

SECRETARY'S REPORT
1987 ANNUAL MEETING
Whitewater - Rice Lakes Management District

The following is a summary of the activities of the Temporary Board of Commissioners of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District.

The commissioners met for the first time on February 25, 1987 and have held four meetings.

Approved a set of Sample By-Laws for Lake Districts, as the temporary rules for operating the District.

Formed a Nominations Committee, chaired by Walt Hicks, to seek candidates for the office of Commissioner.

Formed an Elections Committee chaired by Laura Hicks.

Selected the First Citizen's State Bank as the official respository of the District.

Selected the Whitewater Register as the official publication of record for the District.

Sent first letter to District electors on March 28, 1987.

Bill Norris and Will Gross attended the 1987 Wisconsin Lakes Convention March 14-15, 1987 as representatives of the District.

Approved a resolution (Resolution #1) to the Walworth County Board that the official name of the District be - the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District.

Several Commissioners toured Whitewater Lake and discussed shoreline erosion problems with Bruce Chevis - DNR Kettle Moraine Forest Unit and Gareth Betts - Walworth County Extension Agent. Mr. Betts has pledged the support of his office in our lake management efforts.

Several commissioners met with a representative of Wisconsin Weed Harvesters, toured the lakes, and discussed weed harvesting on Whitewater and Rice Lakes.

Several commissioners met with a commercial fisherman regarding carp removal from Whitewater Lake.

Developed a set of District By-Laws to be approved by electors at the Annual Meeting.

Developed tentative budgets for 1987 and 1988 to be acted upon by electors at the annual meeting.

Sent a second letter to District electors dated May 15, 1987. This letter served as the announcement of the annual meeting and included an agenda, tentative budgets for 1987 and 1988, and a copy of the proposed By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

Willard Gross

BY-LAWS OF THE WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

In keeping with the resolution of the Walworth County Board of Supervisors that created the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District in December, 1986, the electors of the said Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District (hereinafter, the District) do adopt these By-Laws. The purpose of these By-Laws is to define and regulate the activities of the District, its officers and committees. These By-Laws shall at all times be interpreted in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Wisconsin and Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes under which the District was created and operates. Sections of the Statutes are cited in brackets throughout these By-Laws.

Article I - ELECTORS

Section 1 -- RESIDENT ELECTORS: Every resident of the District, who is eligible and registered to vote in general elections shall be an eligible elector of the District. [Sec. 33.30(2)].

Section 2 -- PROPERTY OWNER ELECTORS: Every U.S. citizen, 18 years-of-age or older, who owns real property in the District shall be an eligible elector of the District and may vote in accordance with Section 2 of Article II. Any corporation, partnership, or other association that owns real property in the District may appoint one official representative who shall be an eligible elector of the District. [Sec. 33.30(2)]. For the purpose of petitioning and receiving notice under these By-Laws, the terms "owner", "property owner", or "landowner" means the person whose name appears on the assessment role prepared for the purpose of real property taxation. [Sec. 33.01(9a)].

Article II - VOTING

Section 1 -- MULTIPLE VOTING: Any elector may cast only one vote on any question called to a vote.

Section 2 -- NON-RESIDENT MULTIPLE OWNERS: Joint tenants or tenant-in-common of real property may each cast one vote on any question called to a vote. For the purpose of voting at meetings, the terms "owner", "property owner", or "landowner" means the person whose name appears on the assessment roll prepared for the purpose of real property taxation, and who is a U.S. citizen, and is 18 years-of-age or older. [Sec. 33.01(9b) and Sec. 33.30(3g)].

Section 3 -- CASTING BALLOTS: An elector must be present at the meeting at the time the vote is called in order to vote. No elector may vote by proxy or absentee ballot or referendum. Unless otherwise specified by Statute or in the By-Laws, votes may be counted by a show of hands. At his/her discretion, however, the Chairperson of the meeting may call for a written ballot.

Article III - ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING

Section 1 -- TIME AND PLACE: The annual meeting and budget hearing of the District shall be held between May 22 and September 8, at a time and place selected by the District Board of Commissioners (hereinafter, the Board) unless the date has been set by vote of the previous annual meeting. [Sec. 33.30(1) and Sec. 65.90(1)].

Section 2 -- NOTICE: A written notice of the annual meeting and budget hearing, together with a summary of the proposed budget, shall be mailed at least 60 days in advance of the meeting to all property owners whose names appear on the tax roll, and to the Department of Natural Resources, and the University of Wisconsin Extension. A summary of the proposed budget and notice of the place where such budget, in detail, is available for public inspection, and notice of the time and place of the annual meeting and budget hearing shall be published twice in a paper of general circulation in the area. The first insertion shall be at least 15 days before the meeting, and the second insertion shall be the following week, at least 7 days before the meeting. [Sec. 33.30(2) and Sec. 65.90(3)].

Section 3 -- NOMINATION OF COMMISSIONERS: The Board shall nominate candidates to fill all upcoming vacancies on the Board, or the Board may appoint a Nominating Committee to perform this function. If none of the commissioners, whose terms do not expire, are resident electors, then two of the candidates nominated shall be resident electors. The minimum number of candidates nominated by the Board shall be equal to the number of vacancies plus one. Any three electors may nominate additional candidates by submitting written nomination papers to the Secretary of the Board at least 45 days prior to the annual meeting. The names of all nominated candidates shall appear on the written and published notices of the annual meeting.

Section 4 -- ELIGIBILITY OF COMMISSIONERS: Any elector of the District who is an owner of real property within the District shall be eligible for election to the office of Commissioner. [Sec. 33.28(2) and Sec. 33.285].

Section 5 -- ELECTING COMMISSIONERS: At each annual meeting, the electors shall elect one commissioner to fill each vacancy on the Board. [Sec. 33.30(3a)]. When a commissioner's term of office has expired, his/her successor shall be elected to a three-year term. [Sec. 33.28(2)]. If a commissioner leaves office before the expiration of his/her term, the Board may appoint an interim commissioner to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting. In any year in which more than one vacancy exists, the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to the three-year term; the candidate receiving the second greatest number of votes shall be elected to the next longest term; and the candidate receiving the third greatest number of votes shall be elected to the shortest term vacancy, if any. One of the three elected commissioners must be a resident of the District. [Sec. 33.28(2)]. If none of the commissioners, whose terms do not expire, is a resident elector, then the resident elector receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to the three-year term. All elections for the office of commissioner shall be conducted by written ballot. Commissioners shall assume their office immediately following the annual meeting at which they are elected.

Section 6 -- ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX: At the annual meeting and budget hearing, the Board shall present a proposed budget and tax for the coming calendar year. The electors of the District shall approve the budget and vote the tax as proposed or modify the budget and change the tax accordingly. The property tax levy of the District shall not exceed a rate of 0.5 mils of equalized valuation. [Sec. 33.30(3c) and Sec. 65.90(2)]. The annual meeting may direct the Board to adopt and collect special charges or special assessments.

Section 7 -- PROJECT APPROVAL: The electors present at the annual meeting shall approve or disapprove all proposed projects by the District having a cost to the District in excess of \$2,500.00. The electors present at the annual meeting may also authorize the Board, during the succeeding year until the next annual meeting, to approve or disapprove projects having a cost to the District in excess of \$2,500. and to enter into contracts accordingly, subject to the limitations provided in the authorizing resolution. [Sec. 33.30(3d)]. Votes on projects may be taken by written ballot at the request of the Chairperson.

Section 8 -- OTHER BUSINESS: The annual meeting shall take up and consider such other business as comes before it. [Sec. 33.30(3e)].

ARTICLE IV - POWERS OF THE DISTRICT

Section 1 -- GENERAL POWERS OF A BODY CORPORATE: The District may sue and be sued, make contracts, accept gifts, purchase, lease, devise or otherwise acquire, hold or dispose of real or personal property, disburse money, contract debt and do such other acts as necessary to carry out a program of lake protection and rehabilitation. [Sec. 33.22(1)].

Section 2 -- SPECIFIC LAKE MANAGEMENT POWERS: The District may conduct a feasibility study, adopt a plan, and carry out implementation work including but not limited to aeration, nutrient diversion, nutrient removal or inactivation, erosion control, sediment manipulation including dredging, and bottom treatments. [Sec. 33.13 - 33.15].

Section 3 -- CONTRIBUTIONS: No monies raised for the lake management district shall be spent as contributions to groups that are seeking funds for purposes other than direct lake management. No political, charitable, or benevolent causes shall be supported with District funds.

Section 4 -- WHITEWATER LAKE DAM: The District shall not, by any method, alter the dam at the North portion of Whitewater Lake, nor shall the District take any action to divert water around the dam. The District shall not take any action to change the ownership of the dam.

ARTICLE V - DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Section 1 -- COMPOSITION: The affairs of the District shall be managed by the Board of Commissioners which shall consist of five persons. Three shall be elected as provided in Article III, Section 5 of these By-Laws and one each shall be appointed by the Walworth County Board and by the local municipality with the largest portion by valuation within the District. [Sec.33.28(1), Sec. 33.28(2) and Sec. 33.33(1)].

Section 2 -- OPEN MEETINGS: The Board shall meet at least quarterly, and at other times on the call of the Chairperson or the petition of three of the commissioners. [Sec. 33.28(6)]. Meetings shall be open and proper notice given in accordance with legislation governing meetings of public bodies. [Sec. 19.81 - 19.98].

Section 3 -- QUORUM AND VACANCIES: Three commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the commissioners plus one shall be present to borrow money. The Board shall appoint an elector to fill any vacancies until the next annual meeting.

Section 4 -- FUNCTION: The Board shall conduct all business of the District not specifically reserved to the electors of the District, and shall carry out the provisions of these By-Laws and Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and shall carry out the mandates of the annual meeting.

Section 5 -- OFFICERS: At the first Board meeting, immediately following each annual meeting of the District, the Board shall elect a chairperson, a secretary, and a treasurer from among its members. [Sec. 33.29(3)].

1. The chairperson shall preside at the annual and special meetings, all meetings of the Board, and all public hearings held by the Board. [Sec. 33.29(3a)].
2. The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the District and the Board and hearings held by it, shall annually provide the University of Wisconsin Extension (Environmental Resources Unit) with names and addresses of the commissioners, and by copy of said list shall annually notify the Department of Natural Resources (Office of Inland Lake Renewal) of the continued existence of the District. [Sec. 33.29(3b)].
3. The treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys of the District, and pay out the same only on order of the Board. (Sec. 33.29(3c)].

Section 6 -- COMPENSATION: The commissioners shall receive no remuneration for their service in office, but a commissioner shall be paid for actual and necessary expenses incurred while conducting the business of the District.

Section 7 -- POWERS AND DUTIES: The Board shall be responsible for:

1. Initiating and coordinating research and surveys for the purpose of gathering data on the lake, related shorelands and drainage basin. [Sec. 33.29(1a)].
2. Planning lake rehabilitation projects. [Sec. 33.29(1b)].
3. Contacting and attempting to secure the cooperation of units of general purpose government in the area for the purpose of enacting ordinances deemed necessary by the Board to further the objectives of the District. [Sec. 33.29(1c)].
4. Adopting and carrying out lake protection and rehabilitation plans and obtaining any necessary permits therefor. [Sec. 33.29(1d)].
5. Maintaining liaison with those officials of state government involved in lake protection and rehabilitation. [Sec. 33.29(1e)].

The Board shall have control over the fiscal matters of the District, subject to the powers and directives of the annual meeting. The Board shall annually, at the close of the fiscal year, cause an audit to be made of the financial transactions of the District, which shall be submitted to the annual meeting. [Sec. 33.29(2)]. A majority of the commissioners plus one must be present

when a resolution is passed to commit the District to borrowing money or to using any other financing method prescribed by law. [Sec. 33.31]. The Board may use special assessment or charges for the purpose of carrying out District protection and rehabilitation projects, or for other lake management activities undertaken by the District. [Sec. 33.32]. However, the use of special assessment, special charges, or such funding, shall require approval of a majority of electors present at an annual meeting. The Board may exercise its authority to borrow money when in temporary need. [Sec. 33.31(2)].

Section 8 -- REMOVAL OF A COMMISSIONER: A commissioner is expected to discharge his/her duties in a timely manner, and to the fullest extent possible. If a commissioner is absent from three consecutive Board meetings without just cause (as determined by the Board), the commissioner may be requested to resign, or may be removed from office by a majority vote of the Board. The commissioner must be given written notification of such intended action at least 30 days prior to further action by the Board.

ARTICLE VI - PUBLIC BIDDING

Section 1 -- LOW BID: All contracts exceeding \$2,500 for work or materials shall be let by the Board to the lowest responsible bidder. [Sec. 33.22(1)]. All due consideration shall be given to Wisconsin and/or Illinois companies submitting bids. The manner of soliciting bids and the determination of the qualifications of the bidder shall be at the discretion of the Board. If a bid is accepted which exceeds any other bid by more than 10%, the Board must provide written justification for its action at the next annual meeting. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Section 2 -- SECURITY BOND: The Board shall require that every contracting party give written evidence of adequate performance and liability security at the time the party submits its bid. [Sec. 33.22(2)].

Section 3 -- CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Any commissioner shall abstain from voting on any matter before the Board in which he/she as a private person, or in which any member of his/her family (spouse, parents, or child) has financial interests. Nor shall any commissioner or member of his/her immediate family contract to conduct business with the District.

ARTICLE VII - COMMITTEES

Section 1 -- ELECTIONS: The Chairperson shall appoint three to six electors, who are not running for the office of commissioner, to serve as the elections committee. The committee shall distribute, collect, and count the ballots at the annual meeting and report the results to the annual meeting.

Section 2 -- AUDITING: With Board approval, the Chairperson shall appoint three electors to serve as the auditing committee. The committee shall examine all financial records of the District and report its conclusions to the annual meeting.

Section 3 -- ADVISORY COMMITTEES: With Board approval, the Chairperson may appoint ad-hoc advisory committees. These advisory committees shall advise and assist the Board in planning lake studies and management projects, securing cooperation and maintaining liaison with other units of government, and participate in general activities of the District as directed by the Board.

Section 4 -- OTHER COMMITTEES: With Board approval, the Chairperson may appoint other committees as deemed necessary to further the interests of the Board.

Section 5 -- REPORTING: All committees shall report to the Chairperson at his/her request and to the annual meeting.

Section 6 -- COMPENSATION: Committee members shall receive no remuneration for service to the District. With prior approval from the Board, committee members may submit vouchers for actual and necessary expenses incurred while conducting the business of the District.

Section 7 -- TERMS OF MEMBERS: All committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, and may be replaced by the Board on an annual basis following the Board meeting immediately following the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1 -- SPECIAL MEETINGS: Special meetings of the District may be held for the purpose of transacting any lawful business which might be done at the annual meeting. The meeting may be called by the Board or upon a written request to the secretary, signed by 12 qualified electors of the District. The annual meeting notice requirements under Article III shall be followed and the purpose of the meeting shall be stated. A matter voted upon at any special meeting may not be reconsidered at another special meeting prior to the next annual meeting.

Section 2 -- CONDUCT OF MEETINGS: All meetings of the District shall be conducted according to Roberts Revised Rules of Order unless contrary to the requirements of these By-Laws. The Chairperson may serve as parliamentarian or he/she may appoint someone to serve as parliamentarian for a particular meeting.

Section 3 -- ADOPTION OF BY-LAWS: These By-Laws may be adopted at any legal annual meeting of the District. Adoption shall require a majority vote of the voting electors, as defined herein, present at the meeting. The By-Laws shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Section 4 -- AMENDING THE BY-LAWS: These By-Laws may be amended at any legal annual meeting of the District. Amendments shall require a two-thirds vote of the electors present and voting at the annual meeting.

Section 5 -- DISSOLUTION OF THE DISTRICT: The District may be dissolved by a petition for dissolution addressed to the Walworth County Board of Supervisors. A motion to dissolve the District must be submitted to the secretary in writing, together with the supporting signatures of 12 qualified electors, no later than 30 days prior to the published date of the annual meeting or special meeting. A two-thirds vote of the voting electors present at the meeting is necessary for filing a petition for dissolution with the Walworth County Board. [Sec. 33.35].

CERTIFICATION: These By-Laws were adopted by a majority vote at the annual meeting held May 30, 1987.

Willard L. Gross

Willard L. Gross
Secretary

MINUTES
FIRST ANNUAL MEETING - 1987
Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
May 30, 1987

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:02PM by Chairman Bill Norris. There were 170 electors present plus guests.
2. Chairman Norris welcomed everyone to the meeting. He gave a brief history of lake management districts and the formation of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District. As part of the history, Norris recognized Laura Hicks for her tireless efforts to form the District.

Norris introduced the Temporary Board of Commissioners: James Van Dreser (County Board representative), Kenneth Loehndorf (Whitewater Township representative), Walter Hicks treasurer, and Willard Gross secretary.

Norris introduced Russell Jones who will serve as parliamentarian for the meeting.

Norris described the business to be transacted at the meeting and explained the ground rules for conducting the meeting, as well as, the voting procedures.

3. Gross presented a Secretary's Report summarizing the activities of the Temporary Board of Commissioners since their appointment. Moved by Mr. Ewald/Mr. Zarach that the Secretaries Report be accepted. Motion passed by a majority hand vote. A copy of the Report is attached.
4. Adoption of Proposed District By-Laws

Norris explained how the By-Laws were developed and reminded electors that copies were sent to all property owners in the District. He entertained a motion to adopt the proposed District By-Laws.

Mr. Heger/Mr. Shibles moved that the By-Laws be adopted as written, but that a committee be formed by the new Board of Commissioners to review comments and concerns of the electors, and to present recommendations at the next annual meeting.

There was considerable discussion with individuals speaking for and against the motion. Individuals against the motion desired to have the By-Laws discussed at this meeting.

Mr. Coyne recommended the motion be separated into two parts; first to adopt the proposed By-Laws and then to consider individual amendments. The recommendation was not acceptable to the presenters of the motion.

Mr. Wilson/Mr. Gerke moved to amend the original motion to state that the proposed By-Laws be adopted an Article at a time, at this meeting. Discussion ensued whether this motion was a proper amendment or represented a new (substitute) motion. The parliamentarian recommended that the original Heger/Shibles motion be acted upon, and if defeated, a new motion introduced.

The Heger/Shibles motion failed on a 63 - 85 hand vote.

Mr. Wilson/Mrs. Barbour moved that the proposed District By-Laws be adopted Article by Article at this meeting. Motion passed by a majority hand vote.

Mr. Wilson/Mr. Seip moved adoption of Article I of the proposed By-Laws.

Considerable discussion took place regarding Section 2 which only allows non-resident property owners whose names appear on the assessment roll as qualified electors. Several individuals felt that spouses not named on the assessment roll should qualify as electors. A major discussion topic was whether such a change would be contrary to Chapter 33.01(9b) of the Wisconsin Statutes and therefore not legal.

The motion to adopt Article I of the proposed By-Laws was approved by a ballot vote 113 - 53.

Mr. Wilson/Mr. Witte moved adoption of Article II of the proposed By-Laws. Motion passed by a majority hand vote.

Mrs. Holland/Mr. Byrne moved adoption of Article III of the proposed By-Laws.

Mr. Gerke/Mr. Cleven moved to amend the motion by changing the sentence in Section 6 to read as follows: "The property tax levy of the District shall not exceed a rate of 0.5 mils of equalized evaluation." Motion to amend Section 6 passed on a 83 - 60 hand vote.

Motion to adopt Article III, as amended, passed by a majority hand vote.

Mr. Wilson/Mr. Schmitt moved to adopt Article IV of the proposed By-Laws with the amendment to create a new Section 3 and Section 4 as follows:

Section 3. No monies raised for the lake management district shall be spent as contributions to groups that are seeking funds for purposes other than direct lake management. No political, charitable, or benevolent causes shall be supported by lake management funds.

Section 4. The District shall not by any method alter the dam at the north portion of Whitewater Lake, nor shall it take any action to divert water around the dam. The District shall not take any action to change the ownership of the dam.

Motion to adopt Article IV, as amended, passed by a majority hand vote.

Mr. Byrne/Mr. Heger moved adoption of Article V of the proposed By-Laws.

Mr. Seip/Mrs. Barbour moved to amend Section 7 as follows; after the word District on the third from last line, add the sentence - "However, the use of special assessments or special charges, or such funding, shall require approval of a majority of electors present at an annual or special meeting". Motion to amend passed by a majority hand vote.

Motion to adopt Article V, as amended was passed by a majority hand vote.

Mr. Schmitt/Mr. Vesely moved to adopt Article VI of the proposed By-Laws with a change in Section 3 as follows: "Any commissioner shall abstain from voting on any matter before the Board, in which he/she as a private person, or in which any member of his/her family (spouse, parents, or child) has financial interests. Nor shall any commissioner or member of his/her immediate family contract to conduct business with the District".

Mr. Gerke/ Mr. Heger moved to amend Section 1 of Article VI by adding a sentence after the first sentence of the section, as follows: "All due consideration will be given to Wisconsin and/or Illinois companies submitting bids". Motion to amend passed by a majority hand vote.

The motion to adopt Article VI, as amended (Sections 1 and 3) passed by a majority hand vote.

Mr. Wilson/Mr. Burke moved to adopt Article VII of the proposed By-Laws. Motion to adopt Article VII passed by a majority hand vote.

Mr. Burke/Mr. Cruse moved to adopt Article VIII of the proposed By-Laws.

Mr. Seip/Mrs. Schwartz moved to amend Section 4 by deleting the second sentence and substituting the following; "Amendments shall require a majority vote of electors present and voting at a meeting, until the 1989 Annual Meeting. Thereafter, any amendments will require a two-thirds majority of electors present and voting at the meeting. Motion to amend failed on a majority hand vote.

Mrs. Barbour/Mrs. Socha moved that Section 1 of Article VIII (Special Meetings) be deleted, as well as the reference to special meetings in Section 5, and in any earlier Articles of the By-Laws. Motion failed by a majority hand vote.

The original motion to adopt Article VIII was approved by a majority hand vote.

The By-Laws of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District will have to be rewritten to incorporate the amendments approved at this meeting.

5. Election of Commissioners

Walt Hicks introduced the candidates for the office of Commissioner. The candidates include: Will Gross, Bob Horswill, Paul Laursen, Bill Norris, Tom Ponyicsanyi, Bernie Tangney, and Bob Zarach. Each candidate gave a brief presentation.

Hicks explained that since this is the First Annual Meeting, three commissioners are to be elected. The individual with the highest number of votes will be elected to a three-year term, the person with the second highest number of votes elected to a two-year term, and the person with the third-highest number of votes elected to a one-year term.

The results of the election were as follows: Gross-96 votes, Horswill-73 votes, Laursen-50 votes, Norris-87 votes, Ponyicsanyi-84 votes, Tangney-41 votes, and Zarach-45 votes.

6. Treasurer's Report

Walt Hicks presented a brief report noting that the temporary Board approved borrowing \$1000 from the First Citizen's State Bank to cover expenses in preparing for the annual meeting. Disbursements were mainly for paper, envelopes, printing, legal notices, and renting the gym. The current balance in the checking account is \$108.12.

Mr. Witte/Mr. Ponyicsanyi moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed by a majority vote.

7. Budget Considerations

Norris introduced the proposed 1987 and 1988 District Budgets, and explained the reason for presenting two budgets.

Mr. Lauer/Mr. Byrne moved approval of the \$5050 1987 budget.

Walt Hicks reported that it would not be possible to rent the "Super-Snooper" for conducting the septic seepage survey.

Mr. Schmitt/Mr. Ponyicsanyi moved to amend the motion by deleting the \$500 allocated for the septic seepage survey. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn by the presenter with the approval of the second.

The original motion to approve the 1987 District Budget passed by a majority hand vote.

Mr. Witte/Mr. Hare moved approval of the \$16550 1988 budget.

The amount of money budgeted for weed harvesting was an important discussion item.

Mr. Horswill/Mrs. Roberts moved to amend the 1988 budget by deleting the \$10000 for weed harvesting and adding \$5000 to the miscellaneous category of the budget. The motion to amend failed on a majority hand vote.

Mr. Reiff moved to amend the 1988 budget by reducing the allocation for weed harvesting to \$5000. Motion died for lack of a second.

Mrs. Ellis/Mrs Roberts moved to amend the 1988 budget by deleting the \$10000 for weed harvesting. Motion failed on a majority hand vote.

Mr. Veith/Mr. Shibles moved to amend the 1988 budget by increasing the allocation for the shoreline erosion study to \$1000. The motion to amend failed by a majority hand vote.

The original motion to approve the 1988 District Budget passed by a majority hand vote.

8. Next Annual Meeting

Norris asked the audience if they desired to establish the date for the 1988 Annual Meeting.

Mr. Cruse/Mr. Seip moved that the meeting be held May 28, 1988, at 2:00PM, in the Lakeview School Gym. Motion passed by a majority vote.

9. It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 6:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Willard Gross, Secretary

MINUTES
Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
District Commissioners Meeting
June 5, 1987

Present: Willard Gross, Kenneth Loehndorf, William Norris, Thomas Ponyicsani
Absent: James Van Dreser.

The meeting was called to order at 5:02PM by Bill Norris.

1. Norris announced that the purpose of this meeting was to elect officers of the new Board of Commissioners elected at the May 30, 1987 Annual Meeting.
2. Loehndorf/Ponyicsani nominated Bill Norris as Chairman of the Board. Motion passed by voice vote.
3. Loehndorf/Norris nominated Will Gross as Secretary of the Board. Motion passed by voice vote.
4. Loehndorf/Norris nominated Tom Ponyicsani as Treasurer of the Board. Motion passed by voice vote.
5. Ponyicsani reported that he was contacted by Dale Poeppel requesting help at the walleye pond. Tom will contact Dale for details of just when help is needed.
6. Norris discussed the need to gather the information needed by the Townships for levying the mill-tax on District residents to meet our approved budget. The information should be furnished to the Townships in early September. At present, we need to determine the equalized evaluation for parts of several properties that are only partially within the District. These properties include: part of the Gnatzig farm, part of the TCC camp, part of the Cruse farm, and the parcel divided among 25 people for lake access. Norris will be responsible for investigating this matter.
7. Loehndorf/ Ponyicsani moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Willard Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary

MINUTES
Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
District Commissioners Meeting
September 3, 1987

Present: Kenneth Loehndorf, William Norris, Thomas Ponyicsani^y, James Van Dreser, Willard Gross (late- 7:45PM).

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM. by Chairman Norris.

1. Treasurer's Report. Ponyicsani^y reported that there were no outstanding debts except for the purchase of some more checks. After payment for the checks, there should be \$100-110 left in the District's bank account. Loehndorf/Van Dreser moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote (Gross absent).
Loehndorf suggested the Treasurer investigate the possibility of obtaining free checks.
2. The question of arranging another loan to meet District expenses was raised and discussed. Norris/Ponyicsani^y suggested arranging a line of credit with a \$3000 limit with a bank. The Commissioners agreed that it would be necessary to arrange a loan, but the question of how much to borrow and just when to take out a loan were discussed. The District cannot expect any income from the mill-rate tax before March, 1988. Loehndorf/Gross moved that the Board proceed to arrange a \$1000 loan at the lowest possible interest rate.
After further discussion, Norris/Ponyicsani^y moved to Table the Loehndorf/Gross motion for the present time. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
3. Norris announced that the District received its Federal Employer Tax Identification number (39-1583143). This number is needed before applying for tax-exempt status with the State and Federal Government. Mr. Coyne commented on insurance for tax-exempt organizations such as the Lake District. Loehndorf/Norris moved that the Lake District proceed with applying for tax-exempt status. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Gross is to investigate this matter.
4. Secretary's Report. Gross read the Minutes of the June 5, 1987 Board Meeting. The minutes were corrected to show the Clevan property as one of the properties only partially in the District and a correction of Dale Poeppel's name.
Van Dreser/Loehndorf moved approval of the minutes as amended. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Norris commented on the need to have the District By-Laws corrected to reflect the changes approved at the 1987 Annual Meeting and having them reprinted. The number of copies to be printed, how the By-Laws should be distributed, the cost of printing and mailing the By-Laws were discussed. Van Dreser/Ponyicsani moved that 100 copies of the corrected By-Laws be printed, and that they be distributed only upon request. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Norris announced that the District had received a letter from Carol Krauklis, Walworth County Clerk, regarding the District's request (resolution) to have the District's name officially recorded as the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District. The County Clerk raised the question of the authority of a Temporary Board to make such a request. Loehndorf/Ponyicsani moved that the Secretary prepare another resolution to resubmit to the County. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Norris announced that eleven letters mailed to District members were returned by the Post Office along with two requests for address changes. A list of these people is attached to these minutes. Ponyicsani/Van Dreser moved that the Lake District should use the latest County tax mailing list for District mailings. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

- 5. Norris described his efforts in gathering information needed by the townships and other public offices for setting the mill-rate on the District's budget (tax). He has talked to a number of public officials and others including: Lowell Klessig, David Giebank, Mr. Vornig (Richmond Township Assessor), Mr. Gardner (Whitewater Township Assessor) and John Dade (Attorney). One of the major problems is obtaining an assessment value for the five properties which are only partially within the Lake District. These properties include: the Gnatzig farm, the Cleavan property, the TCC camp in Richmond Township, as well as, the Cruse property and Lot 1, Thorne Heights (property divided into 25 parts with a varying number of owners) located in Whitewater Township. The recommended approach is to determine the percentage of the total property which is located within the Lake District, and take that percentage of the total property value as the assessment for the portion within the District. Several parcels in Lot 1 Thorne Heights will require different methods.

The second step is to obtain a total assessment value for property within the Lake District located in Whitewater Township and Richmond Township. These figures must be submitted to the Wisconsin Dept. of Tax Revenue. The Board of Commissioners expressed support of this approach.

Mr. and Mrs Cruse were in the audience and presented information that a separate assessment for the portion of their property within the District already exists. A special evaluation is not necessary.

Norris requested that the Board consider the names of attorneys we might engage for legal matters at the next meeting. Van Dreser offered the Bill Seymour's name.

- 6. Norris requested the establishment of several Ad-Hoc Committees.

Loehndorf/Gross moved the formation of a three-person Ad Hoc Fisheries Committee with the appointment of Dale Poeppel as Chairman. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Poeppel announced that Dennis Hare and Robert Peterson would serve on the Fisheries Committee.

Van Dreser/Ponyicsani moved the formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee to investigate ways of evaluating defective septic systems, with Walt Hicks appointed as Chairman. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Hicks announced that Cliff Witte and Bob Horswell would serve on this committee.

Ponyicsani/Loehndorf moved the formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee on Weed Problems and Weed Harvesting with the appointment of Charlie Cruse and Vern Ludtke as Co-Chairman. Motion passed on a voice vote with Gross abstaining.

- 7. The problem of Insurance for the Lake District was raised and discussed. Loehndorf/Norris moved that Norris investigate types of insurance coverage

for the District and the procedures for obtaining coverage. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

8. Loehndorf/Gross moved that the next meeting of the District Commissioners be held October 8, 1987 at 7:30PM, in the Whitewater Town Hall. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

9. Loehndorf/Ponyicsani^y moved to adjourn. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Willard Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary

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Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
District Commissioners Meeting
October 8, 1987

Present: Willard Gross, Kenneth Loehndorf, William Norris, Thomas Ponyicsanyi,
James Van Dreser.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34PM by Chairman Norris.

1. Secretary's Report. Gross read the minutes of the September 3, 1987 Board meeting. Van Dreser/Ponyicsanyi moved that the minutes be accepted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
2. Treasurer's Report. Ponyicsanyi reported a bank credit of \$24.75 and a donation of \$30.88 from Dale Poeppel. A debt of \$38.77 was incurred for printing new checks. The current balance in the bank account is \$171.30 with no outstanding bills. Loehndorf/Gross moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
3. Norris introduced Bruce A. Chevis, Superintendent of the Kettle Moraine State Forest-Southern Unit. Mr. Chevis reported on the progress to stabilize shorelines in the park. The DNR engineers have been contacted to investigate methods of stabilizing the park shorelines. However, the DNR is presently facing severe budget problems, and there is little chance that anything can be accomplished in the next year or so. Mr. Chevis recognizes the Management District's concern and will continue to promote shoreline stabilization in the park. Norris asked Mr. Chevis about a "master plan for the Southern Unit of the Kettle Moraine Forest" mentioned in a letter he received from Gloria McCutchan of the DNR Southeast Office. Chevis explained that a master plan is being developed for the entire Kettle Moraine Forest complex, but that the DNR is only in the preliminary stage of organizing committees and task forces. The master plan will not be completed for 2-3 years.
4. Dennis Hare introduced Rick Dauffenbach, acting fish manager for this area. Mr. Dauffenbach gave a slide presentation on weed harvesting and fish shocking. He reported some preliminary results of a recent shocking survey of Whitewater Lake and on the success of the walleye rearing pond. Mr. Dauffenbach is attempting to schedule Whitewater and Rice Lakes for a comprehensive fishery survey in 1989.
5. Vern Ludtke reported for the Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee on Weed Harvesting. Mr. Ludtke reported that he had talked to individuals living on Blue Spring Lake and Lake Beulah. Both lakes have organizations that own their own harvesting equipment and harvest weeds all summer long. After some discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the Board must start planning for weed harvesting next summer.
6. Walt Hicks reported for the Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee on evaluating defective septic systems. Hicks reported that he had contacted Frank Dobbs, Walworth County Zoning Administrator, regarding the type of follow-up the County would take if problem septic tanks were reported to Dobb's office. Dobb's informed Hicks that the Zoning Office was short-handed, but that they would put any report on the docket and investigate when they

- could. Hicks also contacted Gerald Peterson from Lauderdale Lakes regarding rental of their Super-Snooper. Mr. Peterson indicated that their organization occasionally contracted for work on other lakes, and that they provide the equipment and technician at a cost of \$27-30/hour. They performed a survey on Powers Lake which required five days.
7. Norris distributed the results of the questionnaire survey conducted at the annual meeting. The survey indicated that defective septic systems was the primary concern of Whitewater Lake residents, and the number two concern of Rice Lake residents. A copy of the results is attached.
 8. Norris raised the issue of conducting water tests on Whitewater and Rice Lakes. Gross reported that he had contacted the UW-Stevens Point Task Force lab and the State Lab of Hygiene. In both cases, the water samples would have to be collected by the Management District. There was some question if the Lab of Hygiene would have time for conducting tests for private groups. Gross is to investigate further.
 9. Norris reported that he has submitted the 1987 property assessments for the District to the Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue (copy attached). The assessment for the Town of Whitewater was \$29,814,036 and the assessment for the Town of Richmond \$8,651,298. It is Norris's understanding that the State will now make an evaluation and inform the Townships as to how much of the Management District's budget is to be collected in each township.
 10. Norris reported on his efforts to obtain insurance for the District. He expects to receive some quotations from Bill Haines of Farmer's Mutual before the next meeting.
 11. Gross distributed a revised resolution requesting the Walworth County Board to change the name of the District to the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District. The Commissioners signed the resolution and gave it to Van Dreser who will place the matter on the County Board agenda.
 12. Norris raised the question of arranging a loan to meet District expenses. After some discussion, Norris/Ponyicsanyi moved to remove from the Table the Loehndorf/Gross motion from the September 3, 1987 meeting authorizing the arrangement of a \$100 loan at the lowest possible interest. Norris/Ponyicsanyi moved to amend the motion by authorizing the arrangement of a \$3000 line of credit at First Citizen's State Bank with any withdrawal requiring prior approval of the Board. The amendment to the motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
The original motion, as amended, passed by unanimous voice vote.
 13. Norris indicated that he would like to see a newsletter sent to District members and requested Commissioners to think of newsletter topics. The newsletter will be discussed at the next meeting.
 14. Ponyicsanyi/Gross moved that the Board meeting be held every second Thursday of the month. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
The next Board meeting will be held November 12, 1987 at 7:30PM in the Whitewater Town Hall.
 15. Loehndorf/Van Dreser moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:23PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Willard Gross
Willard Gross, Secretary

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Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District
District Commissioners Meeting
November 12, 1987

Present: Willard Gross, Kenneth Loehndorf, William Norris, Thomas Ponyicsanyi,
James Van Dreser.

The meeting was called to order at 7:32PM by Chairman Norris.

1. Secretary's Report. Gross read the minutes of the October 8, 1987 Board meeting. Loehndorf/Van Dreser moved that the minutes be accepted. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
2. Treasurer's Report. Ponyicsanyi reported no disbursements or bills. Bills recently submitted will be brought to the next meeting. Ponyicsanyi and Norris met with officers of the First Citizen's State Bank and arranged a \$3000 line-of-credit in the names of Ponyicsanyi and Norris to cover expenses incurred before receiving District tax money. Loehndorf/Van Dreser moved approval of the Treasurer's report. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
3. Norris reported that the District received certification of the adjusted property values for the District for 1987 (64-8070) from the Wisconsin Dept. of Revenue. The equalized property values and the amount of the District budget to be raised from each Township is as follows:

Town of Whitewater value	\$29,814,036 = 79.567340%	\$17,186.55 of District budget.
Town of Richmond value	\$ 7,656,157 = 20.432660%	\$ 4,413.45 of District budget.

The Town of Richmond value was decreased by the State from \$8,651.298 to \$7,656,157 (\$995,141 or 11.5% decrease). Loehndorf/Gross moved that Norris contact the Wisc. Dept. of Revenue and inquire about the reason for the change in the Richmond Township assessment value from that furnished the District by the Township itself. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
4. Van Dreser reported that the District resolution requesting the Walworth County Board to change the name of the District passed the November 10, 1987 County Board meeting by a unanimous vote.
5. Gross gave a brief report on his attendance at the North American Lake Management Society Meeting. He met with Neil O'Reilly (Lake District Coordinator for the DNR Southeast District) and arranged a meeting between The Commissioners and DNR officials on December 4, 1987. This date is not convenient for several Board members, the meeting will be cancelled and rescheduled.
6. Norris raised a question on distribution of Board meeting minutes. After some discussion, it was decided that, in addition to Commissioners, copies of minutes should be sent to the Whitewater Town Board, Richmond Town Board, Walworth County Land Conservation Committee, the Walworth County Board Chairman, and Gareth Betts (Walworth County Extension Agent).
7. Norris reported on his efforts to obtain insurance coverage for the District. He contacted the insurance broker , but the broker has not received any information as yet. Norris will report back to the Board at a later meeting.

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8. Norris reported that he met with Vern Ludtke and Charlie Cruse regarding weed harvesting in 1988. Discussion ensued on the amount of weed harvesting and probable harvesting locations on Rice Lake and Whitewater Lake. This information is necessary for soliciting bids from weed harvesting contractors. Ponyicsanyi/Loehndorf moved that Norris and members of the Ad-Hoc Advisory Committee on Weed Harvesting (Ludtke and Cruse) be authorized to select a contractor as long as the bids are within 10% of each other and the work complies with the Board's recommendations. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 9. Norris requested Board authorization to borrow money for sending a Newsletter to District members. Norris/Ponyicsanyi moved that the Board borrow \$500 from the First Citizen's State Bank (against line-of-credit). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 10. Because of the December Holidays, the next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held January 14, 1988 at 7:30PM in the Whitewater Town Hall.
- Loehndorf/Ponyicsanyi moved that the meeting be adjourned. Motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:53PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Willard Gross

Willard Gross, Secretary