

# WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES

Management District

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## \*\* SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE \*\*

### WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

A special meeting will be held December 2, 2000 at 11:00 AM at the Whitewater Town Hall and will have two agenda items for membership consideration:

1. Discuss and vote on moneys for a sample removal of bog (pending DNR approval).
2. Discuss and vote on additional moneys for a heavier duty harvester and trailer.

At the August Annual Meeting, I agreed to have a more active Bog Committee and to call a special meeting when we had additional information for you. I want to thank Don Oker and Gordon Philip for accepting the job as co-chair of the Bog Committee and members Rich Gunter, Art Schmitz, Rick Schleis, Jim Mulchay, Tom Ganfield, Mike and Kathleen Hoar for the great job they have done to get us where we are today. See the attached report from the Bog Committee.

With the Holidays fast approaching, I want to wish all of you the very best and happiest of the Holiday season and hope to see many of you at the meeting.

Bernie Tangney, Chairman



Happy  
New Year

### BOG COMMITTEE UP-DATE

As voiced at the August 2000 Annual Membership Meeting, it was made very clear that the membership wanted action regarding bog removal on Whitewater Lake.

Since the meeting, this committee has accomplished the following:

- Members of the committee have, on several occasions, been on Whitewater Lake to investigate the bogs.
- Met with a representative of a lake dredging company on Whitewater Lake. A proposal was received by this company to remove a test sample section of approximately 100 x 100 feet (10,000 sq. ft.) x 4 feet deep (40,000 sq. ft.) for an approximate cost of \$12,000 - \$13,500.
- Bog committee up-date meetings have taken place both on a formal and informal basis to review progress by individual committee members based on their assignments.
- Met on Okauchee Lake in Oconomowoc with a harvester equipment vendor and Kathy Aron of Aron & Associates who was asked to proceed with the preparation of a bog removal application to be submitted to the DNR.
- Met with Parkside Marina on Whitewater Lake to discuss their possible role in the removal of the bog.
- Met with several harvester equipment vendors.
- Aerial photos were arranged for and also took our own photos of the bog-infested areas. These photos are being used as a part of the DNR application process.

As a result of the above activities and others not stated:

- The committee discovered that not only does a weed/bog removal harvester exist, but also this dual-purpose piece of equipment is presently being used in lakes outside of Wisconsin. A trip was planned to go to Florida to see the actual equipment in action. However, this is yet to happen. We do have vendor tapes of the harvesters removing small sections of bogs.
- Aron & Associates have completed the first draft of an application to be submitted to the DNR for the purpose of removal of a section of the bog approximately 100 x 100 feet. The application is structured to ask for approval of a two-phase removal plan. Phase one, removing the sample bog of 100 x 100 feet, and phase two, reports to the DNR the results of the sample removal and then to await their approval to proceed with additional bog removal.
- The first draft application will be reviewed by the entire bog committee and resubmitted to Aron & Associates with the final draft completed and submitted to the DNR by January 01, 2001 for approval.
- With DNR approval, a sample bog removal could start by late Spring or early Summer of 2001.

### HARVESTER EQUIPMENT UP-DATE

At the August 2000 meeting, membership unanimously approved the purchase of a new 10-foot harvester for \$92,000. With a 50% Grant from the DNR for \$46,000, net cost to the District would be \$46,000. The old harvester would not be traded in, but would be sold outright.

Based on the bog committee's research as stated in the bog committee report in this newsletter, it was recommended to the full board to purchase a dual-purpose harvester. This harvester would harvest weeds as well as do bog cleanup and small bog removal. It should be made clear that this heavy-duty harvester will not totally remove the present bog situation on Whitewater Lake. It will still take a professional dredging company to do the massive bog removal, thus the request for a DNR permit.

The Board approved further investigation of this new piece of equipment. In addition, the Board rescinded the DNR Grant Application for \$46,000. The Grant Application was then resubmitted for \$66,710 which covers half of the anticipated cost of this new harvester for a total cost of approximately \$133,420 (including a trailer). Bernie Tangney and Don Oker appeared at the DNR Grant Hearing in Winneconne WI to make a justification presentation which resulted in approval by the DNR of \$66,710.

The investigation of this new concept harvester continues. It anticipates awarding the bid for a new heavy-duty 10-foot weed/bog cutter harvester no later than January 01, 2001, with expected delivery by Spring of 2001 in time for the next weed-harvesting season.

**The Board will seek membership support and approval for the upgraded harvester and additional cost at the December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2000 Special Membership Meeting.**