

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Sixth Annual Meeting - August 15, 1992

Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 2:05 P.M. 67 people attended.

U.S.G.S. PRESENTATION

Steve Fields gave an overview of the U.S. geologic survey of our lakes. A written report will be presented to the district board later this year. Fields recognized volunteer helpers: Liz Haenisch, Charlie Cruse, Lowell Wilson, Ray Hagar, Bill Norris, and Boris Maronich.

Norris introduced the following board members: Mel Scharine, Darrell Butcher, John Wildi, Bill Norris, Bob Holland acting for Rick Breidenbach, and Russ Jones as parliamentarian.

Announcements by Norris:

- 1) Photos of the lakes are available from Fran Aiker.
- 2) The G.W.R.L.P.O. Association annual meeting will be at 1 P.M. on 9/12/92 at the town hall.
- 3) Muriel Schrock will do future newsletters.
- 4) Ron Fero's tax group would like to meet with any interested citizens after this meeting. The lake management district is not a political group and takes no stand on the school referendum issue.
- 5) Norris thanked Walter Hicks, Roy Sheehan and John Wildi for their help.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Printed copies of last year's meeting were available to all. Ed Coyne motioned to approve - seconded by Lowell Wilson. Approved by hand vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies were available to all. Discussion regarding possible loan prepayment ensued. Vic Schrock motioned to accept - seconded by Tom Ponyscanyi. Approved by hand vote.

1993 Proposed Budget

Miscellaneous Operating Expenses	\$ 1,200
Newsletter	1,000
Legal Expenses	700
Membership Dues	200
Fish Stocking	3,000
Wildlife Rehabilitation	500
Weed Control	80,000
Contingencies	4,000
Total	<u>\$90,600</u>

Budget discussion included:

- a) Rich Langewith questioned pre-payment of the loan from the 1993 budget.
- b) Laura Hicks asked about the amount of interest for the full six years.
- c) Sue Padderson questioned the cost of weed spraying.
- d) Phil James asked about the use of the contingency fund.
- e) Lowell Wilson noted that equipment wasn't depreciated so why not lower the tax levy.
- f) Roberts questioned the effect of the budget on the mil rate.

Norris explained that the board was in favor of inside storage of the harvesting equipment. A barn is available at \$225.00 per month. Eventually, the district may need to purchase some land and construct a pole barn in order to prolong equipment life.

Muriel Schrock motioned to approve the budget and Walter Lauer seconded it. Lowell Wilson made an amendment that \$20,000 of the 1992 budget surplus be used to reduce the 1993 budget. This was seconded by Edna Barbour. This amendment was defeated by a hand vote.

The 1993 budget was approved by a hand vote - only 2 opposed.

COMMISSIONER ELECTION

Bill Norris was re-elected unanimously.

PUBLIC INPUT/OTHER BUSINESS

Norris discussed equipment storage costs; land purchase \$3,000 - \$15,000 and pole barn costs of about \$20,000. He proposed that the district give the board permission to purchase land for a future storage area.

Burke motioned to purchase property and build a pole barn for storage at this time. Sue Padderson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued as follows:

- a) Wildi said that we should look into renting storage space.
- b) Roberts said we should go slow on prepaying our loan so as not to be caught short on unexpected expenses which could cause the budget to be raised.
- c) Ed Coyne proposed setting a limit on what could be spent rather than on 'open-ended' motion.
- d) Lowell Wilson asked about using township land. Butcher stated that it wasn't large enough.

The motion was defeated by a hand vote.

Muriel Schrock make a motion to empower the board to find and purchase an acre of land. Charles Chamberlain seconded the motion.

Kristine Barr made an amendment to the motion that the cost of the land not exceed \$15,000. Lowell Wilson seconded it.

The amendment was defeated by a hand vote.

The motion by Muriel Schrock to empower the board to find and purchase an acre of land with the proper zoning to be used to build a pole barn for future storage of equipment was passed by a hand vote.

Tom Ponyscanyi questioned money budgeted for fish stocking. Norris stated that hopefully we'll get more help from the DNR. Norris stated that Dale Poeppel had advised the board on the stocking program this summer, and money not used this year will carry over to next year's budget.

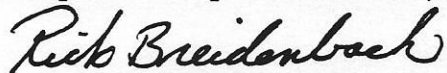
Bob Holland asked if any study had been done to show the feasibility of increasing the flow of water into the lake. Steve Fields answered that the biggest factor in the lake level was the ground water table. Its increase will help the lake level.

1993 ANNUAL MEETING

Walt Hicks motioned that the next annual meeting be on August 21, 1993. Dick Kline seconded it. Hand vote approved it.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Rick Breidenbach/Bob Holland

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
Fifth Annual Meeting
August 17, 1991

*As approved at Aug 15th 92
Annual Meeting*

1. Chairman Norris called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. 144 people attended.
2. Norris introduced the board: Mel Scharine, Daryl Butcher, Tom Ponyiscanyi and Rick Breidenbach. He also introduced Russ Jones as acting parliamentarian.
3. Norris explained that the meeting would be conducted in accordance with both chapter 33 of Wisconsin statutes and Roberts revised rules of order. He asked that those who wished to speak be courteous and concise and that no new business be brought up after 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Wilson made a motion that any voting on budget and mil rate be done by paper ballot. Mrs. Barbours seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed in favor of the rules as modified by the Wilson/Barbours motion.

Norris apologized for not having a printed agenda. But he did have it on the blackboard for everyone to see.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT. Rick Breidenbach asked everyone to read their copy of last year's minutes. He stated that the board would be happy to discuss any individual item of concern.

Mr. Krebs asked a question regarding the mil rate and the vote establishing it at 2.0. Norris explained the motion in the 1989 meeting that changed the mil rate. He also explained the procedural question raised in the 1990 meeting. At this time Mr. McCarthy motioned to approve the 1991 minutes. Mr. Holland seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed in favor of accepting the 1991 minutes.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT. Copies were presented to everyone

in attendance. The books were closed as of 8/10/91. Itemized expenditures totalled \$131,656.76. Itemized credits totalled \$97,406.95. Beginning balance was \$40,572.11 leaving an ending balance of \$6,322.30. He thanked Laura Hicks and Ray Heger for auditing the books. Mr. Louie Leone questioned weed harvesting costs. Ponyiscanyi explained that this year we had both harvesting and spraying costs under one heading of weed control. Mr. Leone made a motion to accept this report. Mr. Joe Kiterand seconded the motion. A unanimous vote approved this report.

6. Norris explained that assessed property value and mil rate has nothing to do with our budget. The mil rate establishes a ceiling amount. Actual spending and budget amounts will be determined at this meeting.

7. NEW OFFICER ELECTION. Norris thanked Tom Ponyiscanyi for his excellent service. Tom is not seeking re-election. Norris also thanked Ray Heger and others for their volunteer help. He asked that others get involved on both Whitewater and Rice lakes.

Both candidates, John Wildi and Muriel Schrock, spoke briefly regarding their candidacy. Voters used their yellow ballot to vote.

8. Tom Ponyiscanyi explained the fish stocking program. He regretted not being able to get DNR financial help. He plans to get more involved with the fish management committee in the future. We spent \$5900.00 on fish stocking. 20,000 walleyes were put in Whitewater Lake. 1,000 northern were put in Whitewater Lake, and 500 northern were put in Rice Lake.

9. Norris explained the U.S.G.S. program. This lake study, which began 1 year ago, is funded with \$40,000 of federal money, \$30,000 state and \$10,000 district. He explained that we had to re-apply for the 2nd year of funding, and it appears we will get the funding.

He explained the various apparatus used to collect data. Year two of the study will cover analysis of the data and will provide a written report of the survey's findings. These findings will be used to create a more detailed management plan for the lakes. Norris noted that the study's findings will be available to residents in about 1 year. Norris also noted that the board wants to keep the lake level monitoring station after the close of the survey. This would cost \$1100/yr.

10. WEED CONTROL PROGRAM. Norris explained the shoreline spraying strategy. This was a 30 foot strip around the developed shorelines. This totalled 29 acres on Whitewater Lake and 4 acres on Rice Lake. He stated that the board could have sprayed as much as 64 acres which would have been the maximum amount allowed by the DNR. Norris asked for public input as to the effectiveness of the spraying.

Much discussion concerning spraying followed. Some residents were against any spraying of any kind. More residents were in favor of increased spraying. And most residents appeared to favor a 'two-prong' approach to weed control - that is: both spraying and harvesting.

Regarding harvesting, Norris explained that we took about the same amount of weeds from Whitewater Lake this year as we did last year. Very little was taken from Rice Lake since there was little growth along the developed shoreline. Norris noted that chances were good to significantly deplete the phosphorous content in Whitewater Lake by harvesting over the next few years.

Norris explained that, if we decide to purchase a harvester, D & D Products will redesign and build us a new harvester since we are unhappy with the present machine. Norris asked everyone to look at their hand-out which explained the costs involved.

- 92 11. BUDGET. Norris, referring to the blackboard, systematically explained each budget item: Operating

costs - 1200, Newsletter - 900, Legal services - 700, WALD and NLMS - 200, Fish stocking - 3000, Wild Life Rehab. - 500, and Weed Control - 80,000. All items totalled to \$86,500. Norris noted that this was almost the same as last year's budget. Norris asked for a motion to approve the budget.

Ed Coyne moved to approve the budget as described. Walter Lauer seconded the motion.

Some discussion ensued regarding aspects of some specific items. These included: wild life rehab for geese, fish stocking, mil rate and the depreciation of equipment.

Voters were instructed to use the blue ballot to vote on the budget.

The budget passed with 126 voting in favor and 19 voting against.

12. Purchase of Harvesting Equipment. Norris explained the estimated costs of purchasing harvesting equipment. He explained the benefits of owning our own equipment. There was some discussion regarding storage, life expectancy of the harvester and availability of the harvester in May. Insurance and liability costs were also discussed.

Mr. Wegner motioned to purchase a harvester and associated equipment if in the board's judgement it is more economical to own than to rent. Dick Cooney seconded the motion.

More discussion ensued.

LeRoy Roberts moved to ammend the motion to purchase a harvester and associated equipment if it is made available no later than May 15th. Norris asked Wegner if the amended motion was acceptable. He said it was and seconded the new motion.

At this point Norris introduced Jack Dauffenbach to explain and answer questions regarding the harvesting equipment that he builds. He addressed warranties and penalties for late delivery also.

More discussion ensued. This time on liability insurance.

Norris instructed voters to use the pink ballot and vote either yes or no.

The vote was 82 in favor of purchasing harvesting equipment and 59 against purchasing. The motion carried.

13. PRESENTATION OF NEW OFFICER. John Wildi was presented as the new commissioner. He received 78 votes. Muriel Schrock received 66.

14. NEXT ANNUAL MEETING DATE. Cliff Witte moved to have next year's annual meeting on August 15, 1992. Tom Ponyiscanyi seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

15. PUBLIC INPUT. Al Neora requested the board to address the bog problem. Norris stated he would see if the DNR would give the district help in dealing with the problem.

Walter Hicks thanked Tom Ponyiscanyi for his service on the board.

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