

**Whitewater/Rice Lake District Management  
Minutes of Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting  
August 26, 2006**

(copied from 2007 newsletter)

The Whitewater/Rice Lake District Management Budget Hearing! Annual meeting was held at Lakeview School and called to order by chairman Jim Bartlett at 9 AM. Approximately 75 residents were in attendance.

Jim Bartlett began the meeting by introducing himself and board members present: Gordon Phillip, Jim Felland, Bill Watts, Don Wickersheimer and Jerry Grant our Walworth County representative. Jeff Widner our Weed Harvesting sub-contractor was present and clerk Susie Speerbrecher.

Board member absent: Norm Pruesner, Town of Whitewater representative.

A thank you was extended to Mark and Lynne Muschinski owners of Marlin Printing for printing the newsletter at a minimal cost to us. Thank you's were extended to Don Cullen and Bob Sturgis for auditing the books. A thank you was then extended to Mark Skidmore for his past board contribution and continuing to work on the boundary issue.

**Administrative**

Minutes of the August 27, 2005 annual meeting were approved as presented. Candidates for election introduced themselves and gave a brief presentation. Candidates are: Don Wickersheimer, Bill Watts, John Dynkowski, and Dick Swanson. Candidates elected for a three year term were: Don Wickersheimer, and Bill Watts. John Dynkowski was elected for a two year term. Dick Swanson was encouraged to be a committee member.

A letter addressed to the board written by Richard Cooney family was read by Jim Bartlett. The letter emphasized their pleasure in the weed harvesting this summer with a thank you to Jeff and his crew and special thanks to Art Speerbrecher and his ability to operate the equipment as a pro.

**Boundary Update**

Mark Skidmore gave an update of the boundary issue by reviewing the boundaries drawn on the enlarged map. Currently, a legal description of these boundaries is in the process of being prepared by RSV Engineering. Once prepared, we can proceed by publishing notice of our intent to expand the district and notification of the county board. The county board is then responsible for notifying the property owners impacted, holding hearings and deciding on the issue.

**Treasurer's Report**

Gordon reviewed the financials referring to the handouts. Total income for 2005 was \$163,567 expenses were \$138,375. The projected budget for 2006 is \$157,450. The proposed 2007 operating budget is \$157,200.

**Fish Stocking**

Brian Morris gave a brief presentation on the health of the lake being in good shape. The budget for fish stocking is \$1000 - \$1500. Gene Migely motioned to increase the 2007 budget to \$3000 Carl Albus seconded the motion. Motion carried,

## **Equipment**

Jim Felland reported a new engine was purchased for the transporter. A GPS device ,will be purchased next year and installed on the 12' cutter. The DNR will cover half the cost and the balance will come from the capital fund. No amendment to the equipment budget.

## **Chemical**

*Jim* Bartlett reported on the activities of the chemical spraying for lake weeds. A motion was made by Dave Cleven and seconded by Tom Porticos to increase the spraying of the COte of the south bay from approximately 35 acres to approximately 50 acres. The original budget amount was increased by \$8,000 to cover the additional cost of the spraying. Patricia Koppelman motioned to consider spraying the entire lake in July. Tom Koppelman seconded the motion. Nte! discussion motion failed.

## **Harvest**

Don reviewed the " Strategy for Weed Harvesting - 2001" and map handout. He asked if anyone had additional suggestions to give him a call. A thank you was extended to. Jeff and his crew. Don thanked Brian Morris for his help on the committee. No change to the harvest proposed budget of \$85,600.

## **Bog Removal**

Gordon reviewed the continuing problem and the effectiveness of removing the bog. Bog removal and floater pickup will begin September 5th continuing for approximately six weeks. Don Oker motioned to use money budgeted for bog removal for other purposes to investigate the hog and come up with better options. Rich Gunter seconded the motion. After discussion, the motion did not pass.

There was discussion to *use* the \$9000 in the 2007 bog removal budget for further investigation. Brian Morris motioned to increase the 2007 bog removal budget to \$14,000 and let it up to the board to investigate a bog removal alternative and address this issue at the August 2007 annual meeting. John Brunner seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Discussion clarified that the actual decision to spend would be made at next year's annual meeting and that the committee would have had time to investigate and decide on the best approach or if we would continue the effort. Motion carried. Don Oker motioned we do not use the 2006 budgeted money for bog removal this fall. No second Motion failed

## **New Business**

Dave Brunner motioned to approve the budget and amendments for 2007. Shirley Wickersheimer seconded the motion. Motion carried

Becky Morris motioned the next annual meeting will be August 25, 2007. Brian Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Don Oker motioned to adjourn this meeting. Doug Goodrich seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 11: 15 AM.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Speerbrecher, Clerk