

## **WHITEWATER/RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

### **MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING / ANNUAL MEETING**

**Final Draft**

**AUGUST 27, 2011**

The Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management Budget Hearing / Annual Meeting was held at Lakeview School and called to order by Chairman Brian Morris at 9:03 AM. Approximately 120 property owners were present.

Brian opened the meeting by announcing that there are Zebra Mussels in the lake and advised anyone going in the water wear water shoes. Zebra Mussels are small clam shell looking creatures and are very sharp to the skin.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

Brian noted the budget approved in 2010 for 2011 is still in effect and bog removal will start up the day after Labor Day, Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He also said chemical spraying, weed harvesting and bog removal are the main objectives and we will focus to move forward with our budget.

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2010 Budget Hearing / Annual Meeting was made by Arlene Meyer and seconded by Don Oker. Motion Carried

Brian spoke about the ballots handed out at the registration table explaining there are 4 candidates running and 3 positions open on the board.

#### **COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Rich Charts – Chemical

Rich began by informing the property owners he oversaw the chemical spraying this year as Bill Watts the present commissioner had relocated to Florida. Spraying was delayed a month due to delayed competitive bids, however, the winter elements, and cold spring worked to our advantage. He further explained Lakes and Pond Solutions our chemical spraying contractor, along with the DNR, survey the lakes to identify where spraying needs to be done and what chemicals to use for the invasive weeds. Native weeds will eventually fill in areas where spraying has been effective.

Jim Felland – Equipment

Jim began by saying he enjoyed the eight years he has been on the board as equipment commissioner. The 12' cutter was purchased the first year of his service and the age of other equipment is over 10 years old. Pictures of the equipment were taken in spring showing signs of wear and the need to focus on maintenance issues. Rich and Jim have put together a 10 year plan to refurbish, repair, or replace equipment which will be addressed later in the meeting. A grant from the state is very unlikely.

Andy Wojdula – Weed Harvesting

Andy spoke about being instrumental in forming the Lake Management District in the 80's and has enjoyed being on the board as weed harvesting commissioner. The winter, spring and chemical

spraying helped to make the weed harvest phenomenal. Other lakes are struggling and our lakes are in good shape. Harvest this summer has only been on an average of 1 ½ to 2 days a week. Bog has been breaking off is being picked up when seen. He encouraged property owners to call with any concerns of weed growth. He thanked Jeff for his efforts.

Brian Morris – Bog

Bog removal will begin Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and anticipation is there will be 25 – 30 working days for the removal. By using the clam shell over the last three years, loads have increased from 450 to 1100. He commented we will continue with chemical spraying and bog removal as seen fit.

## **Financials**

Brad began his report by saying as audit chairman and working with Don Wickerscheimer they found the 2010 books showing great detail and accuracy. He does recommend there needs to be more focus with consistency, and to refine and improve the invoice paying process. He found a \$5.00 bank reconciliation variance and tax revenue was posted as other contribution revenue. Rich thanked Brad for his suggestions and help with the financials.

Rich reviewed the 2011 Detail Comparative Income Statement handout pointing our repairs and maintenance has increased 25% over the last 18 months and needed to be listed as a separate line item. He referred to the second side of the handout showing the breakout and asked for a motion to accept repairs and maintenance as a separate line item. Gene Migely so moved seconded by Val Vesely. Motion Carried Notation was made the budget dollars did not change only line items have been moved. In 2010 there was a surplus of \$13,1067 of which \$5,861 was proposed to be moved to the Capital Reserve Fund. Rich asked for approval and permission to allocate this surplus from 2010 to the Capital Reserve Fund. So moved by Al Bebe and seconded by Stan Vesely. Motion Carried

Rich reviewed the 10 year spreadsheet of the Equipment Service Plan and asked for approval of \$22,000 to refurbish the 10' cutter. Pat Koppelman so moved seconded by Elaine Florczak. One abstained. Motion Carried. He then asked for approval to transfer all the 2011 operating surplus currently estimated to be approximately \$19,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund. So moved by Donna Wojdula and seconded by Stan Vesely. Motion Carried

The Whitewater-Rice Lakes 2012 Operations Budget and Capital Reserve Budget with Tax Assessment Summery, handout was reviewed by Brad for approval with a budget of \$168,900. Linda Kinson so moved to approve the 2012 Operations budget and 2012 Capital Reserve Budget as presented. Don Oker seconded the motion. One opposed. Motion Carried

## **By-Laws / Candidates**

Brian asked there be an amendment to the by-laws regarding commissioners. He suggested revising the length of terms being served. He recommends the revision is effective August 2011 and two elected board members serve a three year term and one elected board member serve a two year term. Tom Koppelman so moved. Seconded by Shirley Wickerscheimer. Motion Carried

The perspective candidates, Chuck Chamberlain, Brad Corson, and Ernie Roy gave short presentations on their interest to be elected to the board. Larry Brady due to unforeseen

circumstances was not able to attend this meeting. Voting occurred; ballots were collected and counted by Rose Marie Berg, Denise Charts, and Jim Felland.

### **Committee Presentations**

Dave Cleven gave a short presentation of Goose Depredation involving egg oiling and goose round up. Geese that are rounded up by the US Dept. of Agriculture and Wisconsin DNR are sent to a meat processor and packages of ground up goose meat are delivered to Delavan and Elkhorn Food Pantries. He thanked the following for their help with this project: Don Wickerscheimer, Tom and Pat Koppelman, Jim and Nancy Vondrake, Gene Migley, Jim Bartlett, Rich Charts, Fran Cleven, Tom Potrykus, Gordon Philip, Don Meyer, Dan Dern, Andy Wojdula, Brian Morris, and Bernie Tangney. The goal of Goose Depredation is to reduce and not eliminate Canadian Geese.

Tom Potrykus gave a short presentation on fish stocking. He works in conjunction with the DNR to build and maintain the fish population in our lakes. His budget is \$3500 for fish stocking. He plans to stock 1200, 5" – 9" Walleye's in Whitewater Lake and 90, 10" Northern's in Rice Lake. The DNR takes samples of the lakes by netting and shocking to determine the population of the types of fish we have. The reduction of carp is a concern.

Tom Ganfield belongs to a state wide DNR organization called Citizens Monitoring Network and tests our lakes for clarity, chloroform and phosphorous. At this time our lakes show higher levels than others. Mulching and using fertilizer low in phosphorous on lawns will help lake clarity.

The survey taken last year regarding wake board boats showed a concern by 80 / 20 % of home owners. Ernie Roy, Dan Dern and Stan Vesely researched the concern and suggested to the board for safety and erosion reasons they adopt an ordinance similar to the Theinsville, Wi ordinance. This ordinance will be addressed at the September Town of Whitewater meeting.

Town of Richmond Chairman Wayne Redenius gave an update on brush chipping, garbage, fire and ambulance contracts coming up and that their website will be up and running soon. The town received a FEMA Grant of \$7000 from the February 2011 heavy snow storm. The bog on Lake Loraine is of great concern and progress is being made to get it under control.

### **Election Results**

Brad Corson and Ernie Roy have been elected to serve a three year term. Chuck Chamberlain was elected to serve a two year term.

### **Open Discussion**

Brian announced the board members will be available after adjournment for anyone wanting to express concerns.

Brian asked for a motion to adjourn. Dan Navarre so moved. Seconded by Ernie Roy. Meeting adjourned 11:05 AM.

Next annual meeting will be August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Speerbrecher, Clerk