

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
P.O. Box 301, Whitewater, Wisconsin 53190



NEWSLETTER

July 1998

Annual Meeting Notice

The 1998 Annual Meeting of the Whitewater - Rice Lakes Management District will be held on Saturday August 22, 1998 at the Lakeview School from 10:00 AM to 12:00 noon. All members of the District are encouraged to attend. The agenda will include:

- *Review and Approval of the minutes of the August 16, 1997 Annual Meeting
- *Treasurers Report
- *Committee Reports
- *1999 Budget Hearing and Approval
- *Election of Board Commissioners
- *Public Input
- *Establish date for 1999 Annual Meeting

There are two items to be voted upon at this meeting:

*Election of Board Commissioners At this Annual Meeting Bernie Tangney and Boris Mahronich will be completing their terms of office as elected Board Members . In addition, Charles Cruse has had to resign his seat for personal reasons. As a result three seats on the Board of Commissioners will be up for election this year. The Nominating Committee, chaired by Walt Hicks, identified a slate of three candidates for the Board of Commissioners. Bernie Tangney has agreed to stand for reelection. In addition Dick Cooney and Gary Marvin have also agreed to stand for election. As we only have three candidates to fill the three vacancies we will ask you to vote for the two candidates who will receive 3 year terms. The candidate receiving the third most votes will serve a two year term. A brief biography of the candidates will be found on the next page.

*Approval of 1998 Budget The Finance Committee has proposed a budget for 1999 which will be found elsewhere in this Newsletter for your review prior to the meeting.

There will be a brief organizational meeting of the new Board immediately following the annual Meeting for purposes of electing officers for the upcoming year.

Slate of Candidates for the Board of Commissioners:

Bernie Tangney lives at N 7866 Kettle Moraine Drive and has owned property on Rice Lake for 26 years. Bernie is retired from EDS-GM where he functioned as a Process Control Engineer. He has served as Treasurer on the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District's Board of Commissioners for the past three years. Bernie is also involved with the Lions Club where he is the "Vision Chairman".

Dick Cooney has property at N 7588 W Lake Shore Drive and resides in Prospect Heights, Illinois. He has been a property owner on Whitewater Lake for 18 years. Dick owned a Steel Construction Company before he retired. Dick says "I was involved in the formation of the Lake Management District and have had the opportunity to view first hand the many accomplishments of the District since its inception. The quality of the lakes is excellent due to lake management. I look forward to serving on the Lake District Board and towards the continued improvement in the quality of life on our lakes".

Gary Marvin lives at N 7612 State Park Road. He has been a property owner on our lakes for about 30 years. Gary works in Wholesale Parts Sales and Management and is "semi-retired".

Milfoil Weevil Study

The UW Stevens Point / DNR Study Team continues to monitor the effectiveness of the weevil in controlling Eurasian Watermilfoil. Native adult weevils, which overwinter in the vegetation on the lakeshore, were collected for breeding as they emerged last spring and were then bred in a laboratory. The resulting larvae were then reintroduced into test plots. Four test plots were established in Whitewater Lake along the northwestern shore of the narrow Northwest Bay (along the State Park property and within a defined Sensitive area). The test plots are marked by flagged buoys, each one marking an area about 20 feet in diameter within which the weevil larvae was placed and milfoil samples taken.

The weevils reside in the upper portions of the milfoil stems and may be disturbed by motors churning through them. The study involves taking specific measurements of the milfoil, so that milfoil damaged by humans would interfere with the analysis of data and therefore with the success of the study. For this reason we ask your continued cooperation in staying at least 20 feet away from these marker buoys and that all members of the District help us by informing other boaters of the need to respect these test plots. Signs are posted at the public landings describing the situation for lake users.

For your Information

Quite a few of you noticed a significant die-off of small adult Bluegills around Memorial Day. We asked the DNR fisheries experts to investigate this phenomenon and they have reported that it was nothing to worry about. It was not caused by disease or any toxic substance. They attribute the die-off to "spawning stress", which is a completely natural process. Large productive spawns occurred during the last several years. This and the very mild winter we recently enjoyed resulted in large numbers of young adults ready to spawn this past spring, but unable to compete successfully with the larger ones. The stress of not being able to spawn can kill the weaker fish. Although there were a lot of small dead bluegills floating on the water, there were a whole lot more larger healthy ones swimming happily beneath the surface.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>1998 Budget</u>	<u>1999 Budget</u>	<u>%change</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes	\$80,000	\$80,000	0%
Misc. Revenues	<u>\$ 3,800</u>	<u>\$3,800</u>	0%
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$83,800</u>	<u>\$83,800</u>	0%
EXPENDITURES			
General Government	\$5,500	\$5,900	1%
Public Works			
Harvesting	\$ 65,400	\$ 63,400	-3%
Weed Spraying	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	0%
Fish Stocking	\$ 0	\$ 1,200	n/a
Studies	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,350	4%
Contingencies	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	0%
Total Public Works	<u>\$ 83,700</u>	<u>\$ 82,950</u>	-1%
Total Expense	<u>\$89,200</u>	<u>\$ 88,850</u>	0%

RECONCILIATION OF FUND BALANCES

	<u>EST 12/31/98</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>EST 12/31/99</u>
Equip cost	\$ 225,000			\$ 225,000
Accumulated Depreciation	-\$ 129,059			-\$ 152,459
Reserve-Equip replacement	\$ 87,950			<u>\$ 107,950</u>
Total Equip	\$ 183,891			\$ 180,491
General Operating Funds	<u>\$ 10,393</u>			<u>\$ 8,743</u>
TOTAL	\$ 194,284	\$83,800	\$88,850	\$ 189,234

Balance Sheet
As of July 13, 1998

ASSETS

Bank and Cash Accounts

Operating Cash		
General Checking	\$ 3,781.78	
Payroll Account	\$ 5,588.76	
Savings Account	<u>\$ 39,179.97</u>	
		\$ 48,550.51

Reserve Funds - Certificates of Deposit		
Reserve for Equip. Replacement		<u>\$ 67,949.88</u>

Total Bank & Cash Accounts \$ 116,500.39

Other Assets

Equipment		
Equipment at Cost	\$ 225,000.13	
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-\$ 129,059.12</u>	
		\$ 95,941.01

Grants Receivable from DNR/Weevil Study \$ 2,250.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 214,691.40

LIABILITIES

UW-Stevens Point / Weevil Study \$ 5,250.00

NET SURPLUS \$ 209,441.40

TOTAL LIABILITIES & SURPLUS \$ 214,691.40

BUDGET DETAIL

	<u>1997 Actual</u>	<u>1998 Budget</u>	<u>1998 Projected</u>	<u>1999 Proposed</u>
INCOME				
Taxes	\$ 80,005	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Donations	300	300	300	300
Grants/Intergovernment	3,000	0	0	0
Interest Income	<u>2,340</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
Total Income	\$ 85,645	\$ 83,800	\$ 83,800	\$ 83,800
EXPENSE				
<u>General Government</u>				
Administrative	\$ 3,234	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
Legal Expense	0	700	52	1,000
Newsletters	<u>1,328</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,400</u>
Total Gen. Gov.	\$ 4,562	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,752	\$ 5,900
<u>Public Works</u>				
Harvesting				
Equip. Depreciation	\$ 23,377	\$ 23,400	\$ 23,326	\$ 23,400
Payroll	18,149	25,000	18,500	23,000
Supplies & Other	<u>16,981</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>	<u>17,000</u>
Total Harvesting	\$ 58,507	\$ 65,400	\$ 58,826	\$ 63,400
Chemical Treatment	\$ 8,351	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
Fishery Enhancement	\$ 30	\$ 0	\$ 1,107	\$ 1,200
Studies	\$ 5,350	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350
Contingency	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,000</u>
Total Public Works	\$ 72,238	\$ 83,700	\$ 78,283	\$ 82,950
Total Expense	<u>\$ 76,799</u>	<u>\$ 89,200</u>	<u>\$ 83,035</u>	<u>\$ 88,850</u>
Operating Excess/(-) Deficit	\$ 8,846	\$ -5,400	\$ 765	\$ -5,050

Other Uses Of Funds

Reserve for Equip Replacement	\$ 11,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
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