

***WHITEWATER/RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING/ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 23, 2008**

The Whitewater/Rice Lake District Management Budget Hearing/Annual meeting was held at Lakeview School and called to order by chairman John Dynkowski at 9 AM. Approximately 60 residents were in attendance.

John began the meeting by introducing himself as outgoing chairman and board members present: Gordon Phillip, Bill Watts, Don Wickersheimer, Jim Felland, Norm Prusener, Town of Whitewater representative and clerk Susan Speerbrecher.

A thank you was extended to Mark and Lynne Muschinski owners of Marlin Printing for printing the newsletters at a minimal cost to the district. Thank you's were extended to Don Cullen and Bob Sturgis for auditing the books and to custodian Ron Rohloff. A heartfelt thank you was extended to Gordon Philip for his 8 years of dedicated service on the board as finance chairman.

ADMINISTRATIVE

A motion to approve minutes of the August 25th 2007 annual meeting as made by Rich Charts and seconded by Jim Bartlett. Motion carried

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

In accordance with our by laws an official election of officers could not be held due to the fact only one person expressed an interest to serve on the board and two positions were open. Therefore at the September board meeting Brian Morris will be appointed to serve on the board for one year and an official election will be held at the annual meeting in 2009. Also John expressed an urgency for an additional volunteer to serve on the board replacing Gordon.

CHEMICAL

Bill reported the chemical spraying Lakes and Ponds has done over the past two years has been very effective, milfoil has been greatly minimized and native plant growth is positive. The DNR will only allow us to do spot spraying next year in problem areas. Also the public should be educated as not to transport seaweed on boats and trailers from lake to lake, therefore retarding the spread and growth of milfoil.

HARVESTING

Don reported the Aquatic Weed Survey has been completed and results will be available in several months and will be published on the whitewaterlake.org website. The survey cost was \$5000, however we did receive a grant covering 75%, ending up with a cost of \$1250 to the Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District. This survey will update our Lake Management book and will enable us to receive harvesting permits for 10 years.

FISH STOCKING

Brian reported he has purchased 1800 blue gill, 25 northern pike and 50# of flat head minnows to stock Whitewater and Rice lake. Total cost was \$3150.

EQUIPMENT

Jim reported the equipment is in good condition. High water, snow, thick ice and chemical spraying has greatly decreased the need for extensive harvesting this year. If the bog rises Parkside will use their clam shell for removal. The cutters and transport will be used for transportation purposes only.

BOG

Gordon reported three bids were received for bog removal. Based on previous performance and bid Parkside was awarded the contract for this year at a cost of \$100 per hour. Once the bog surfaces bog removal will commence.

FINANCE

Gordon reviewed Exhibit A – 2009 Proposed Summary Budget. The total operating activities for 2007 amounted to \$119,390 - total disbursements \$172,200. Gordon continued reviewing exhibit B and the 2009 proposed budget – Harvesting Expenses \$73,400 - General and Administrative \$4200 - Chemical & Other \$36,600 - Bog Removal \$35,000 - Total Budget for 2009 \$149,000. Pat Braun motioned to increase the chemical budget from \$30,000 to \$40,000. Gene Migely seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was concern and discussion on the unstable tamarack islands. John motioned to increase the bog budget from \$35,000 to \$65,000 should removal of the tamarack become necessary. Don seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Gordon motioned the total budget be increased from \$149,200 to \$189,200. Don seconded the motion. Gordon motioned to amend the budget of \$189,000 less the \$50,000 surplus to a tax assessment of \$139,200. Jim Bartlett seconded the motion. Motion Carried. A 2009 tax assessment of \$139,200 was approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Rich Charts spoke about the Whitewater Lake Association / Whitewater/ Rice Lake Management District website - www.gwlpoa.org and www.whitewaterlake.info names will be migrating to www.whitewaterlake.org in 2009 by preference of the Association. The old names will remain and point to the new name for some period. Rich encouraged everyone to look there for announcements and news as updates are made frequently.

Concerns were discussed regarding signage being illegible at the boat landings. Norm will address this at the next town board meeting.

Chief Casba Keller addressed concerns residents had regarding boaters not following the lake rules. The cell phone number for the patrol boat is 262-949-6555 and said residents should call that number when incidences occur. Art Schmidt motioned we send a letter to the Town of Whitewater asking them to enforce lake rules. Also to limit the use of wake boats and boats with water bladders as shore lines are being damaged by the wake this equipment leaves behind. Don Oker seconded the motion. Motion carried

AT & T and DSL service - John suggested area residents go into the AT & T website and let them know we would like to have DSL service in our area. The more people that check into the website the better our chances are to receive this service.

Next meeting August 22, 2009 Lakeview Elementary School

John motioned to adjourn this meeting - Jim seconded the motion

Meeting adjourned 10:45 AM

Respectfully submitted

