

# Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District

## Board of Commissioners Meeting

August 8, 1991

Bill Norris called the meeting to order at

Present: Norris, Ponysianzi, Briedenbach; absent Schaine, Butcher  
Secretary's July 11<sup>th</sup> minutes were approved.

### Treasurer's Report

Copies were presented to the board. Beginning balance was \$67,509.<sup>01</sup>.  
Bills paid were \$35,650.<sup>81</sup>. Ending balance was \$31,858.<sup>20</sup>.

The report was approved.

### Other Business

Bill Norris reported that Bob Wakeman told him that it was likely that we would receive the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of funding for the U.S. & S. Bill also noted that Steve Field from the U.S. & S. thought it wise for us to continue the lake stage monitoring system at the dam. It provides valuable information for the management of the lake. The U.S. & S. would pick up about 1/2 the cost of operation. Our cost would be about \$100.<sup>00</sup>/year.

Ponysianzi moved to continue the lake stage monitoring system if funds are available. Norris seconded the motion. The board voted 3-0 in favor.

Norris explained the problems with the harvester's dropping of weeds into the lake. D+D will build us a more efficient model if we are able to buy. He thought that we should put off buying 2 harvesters for next year and just buy 1 ten footer.

Ed Coyne estimated the insurance cost for harvesting next year at \$1206.<sup>00</sup> This is more reasonable than we anticipated.

Norris explained the need for an additional access point for harvesting in order to cut down on transporter time. Bill Norris will check out Lakeview for the annual meeting.

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

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. Barber seconded the motion. A unanimous vote followed in favor of the rules as modified by the Wilson/Barber 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, \$20,000 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.

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.

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 Neary 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.

16. Norris asked for a motion to adjourn. An unknown person so moved and Mr. McCarthy seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned about 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rick Breidenbach, secretary