

ANNUAL MEETING
August 19, 1995
THE WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Lakeview School Gymnasium by chairman Bill Norris, who opened the meeting by asking that anyone wishing to speak, do so within a two minute period, using the microphone at the rear of the room. Also, the meeting will be conducted using Roberts Revised Rules of Order. At this point, Mark Olm, our Lake District Attorney, who will act as parliamentarian for this meeting, was introduced. He has assisted us in the By-Law changes proposed for vote today. Chairman Norris then introduced the members of the board: Bill Miles, representing the Walworth County Board, Jim Stevenson, Lake Management District Treasurer, Muriel Schrock, Secretary, and Ron Fero, representing the Whitewater Township Board.

Bill Norris pointed out that the over 200 Lake Management Districts in the state of Wisconsin operate under Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and are charged with the protection and rehabilitation of its lakes, in our case specifically Whitewater and Rice Lakes. In order to accomplish this, we work closely with the Department of Natural Resources. One example of this cooperation is the completed Geological Survey Report, which is available at the table today. There are only a limited number of copies, and since this is a rather technical report, when you have finished, please pass it on to a neighbor who might be interested. Another example of working together with the DNR will be provided by Dr. Jeffrey Thornton of SEWRPC who is currently working on an Aquatic and Lake Use plan, which will be jointly funded (\$10,000 by the DNR and \$3,500 by our Lake Management District. Dr. Thornton was introduced and briefly explained the work that is being done to prepare the plan and asked anyone who had not yet returned the questionnaire mailed out to them try to do so as soon as possible. This questionnaire is aimed at getting the individual's thoughts on lake usage and other property owner concerns. Hopefully, the finished plan should be in the hands of the Lake Management Board by the end of the year.

The minutes of the 1994 Annual Meeting were introduced for additions or corrections. Lowell Wilson moved that these minutes be accepted. Leo Worth seconded. Motion carried.

At this point, Bill Norris introduced discussion of the proposed By-Law changes, one of which is a board consisting of five elected members rather than three. Walter Hicks chaired the Nominating Committee who presents a slate of five candidates for election.

Matt Schmitt stated that he had no objection to most of the proposed changes with the exception of the mil rate change from 2.0 to 2.5. In view of the increased valuation, he feels that 2.0 is adequate. Walter Hicks also spoke for retaining the present rate, since the Lake District has managed well at the 2. mil rate. Bill Norris

reminded that irregardless of the amount of the mil rate, the way the money is spent rests solely with the voters.

Edna Barbour called attention to the proposed change (Article III - Sect. 2) stipulating that the meeting notice must be either mailed to the electors at least 10 days prior to the annual meeting or published in the paper at least 15 and then 7 days prior to the meeting. She feels that most of the district's voters have no contact with the Whitewater Register, and if the notice is mailed out only 10 days in advance, it would not reach many of the home owners in time for them to plan to attend the annual meeting. Attorney Mark Olm rose to explain that the proposed By-Law changes were initiated only to conform to the 1994 revisions of Wisconsin State Statute, Chapter 33, and in no way effects the right of the voters to amend or reject, if they so choose. Matt Schmitt moved to accept the By-Law changes as written with the exception of Article III, Section 6 which is amended to read "The property tax levy of the District shall not exceed a rate of 2.0 mills of equalized valuation." Seconded by Lowell Wilson. Motion carried. Mrs. Barbour moves to amend the By-Laws proposed Article III, Section 2 change to read "that meeting notice must be mailed to the electors at least 30 days prior to the annual meeting and published in the paper at least 15 days and 7 days prior to the meeting." When questioned as to the necessity for changing from the original 60 days advance mailing, Bill Norris cited the length of time necessary to write, print, and post the newsletter, which would then have to take place before the current season had really begun; and treasurer Jim Stevenson told of the difficulty in trying to draft a budget for the following year based on the current year when the expenses had barely begun. He also pointed out that the date of next year's annual meeting would be voted on at the end of today's meeting, so that everyone would be aware of the date. The idea was advanced that the annual meeting might be held later in September; however, Chairman Norris said that Chapter 33 stipulates that the annual meeting is to be held between May 22nd and Sept. 8th. Larry Poltrock stated that each of the amendments should be voted on separately. Parliamentarian said that at this point, a second is in order for Mrs. Barbour's amendment motion. Seconded by Pat Braun. Motion carried. There was some discussion on the necessity to vote on the By-law changes in their entirety, but Parliamentarian Olm stated that the currently revised By-laws were now properly in place.

Lowell Wilson moved to include the following proposed amendments to the newly revised By-laws:

Article II, Section 3 - Add: "At the request of an elector at the annual meeting of the district, the presiding officer shall order a vote on an issue by written secret ballot."

Article VI, Section 3 - After financial interests, add: "other than residential property within the lake management district".

Seconded by Edna Barbour. Lowell explained that he was submitting these amendments in the interest of clarification, but the discussion indicated that a number of voters felt these items were already covered both in Robert's Rules of Order and our own By-laws. A hand vote was taken. The motion was defeated.

Since the By-laws were passed almost unanimously, Chairman Norris declared a two-thirds vote of the electors accomplished as required. At this point, he introduced the five candidates, who live on various parts of the lakes and explained that according to the newly revised By-laws, there would be three vacancies on the Board. Voters were asked to vote for three of the five candidates listed on the paper ballot issued on entry. They are:

Charles Cruse
Paul Kuchan
Boris Marohnich
Bernard Tangney
Leo Worth

At this time, Bill Norris called on Treasurer Jim Stevenson., who began his report by reading a certificate signed by a Board appointed audit committee composed of John Wildi, Mardell Winter, and Ray Heger declaring that after examining the books and records provided them, they found no errors or discrepancies in the records of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District covering 1994 and '95 to-date. 1994 Financial Report (copy attached) read by the Treasurer shows Revenues in the total amount of \$91,913.75 and expenditures in amount of \$52,369.08. The Balance Sheet dated 8/10/95 shows \$177,239.35 Total Assets, which includes equipment at \$105,731 and Total Liabilities \$11,067.93. Proposed Budget for 1996 (copy attached) includes \$35,000 addition to Reserve for Equipment Replacement, which will be placed in a CD as is the current Reserve for a pole-barn.. Since we made accelerated payments on our equipment loan and were able to pay it off this year, it seems wise to add the \$35,000 to our replacement fund at this time when we will be half-way through the projected life of the equipment rather than be forced to take out a sizable loan in the future. (Detail budget and budget summary attached). Matt Schmitt questioned the necessity for budgeting \$3,000 for fish stocking when he feels that the DNR should be doing it. Jim Stevenson answered that at present they are not doing it, and hopefully we will get some positive dialog going on that for the future. Concerning a question on spraying, Jim explained that the DNR governs what and how much we are allowed to spray, which would include not more than 10% of the lakes' surfaces and 150' out from shore. The monies spent this year for that operation covered those areas. At this point, parliamentarian Mark Olm stated that a motion to approve the 1994-95 treasurer's report was in order. Mr. Hoepertke so moved. Seconded by Bob Zarach. Carried by a show of hands.

Discussion followed on the heavy weed problem in the South Bay of Whitewater Lake as cited by Dennis Youngman. Due to the density of weeds in that section, he felt that a harvester could almost be used there full time and asked if

perhaps we need a second harvester. Bill Norris pointed out in reply that other additional equipment and manpower would be necessary in order to utilize a second harvester. Chuck Chamberlain complimented the Board on the efficient use of budgeted funds and the clarity of its report; he then moved for the adoption of the 1996 Budget. Seconded by Ann Zarach. Dolores Krysiak introduced the subject of a weevil who is purported to have cleared a lake in Illinois of Milfoill. Jim Stevenson reported that our S.E. DNR representative says that they are monitoring the situation very closely, but at this point, it is far too soon to make any kind of recommendation.. At this point, where weevils have been in operation, they were native to the lakes. Greg Kittemeier pointed out that no spraying or mechanical harvesting can be done if weevils were introduced into our lakes. Hal Beebe asked if, due to the lack of spraying in 1994, will we need to do double-duty to catch up? Jim Stevenson replied that the '94 spraying would have taken care of '94 weeds only. Since that year, the lake as a whole was not heavily weeded, the Board, at the advice of the chemical applicator and the DNR, opted not to spend the spraying fee of over \$1000. In the future, the shoreline area will be broken down into separate applications, so that, if some areas need treatment and others do not, they can be handled individually. Tom Wojtowicz asked if two or three people could be employed just to pick up floaters? Another question dealt with the expansion of the harvesting season and the possibility of earlier spraying. Residents of the South Bay area seem to agree that that area, because of its heavy weed problem should always be sprayed. Suggestions from the floor dealt with the possibility of getting some people to run the equipment before and after the regular crew is available in order to get a jump on the weed growth and also urged the Board to work with the DNR on extending the spraying areas. At this point, a vote on the 1996 budget was called for. A hand-vote was taken, showing 8 in dissent; therefore, the budget has passed.

Jim Stevenson read aloud a letter of commendation to Bill Norris, from George Meyer, Secretary of the DNR thanking him for his efforts as Chairman for the last 9 years and for the part he played in the organization of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District. Muriel Schrock, representing the District, presented Bill Norris with a plaque in recognition of his untiring dedication in his 9 years as Chairman; at which retiring Chairman Norris received a standing ovation.

Jim Vondrak voiced concern over the bog situation in the East lobe of the lake, citing both the danger to boaters and the difficulty of residents to get in and out with their boats. Bill Norris explained that we would need permission from the DNR to touch the bogs. To this point, Bill has found no one in the DNR inclined to give that permission, but suggests that we work in conjunction with them to keep the subject open.

The announcement of newly elected commissioners to the Board is as follows:

Charles Cruse
Boris Marohnich, and
Bernard Tangney

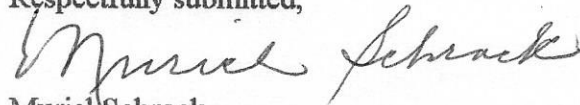
Charles Cruse moved that we set August 17, 1996, as the date for next year's annual meeting. Leo Worth seconded. Motion carried.

Bill Norris announced that there will be a short meeting of the elected commissioners immediately following for the purpose of appointing officers for the coming year.

Ron Fero has requested that Jim Stevenson announce that the Township is posting a "Dumping of Weeds Prohibited" sign at the Townline Rd. accessway.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Muriel Schrock". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Muriel Schrock,
Secretary