

**WHITEWATER/RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING/ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2009**

The Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District Budget Meeting/Annual Meeting was held at Lakeview School and called to order by appointed chairman Brian Morris at 9 AM. Approximately 82 residents were in attendance.

Brian began the meeting by thanking everyone for coming.

ADMINISTRATIVE

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2008 Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting was made by Robert Chamberlain and seconded by Stan Vesely. Motion Carried.

Brian introduced board members present. Bill Watts, Rich Charts, Don Wickerscheimer, Jim Felland, clerk Susie Speerbrecher. County Supervisor Jerry Grant, and Whitewater Town Chairman Ron Fero were also present.

Brian announced Rich Charts was appointed treasurer after the last annual meeting. As appointed chairman Brian reviewed the six goals he set out to accomplish:

1. Attend Whitewater and Richmond town meetings
2. Review the equipment insurance policy
3. Have a safety equipment inspection prior to start up by the manufacturer
4. Review district by laws with attorney Race
5. Forecasting spending of tax payer dollars
6. Meetings with DNR biologists who oversees the lake

A brief talk was given by the following commissioners

Chemical – Bill Watts reported that pond weed was down – only spot spraying was done in certain areas – milfoil goes in 10 – 12 year cycles and another plant survey may be done in spring. The budget line was maintained, however would like to see a \$5000 increase for precautionary measurers.

Weed Harvesting – Don Wickerscheimer who has served on the board for three years and is not running for re-election reported there was minimal weed growth due to high water and winter weather. Curly pond weed is beginning to surface. The 7'cutter will remain on Rice Lake until the end of the season. The budget has been down the last couple years.

Equipment – Jim acknowledged Art Speerbrecher and Jeff Widner for keeping the equipment in good repair. The transport motor is exchanged out yearly and the used one is up for sale. Anyone interested in purchasing the year old motor should talk to Jeff. The district is looking into replacing the black truck and if anyone knows of a diesel with low mileage and about 3 years old should contact Art or himself. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on the board for six years and would like to continue.

Bog – Brian, bog manager reported we had an aggressive removal last fall. The bog is up more then ever this year and aggressive removal will be continued. The budget allows 30 days for removal. Comments from the floor were concerns of people walking on the bog and also appreciated efforts put forth last year working all day and in all weather during removal. The bog permit expires in 2013.

Goose Depredation - Dave Cleven has completed three years working on geese removal. This year 540 eggs were destroyed in 82 nests. Those that volunteered to help were Andy Wojdula, Nancy & Jim Vondrak, George Wood, John Currie, Pat & Tom Koppelman, Tom Potrykus, Fran Cleven, Don Wickersheimer, Brain Morris, Bernie Tangney and Don Sorenson. During molting season 101 resident geese were captured and sent to a food processor for distribution to food pantries. Dave hopes everyone enjoyed a cleaner lake and shores and volunteers are always welcome to help.

Fish Stocking – Brian reported 2000 hybrid blue gills and 100# of fat head minnows will be stocked. Both lakes are healthy in production of large mouth bass and northern pike.

Whitewater Town Chairman, Ron Fero gave a short report on replacement of buoys, lake patrol issues, and road repairs. He asked if anyone has lake issues to call him or Town Supervisor Norm Pruesener. Town meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Town Hall.

INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES

Dwight Swartwood gave a brief introduction and bio of himself as a candidate to become a board member.

Andy Wodjula gave a brief introduction and bio of himself as a candidate to become a board member.

Jim Felland has been on the board for 6 years and lived on the lake for 14 years. He enjoys the lake and would like to continue as a board member.

Rich Charts has been our appointed treasurer for the past year and also manages the www.whitewaterlake.org website. He enjoys working with the board and would like to continue.

Bill Watts has been on the board three years and would like to continue. He has been living on the lake for the past three years.

Brian Morris was appointed chairman after the last annual meeting and enjoys the great people he works with on the board. He would like to continue serving on the board.

Voting and collection of ballots

Walworth County Representative – Shane Crawford spoke to the residents regarding the **ownership of the Whitewater Dam** and reasons why the district should take ownership of it. After issues were discussed, Bernie Tangney made a motion the Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District **NOT** takes ownership of the dam. Stan Vesely seconded the motion. **Motion Carried.** No one opposed

Budget Approval

Rich thanked auditors Jim Bartlett and Brad Corson for auditing the books this year. They reported the books were professionally maintained, and disbursements and cash receipts were also appropriately maintained. The proposed budget for 2010 is \$150,000. Rich asked permission to move some of the Capital Reserve Fund to the Operating Fund. Jim Vondrak motioned to transfer \$16,500 from the Capital Reserve Fund to the Operating Fund. Dan Dern seconded the motion.

Motion Carried. Leo Worth motioned to accept the budget. Hal Beebee seconded the motion.
Motion Carried.

By Law changes was passed favorably by paper ballot and the proposed changes are as follows:

1. Number of candidates needed to stand for election to board
Current By-Laws # of vacancies plus one
Proposed Change – at least equal to number of vacancies
Rationale for change: It has been difficult to find enough candidates
2. Required written notice of annual meeting and budget hearing
Current by-laws – mailed 10 days in advance to all homeowners or published twice in local paper
Proposed Change - mailed 30 days in advance to all homeowners and published once in local paper
Rationale for change: Most homeowners are not full time residents and deserve a timely mailing
3. Length of terms on board commissioners
Current by laws - does not specify an exact number of two year and three year terms
Proposed Change – establish three 3 years terms and two 2 year terms
Rationale for change – establishes regular staggered terms to ensure that board will always have experienced members with knowledge of important current issues.

Brian thanked Rose Marie Berg, Dawn and Brad Corson for registering residents and counting the ballots.

Comments

Joyce Swartwood thanked Jeff for the great fireworks display and encouraged residents to continue their monetary support.

A thank you was given to the present board for their efforts and hard work.

Whitewater Lake history books are still available for sale.

A question was asked if the trucks were registered (certified) with the DOT -

Election Results

Brain Morris 3 year term, Rich Charts 3 year term, Bill Watts 3 year term, Jim Felland 2 year term, and Andy Wojdula 2 year term.

Brain motioned the next annual meeting is held August 28, 2010. Val Vesely seconded the motion
Motion Carried.

The new board will reconvene after adjournment of the annual meeting to establish offices to be held.

The next monthly meeting of the new board will be September 10, 2009 – 6 PM Town Hall

Stan Vesely motioned to adjourn the meeting. Becky Morris seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned 11:10 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Susie Speebrecher
Clerk

WHITEWATER/RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES

August 22, 2009

The first meeting of the 2009-2010 fiscal year was brought to order by elected commissioner Brian Morris at 11:25 AM.

All the elected commissioners were in attendance that is as follows:

Brian Morris	3 year term
Rich Charts	3 year term
Bill Watts	3 year term
Jim Felland	2 year term
Andy Wojdula	2 year term

Financial

Rich presented the disbursements for July totaling \$11,832.70. Brian motioned to approve these disbursements. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Rich will begin pulling back the \$10,000 advancement to J & T Marina beginning in August at \$500 increments. Any remaining balance due the district will be paid back by J & T Marina at the end of the season.

Administrative

Bill motioned that Brian Morris be elected as chairman of the board. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Don Wickerscheimer had been the secretary on the board and is no longer a commissioner. Rich motioned Jim Felland be our secretary. Brian seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Don will work with Andy during the transition period involving weed harvesting and DNR reports.

Brian reported we will be able to store our equipment in Ralph Hennings shed this year. The property will be going up for sale in 2010.

Jim motioned to approve the minutes from the July 9th, 2009 board meeting. Brian seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Susie has Don Wickerscheimer's post office box key and will pick up the mail frequently. She will also get new signature cards from the bank.

Brian motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM Next meeting will be September 10, 2009 6 PM at the Town Hall

Respectfully Submitted

Susie Speerbrecher
Clerk