

submitting written nomination papers to the Secretary of the Board at least 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

4) Proposed Lake District Budget for 1994.

Payment on debt + interest	\$33,155
Misc. Operating Expenses	1,200
Newsletters	1,500
Legal Expenses	1,000
Insurance	5,000
Dues and Memberships	150
U. S. Geological Survey (Lake Stage Gauge)	1,200
<u>Weed Spraying</u>	
DNR Permits	1,040
Herbicide Application	5,000
<u>Weed Harvesting</u>	
Operation, maintenance & storage	29,500
Used pickup truck	1,400
Pole Barn - partial payment	10,455
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	\$90,600

Please review a more detailed discussion of this budget proposal which follows.

- 5) Public Input from District Property Owners.
- 6) Establish date for 1994 Annual Meeting of our Lake District.
- 7) Introduction of newly elected Commissioner.
- 8) Adjournment.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1994.

In previous years, our District Treasurer's reports have covered a fiscal year extending from one Annual Meeting to the next--in other words, from August until the next August. Because our District's operations are in full swing at this time of the year, such a fiscal year has proven to be rather clumsy.

This year, your District Commissioners have decided to change to a fiscal year reporting system extending from January 1st to December 31st. This should simplify our District's budgeting process, and cause our District tax interval to coincide with that used by other taxing bodies within the State of Wisconsin. Accordingly, Treasurer John Wildi's financial report, submitted at our Annual Meeting on August 21, 1993, will cover all expenses and revenues from January 1st to December 31st, 1992. There will also be a short interim report covering the early portion of 1993.

As will be shown by our Treasurer's report for fiscal year 1992, our Lake District had a cash balance of approximately \$20,000 on January 1, 1993. This cash balance was the result of several factors. We had over-estimated the cost of weed harvesting operations by perhaps \$5,000, and so did not require the contingency item of \$4,000 included in the 1993 budget. In addition, we received a portion of the \$7,500 due us from the Department of Natural Resources as the DNR's share of the cost of the study of our lakes by the U. S. geological survey. This latter item represented money advanced by our Lake District to insure that the study would be completed.

Proposal to Proceed with Construction of a Pole Barn.

At this time, our Lake District's financial condition is in good shape, to the extent that your Lake Commissioners believe that we can recommend proceeding with construction of a pole barn to be used for storage and maintenance of our weed harvesting equipment.

This subject was presented at the Annual Meeting in 1992, and the property owners present empowered the District Board to purchase land for construction of such a pole barn. For a variety of reasons, such as cost, zoning problems, excessive problems concerning filling and grading, and the County's requirements for a septic system, your District Board has not purchased such property.

Instead, your District Board approached the Town of Whitewater Board for permission to erect a pole barn on Town property adjacent to the Whitewater Town Hall. The Town Board has graciously agreed to this request, and only small details remain to be determined. This means that, except for the

relatively small costs of site preparation, the resources of our Lake District need be directed only toward the cost of actual construction.

Our District Board has established a Committee, headed by Walter Hicks, to investigate the details and the costs of erecting this pole barn. So far, the Committee has contacted at least four firms that specialize in such construction. The responses to-date suggest that the total costs of this facility could range between \$30,000 and \$40,000. Apparently, the State of Wisconsin will need to approve the plans for any facility to be erected on public lands. Once the plans are approved, the job will be let out for bids. The facility could easily be completed during the summer of 1994. Your District Board recommends approval of this project.

COMMENTS ON THE STATE OF OUR LAKES.

Thanks to lots of precipitation this spring, the level of our lakes has risen very substantially. By June 20th, Whitewater Lake was brim full, but not overflowing (staff gauge read 1.00). The staff gauge on Rice Lake read 5.88 feet or 9.8 inches below its spillway.

The combination of cool weather and higher water levels slowed the growth of aquatic weeds. The contract for herbicidal treatment of lake weeds had been let to Marine Biochemists, Inc. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. On May 20th, two representatives of the Wisconsin DNR along with two representatives of Marine Biochemists and three members of our Lake District (Bob Holland, Roy Sheahan, and Bill Norris) toured the entire shoreline of Whitewater Lake. The objective was to identify the types of weeds present at various locations in the lake, and to determine which herbicides should be used to obtain best results.

In addition to the exotic weeds (Eurasian Water Milfoil and Curly-leaf Pondweed) that we have been trying to eliminate, the survey identified substantial amounts of native plants - particularly Elodea and Coontail. In addition, there were small quantities of other native plants that the DNR has been encouraging us to protect. Certain areas of Whitewater Lake showed little or no growth of aquatic plants and the decision of the DNR was that these areas should not be sprayed at all.

The South and West lobes of Whitewater Lake were sprayed on June 16th, using either 2,4-D, Diquot, or Aquathol K, depending on the types of weeds present. The East lobe of Whitewater Lake and Rice Lake were similarly treated on June 22nd. A boat containing DNR observers accompanied the spray boat and identified areas that should be left untreated.

The recently identified "sensitive areas" selected by the

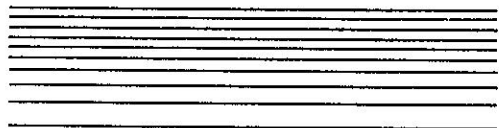
DNR were not to be treated at all. However, the shoreline along Woodchuck Alley was heavily infested with Eurasian Milfoil, and after special intervention by our Lake District, the DNR allowed this area to be sprayed with 2,4-D.

The weed harvester was launched on May 26th. As of June 29th, it has spent all of its time working in the South and East lobes of Whitewater Lake. By and large, the lakes are in very good shape. In many areas weed growth is substantially less than in recent years. There are a few problem areas, mostly associated with drifting weeds, and we are doing our best to handle these.

We have had requests from property owners to change addresses; however, for our mailings, we use Walworth County's tax roll list, and consequently cannot make changes from the original. We will, however, upon special request, send an additional copy of the newsletter.

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE ANNUAL MEETING ON AUGUST 21, AND TRY TO ATTEND. WE NEED YOUR INPUT AND YOUR SUPPORT!!!



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