State beach were treated. Pat Cruse called Philip to report the weeds were down, but there were a lot of dead fish in her area. Skidmore will call her, but our chemical treatment owner states the chemicals are not the cause of it. They will treat the south lobe next week and any re-touch that is required.

Harvesting: Widner said they have been all the way around the lake once and will take the 7-ft. harvester over to Rice Lake next week. The transporter will be ready this Saturday for morning pick-ups. All three cutters are in and both trailers are ready to go.

Bartlett said Steinke's new job is taking more of her time. He has talked to Brian Morris and he has agreed to help Steinke with some of her responsibilities. Philip offered to log all the input on the harvesting log sheets onto a spreadsheet and will e-mail the information to the board.

Equipment: Felland took pictures and typed up an inventory of equipment and materials. Widner said the new harvester is running well, but the sprayer does not work well. The water pump has to be turned off in order to use any of the hydraulics. The filter system plugs up with weeds and has to be cleaned every half-hour. Philip suggested holding back part of the final payment to D&D until these issues are resolved. Felland will initiate resolving these issues with D&D and request them to come out to observe these problems. We also need an operations manual from D&D. The crew did receive a full day of on-site training when the harvester was delivered.

Widner also said the 12-ft. harvester is not equipped to work on the bog. The 10-ft. harvester will need to go to D&D next year for repair work such as boltholes on the paddle wheels, hydraulics to switch over to the different type of oil.

The board authorized Widner to spend up to \$250 for repairs without any authorization from Felland.

Widner questioned how we were going to transport the new harvester. This was not brought up at the sales presentation by the vendors. Felland said give him some time and he has contacts in the trucking business and he may be able to locate a used trailer we could purchase. He will get back to the board within two weeks.

Budget and Finance: Philip reported total harvesting expenses for May were \$4,979. JNT was advanced \$10,000 for a seasonal advance. Total disbursements for May were \$15,196. Philip requested Felland to get a release from Aquarius showing the harvester paid in full. This will enable us to request the grant money of \$30,975 from the DNR.

Expenses for the month of June totaled \$92,229.66 that included \$4,792.50 JNT Marina – actually May expenses, disbursed in June. Balance due Aquarius for the new harvester \$86,000. We have \$22,000 in working capital – this includes the \$12,000 certificate of deposit that matured and Philip cashed in. Motion to approve disbursements by Skidmore, seconded by Felland, approved unanimously.

New Business:

Bartlett requested the board prepare budget projections for each area. They should be sent to Philip as soon as possible. Last year we approved the recommended budget in early July. The annual meeting will be scheduled for August 27th. Each member of the board **must** e-mail their budget recommendations to Philip by June 30th. He will then e-mail the proposed budget to the board for their review and we will discuss it at the regular July board meeting. If necessary a second meeting will be scheduled for July.

We also need a nominating committee and an auditing committee. Bartlett will send an e-mail to the members asking for volunteers. One person is necessary for the nominating committee and two for the auditing. He will contact the two people who performed the audit last year. There is one board position open this year. Philip has agreed to run for treasurer again and we will need a minimum of one other candidate. Any three electors can place a nominee for the board, but it must be in by July 11th (45 days before the Annual Meeting).

Each committee should prepare a brief summary of their area 's activities to be published in the annual newsletter. They should be submitted to Bartlett for review prior to July 14th. The newsletter will also include the proposed '06 budget and the bios of the nominees.

Old Business: None

Motion for adjournment made by Felland, Philip seconded – motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next scheduled meeting will be July 14th at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Marie Berg
Clerk

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
JULY 14, 2005**

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

Administration Issues

Minutes of the June 9th, 2005 meeting were accepted as presented.
The Audit Committee is formed and a date will be set to complete the review per Philip.
Bartlett will obtain at least one more nominee for the Board.

Committee Reports

Boundary: Skidmore reported Dr. Jeff Thornton, SEWRPAC will be at the July 23rd to answer questions from members regarding the potential boundary changes the board is considering. The newsletter had been mailed earlier this month and he has not received any calls from the membership. Andy Wojdula and Skidmore from the Boundary Committee will also be available.

Felland has furnished the District with a large map of the proposed and existing district that will be very helpful for this and future use. Bartlett said the meeting would begin with an introduction by Skidmore, open forum, there will be a time limit and no decision will be made that day

Harvesting: Bartlett spoke to Jeff Widner about the complaints received regarding the abundance of floaters; harvesters driving with the cutters up and the late pick-up of weeds on Saturday. Widner said the cutter blades are up while transporting the weeds. The late pick-up on Saturday was due to the abundance of weeds picked up from the piers. They picked up four loads of weeds and it took until 4 p.m. to finish. Felland and Bartlett will be going out with the cutters to observe and make recommendations for a more efficient manner of handling the floaters. Felland will also speak to Gina from Aquarius, regarding sending out an expert to review their "Best Practices" in operating the cutter in a more efficient manner.

Chemical Treatment: Skidmore reported \$26,000 has been spent on treatment so far. There is \$19,000 remaining in the budget. An additional spraying will be done in the next two weeks and will focus on the shoreline areas. Morris suggested Skidmore talk to Widner to find out where it is difficult to cut weeds. Isabel Bay, near Randy Cruse's house and the South lobe are shallow and may need more chemicals. Bartlett will send out an e-mail advising members of the chemicals being applied.

Morris stated he had talked to the DNR about the fish kill after treating the weeds. They said there is a small mortality rate of the very small, weaker fish and the DNR is aware of it.

Equipment: Felland said a trailer for the 11-ft. cutter would cost \$14,000 and it would take 75 days turnaround to build it through Aquarius. He will also check on grant availability from the DNR.

Fish Stocking: Morris will have a bill for \$1,000 (amount budgeted) for fish stocking at next month's board meeting.

Budget and Finance: Total bills presented for payment was \$43,190.42. They included \$15,066. to JNT Marina for harvesting labor for the weeks 6/6-7/9. Another significant payment was \$26,179. to Biological Services for chemical treatment. Motion to approve payment by Skidmore, seconded by Felland, approved unanimously.

WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
July 23rd, 2005

The regular board meeting of the Whitewater/Rice Lakes Chairman called Management District to order by Jim Bartlett at 9:05 A.M. at Lakeview Elementary School.

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Jim Felland, Mark Skidmore,
Absent: Tammy Steinke, Gordon Philip Norm Prusener and Jerry ?Grant
Guests: Dr. Jeffrey Thornton, SEWRPC, various district members

Discussion:

This meeting was called to gather feedback from the membership on the boundary issue. Mark Skidmore began the session by providing an overview of the Boundary Committee's report. Copies of this report were available to all guests.

Dr. Thornton provided background information on the process as well as his experience with other districts.

Mark and Dr. Thornton accepted and responded to questions from the audience.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30. There were no motions made at this meeting.

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WHITewater/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2005

The regular board meeting of the Whitewater/Rice Lakes Chairman called Management District to order by Jim Bartlett at 7:05 p.m. at Whitewater Town Hall.

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

Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg, Incoming clerk present: Susie Speerbrecher

Guests: Brian Morris, Art Speerbrecher, Tom Ponyicsanyi, Andy Wojdula

ADMINISTRATION ISSUES

Minutes of the July 14, 2005 were approved as presented.

Tammy Steinke submitted her letter of resignation. Jim Felland moved to accept her letter of resignation from the board with regrets. Gordon; Phillips seconded the motion.

The board voted to accept her resignation and Jim Bartlett was asked to send her a letter of thanks for her service on the board.

Jim Bartlett proposed Brian Morris head the Chair of the

Harvest Committee. The board voted to confirm Brian for that position. Brian is only confirmed for the committee role; Tammy's board position will be filled via the annual meeting election. Jim Bartlett was asked to find an additional candidate for the election.

The Nominating committee identified two candidates for the open board positions: Gordon Phillip will run again and Donald Wickersheimer will run for his first term.

The newsletter announcing the annual meeting was mailed to residents August 11, 2005. A concern was brought up that bulk mail going to Illinois might get there "after the fact". Rose Marie

was asked to investigate the problem. No action was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Boundary:

Mark Skidmore moved:

The Whitewater Rice Lakes Management District request the Walworth County Board to expand the district boundaries as follows: Expand the boundaries of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District be expanded as illustrated with the blue line on the area map (copy attached).

Related to the expanded boundaries, the Whitewater Rice Lakes Management District will adopt a two tier tax rate system such that:

The full mill rate will only be applied to riparian properties and properties with deeded lake access. The remaining properties within the district will be taxed at a mill rate that is 65 percent of the full rate. In addition, all agricultural properties will be granted an exclusion from the tax.

The motion was seconded by Jerry Grant and after discussion, approved by the board.

Jerry said the next step would be to submit our proposal with proper documentation to the Walworth County Board. Jerry felt the request would initially be sent to the Walworth County Land Conservation Committee for review.

Harvesting:

Brian Morris said he has been on the cutter to gain knowledge of procedures and where there is need for improvement. Brian has gathered a great deal of material from other districts and the manufacturer. This information is being put into a best practices manual that will be used to train and manage the cutting crew.

Equipment:

Jim Felland reported he has received the title for the new harvester; the balance due is \$30,975.

It was agreed by the board to seek approval at the annual meeting for the approval fro the purchase of a trailer for the new cutter, cost projected at \$14,000. Jim Felland will present this proposal.

It was reported that the storage barn might not be available this year. Jim said he would investigate and report at the next meeting.

Chemical:

Mark Skidmore informed the board that the DNR would like us to provide better notification to the homeowners about are spraying activities. The current plan is to utilize post cards for notification.

Mark is investigating a fall treatment. The budget has adequate funds.

Budget and Finance

Gordon presented July bills for payment amounting to \$23,883.26. Jim Bartlett moved to accept these bills be paid. Jerry Grant seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gordon reported we presently have \$16,306 in the checking account. Our taxes receivable of \$51,684 will be received with the next couple weeks and our grant receivable from the DNR of \$30,975 will also be received soon.

Audit Committee:

Gordon announced the audit committee will meet Sunday

August 14, 2005.

Jerry Grant moved to adjourn the meeting. Jim Felland seconded the motion. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm

Respectfully submitted

Susie Speerbrecher

Clerk

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

(from 2006 newsletter)

The 2005 Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting was called to order by

chairman, Jim Bartlett, at 9:05 at the Lakeview School on Saturday, August 27th, 2005.

Board Members Present: Jim Bartlett Jim Felland, Gordon Philip, Mark Skidmore and county representative, Jerry Grant

Board member absent: Norm Prusener, Town of Whitewater representative

Clerk present: Rose Marie Berg

Bartlett began by reviewing the agenda then recognized and thanked several members for their efforts and achievements:

Bob Sturgis and Don Cullen as the Audit Committee. They reviewed the 2004 year-end financial statements and reported the records appeared to be in good condition. The Boundary Committee, consisting of Andy Wojdula, Tom Ponyicsanyi, Greg Marvin and Don Meyer put in a lot of time. Tom Ganfield and Mark Muschinski for taking regular secchi disk readings, which record water clarity on Whitewater and Rice Lakes. Mark and Lynne Muschinski for printing the newsletters. There is no charge to the District and this is a large cost saver. If anyone needs printing done, we recommend their Waukesha company. Also, a thanks to Tammy Steinke, Harvesting Chair for the past two years. She spent a lot of time, particularly in the first year, hiring a new crew and organizing the operations. A big thanks to Gordon Philip, Treasurer and Bog Chair, who has been on the board for five years and does all of the bookkeeping, accounting, payroll. These efforts have probably saved the District approximately \$5,000 annually. Philip is also running for re-election this year. Rose Marie Berg has been the District Clerk for 5-years and is resigning. Bartlett said she has been the rock holding the Board together and the Board appreciated all her efforts.

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

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

Treasurer's Report: Philip referred to the handout which showed total income was \$171,912 that included the DNR grant for equipment of \$61,950. Total operating costs for last year were \$106,017. We held budget with a surplus of \$291 last year. The \$291 will go into the contingency fund. Philip stated we are looking at an approximate surplus of \$14,100 for 2005. The Board is recommending \$10,000 go into the Equipment Fund and any residual go into a contingency fund. A motion was made by member Daniel Dern to follow the recommendation and seconded by John Currie. Motion carried.

We have two positions open for commissioners. The by-laws state we have one more candidate than we have openings. In the beginning of August this was fine. However, on August 11th we had a resignation and we were unable to get another candidate. We have two candidates for two positions. Members can choose to vote for two, one or none. The person with the most votes will assume a 3-yr. term and the other a 1-yr. term. The two nominees, Gordon Philip and Donald Wickersheimer were introduced and each gave a brief presentation. Gordon Philip presented the proposed budget for 2006 and each committee member spoke on his respective category. No amendments were made by the membership. David Byrne made a motion to accept the 2006 budget as proposed. Stan Vesely seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Highlights of discussion in the different categories:

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

Chemical Treatment: Members will be notified by postcards of treatment dates. Susan Heidenreich, W8085 Townline Rd. asked for assistance reducing the weeds in the shallow pond connected to her property. Mark Skidmore indicated that he could not comment on the pond at that time, but would look into it.

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

Old Business: Mark Skidmore, Boundary District committee chair, presented a brief summary of the committee's

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

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

Motion seconded by Don Oker, majority carried.

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

Motion made to have the 2006 Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting on Saturday, August 26th, 2006 at the Lakeview

School. Motion seconded and carried.

Motion made by Stan Vesely to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Don Oker. Motion carried at 11 :30 p.m.

WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
August 27, 2005

The board meeting of the Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District was called to order by Jim Bartlett at 11:30 A.M. at the Lakeview Elementary School.

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Gordon Philip, Mark Skidmore, Jerry Grant, and Don Wickersheimer. Absent: Norm Prusener, Jim Felland

Discussion:

This meeting was called to identify officers and committee assignments. The following decisions were made:

Chairperson - Jim Bartlett
Secretary - Mark Skidmore
Treasurer - Gordon Philip

Equipment Chair - Jim Felland
Harvest Chair - Brian Morris, assisted by Don Wickersheimer
Chemical Chair - Mark Skidmore
Boundary Chair - Mark Skidmore
Bog Chair - Gordon Philip
Fish Chair - Brian Morris

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45.

Revised 10/13/05

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 8, 2005**

The regular board meeting of the Whitewater/Rice Lakes Chairman called Management District to order by Jim Bartlett at 7 p.m.

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Gordon Phillip, Don Wickersheimer, Mark Skidmore, Jim Felland, and Norm Prusener. Absent: Jerry Grant,
Clerk present: Susie Speerbrecher
Guests: Jeff Widner, Bernard Tangney

ADMINISTRATION ISSUES

Minutes of the August 11, 2005 board meeting was approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Harvest

Don Wickersheimer reported weed cutting was completed 9-2-05 and final dock weed pickup was 9-3-05. He proposed floater pickup will be 9-9-05 East Lake Shore Drive, East Side of Ridge Road and south on the return from bog removal and on 9-12-05 pick up floaters on West Lakeshore, Krahn, and Chapel Drive.

Bog

Jim Felland offered to take aerial shots of the bog to have a better idea of how massive it is.

Chemical

Mark Skidmore will survey the lake for milfoil the weekend of 9-9-05 – 9-11-05. The spraying will be limited to smaller areas that will serve as tests for fall spraying. Mark does not anticipate spending all of the remaining funds. At a future meeting our Lake Management plan will be reviewed for compliance or to ask the DNR for a revision. Copies of the original plan will be distributed at the next meeting.

Equipment

Jim Felland reported we will be purchasing a trailer for the 12' cutter for \$14,300. The state will grant us \$5000 toward the purchase price. The 12' cutter will be shrink-wrapped and stored outside.

Jim Bartlett will be contacting the DNR to make sure our equipment is off the lake before repairs are started at the boat landing near Cruz Lane. GPS for the cutters is under consideration and Jim Felland will investigate a grant from the DNR.

Boundary

Mark Skidmore will be contacting Jerry Grant as to the next step in perusing the boundary issue.

Budget and Finance

Gordon Phillip presented the August bills for payment amounting to \$28,426.79
Jim Felland moved to approve these bills be paid, Mark Skidmore seconded the motion.
Motion carried. Gordon reviewed the budget. Jim Bartlett moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Don Wickersheimer seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Gordon Phillip moved to adjourn the meeting. Mark Skidmore seconded the motion.
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.

**WHITEWATER / RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2005**

The regular board meeting of the Whitewater / Rice Lake Management District was called to order by chairman, Jim Bartlett at 7 PM.

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Don Wickersheimer, Jim Felland
Jerry Grant, Gordon Phillip, Mark Skidmore, and Norm Prusener

Clerk present: Susan Speerbrecher

Guest present: Art Speerbrecher

ADMINISTRATIVE

Motion was made by Jerry grant to approve minutes of July 23, 2005 meeting subject to corrections - seconded by Gordon Phillip. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Jerry grant to approve minutes of the August 27, 2005 meeting subject to corrections - seconded by Gordon Phillip. Motion approved.

Minutes of the September 8, 2005 board meeting were approved as presented.

Tammy Steinke has returned the Lake Management Book and radio she had used. The hand held GPS has not been returned and it is unknown who has it. A sign out sheet will be used in the future when Lake Management equipment is borrowed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bog: Removal was not done very efficiently and operations will discontinue the end of week 10-17-05. Jim, Gordon and Don will take a GPS reading of the bog on 10-15-05 to extract a test area to sink the bog over winter with DNR approval. Jim Felland shared pictures he had taken by helicopter of the bog.

Chemical: Fall spraying has been completed. Pond cleaning was addressed and no action taken. Jim Bartlett will respond to the inquiries received.

Equipment: The state is processing our \$5000 grant and the trailer will be delivered when approval is received from the DNR.

Harvest: Aquarius is scheduling a weed harvesting training session in May. It was agreed to participate in this training.

Boundary: Our attorney has been contacted and is in the process of writing a letter to Walworth County to expand the district.

Budget: Expenses for September were presented. Norm motioned to approve \$17,434.63 to pay the bills. Mark seconded the motion. Motion carried

Jerry motioned to approve the financial statement as presented. Don seconded the motion. Motion carried

Jim Felland motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jerry seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Speerbrecher

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
November 10, 2005**

The regular board meeting of the Whitewater/re Lake Management District was called to order by chairman, Jim Bartlett at 7:00 pm.

Board members present: Jim Bartlett, Don Wickersheimer, Jim Felland, Gordon Phillip, and Jerry Grant.

Absent: Norm Prusener, and Mark Skidmore

Clerk present: Susie Speerbrecher

Guests present: Art Speerbrecher, Jeff Wiedner

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes of the October 13, 2005 meeting were accepted as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Equipment: The trailer was delivered on 10-7-2005. Jim will be meeting with the DNR the week of November 14, 2005 at which time inspection will occur and we will receive our check. The 12' cutter was taken out on 11-10-05 and is scheduled to be shrink wrapped within the next few days. All other equipment is out and stored.

Chemical: Spraying was 75% effective

Boundary: Jerry Grant will be contacting Michael Cotter from the county and Mark Ohm, our lawyer regarding our boundary request, as to date no word has been received.

Bog: GPS of bog was completed. Another reading will be taken in August 2006 to make comparisons.

Harvest: Jeff Wiedner will sign our contract in spring to again be in charge of the 2006 seaweed harvest. A lead man will be on the lake next year. Spraying will be integrated with cutting. Jim Felland will be setting up a web base for control and accountability of weed harvesting personnel.

Budget: Expenses for October were presented. Jim Felland motioned to approve \$16,298.92 for payment of bills. Jerry Grant seconded the motion. Motion carried. A second motion was made by Jerry Grant and seconded by Don Wickersheimer to approve payment of \$7840.13 to JNT Marina. Motion carried.

New Business

Gordon Phillip moved to appeal the pier regulation. Seconded by Jim Felland. Motion carried with one opposition.

Gordon Phillip moved that we reply to the Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WALS) stating we are opposed to their pier regulation position and will not be contributing to their legal fund. Seconded by Jim Bartlett. Motion carried.

Jerry Grant moved meeting be adjourned, seconded by Gordon Phillip. Motion carried.
Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm

Next meeting March 9, 2006.

Respectfully submitted

Susie Speerbrecher
Municipal clerk