

## WHITEWATER / RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES

**September 8, 2011**

The September 8, 2011 Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District board meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Morris at 6:00 PM. The new board members present were Ernie Roy, Chuck Chamberlain, Brad Corson, and Rich Charts. Norm Pruesner Town Representative was also present.

Absent: Jerry Grant, County Representative

Clerk present: Susie Speerbrecher

Guests: Art Speerbrecher, Jeff Widner, Dave Cleven, Larry Brady, Tom Potrykus, and Michelle Strauss from the Horton Group.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

Minutes from the July 14, 2011 board meeting were approved as presented by a motion from Rich, seconded by Brad. Motion Carried

Brian began the meeting by speaking to the board that no special financial favors from vendors are allowed to be received by commissioners.

Brian thanked Rich and Brad for an outstanding financial presentation at the annual meeting.

Jeff Widner spoke to the board about bog. Bog removal has begun and things are running smooth. Rock has been spread on the dump site and bog has been pushed back.

Brad asked to meet with Jeff and Heidi to discuss invoice processing. Monday 9/13/11 at 4PM was set up to meet at Marine Pro's.

Brian briefly discussed the WIN watershed management report he received from the Delavan Lake Improvement Association and encouraged board members to review it.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Fish – Tom Potrykus reported he heard not to eat geese shot during early gun season on Whitewater Lake due to high levels of mercury. This message is also stated on hunting licenses. Dave reported two years ago the geese were checked and levels were acceptable. The meat from the round up is being tested this year. Tom will not be available at the time when fish stocking is taking place. Ernie Roy volunteered to take his place. Tom is working on ways to remove carp with the DNR or possibly by professional fisherman. He can use budgeted money to offset some costs if necessary.

Goose Depredation – Dave reported the ground goose meat process is going on and there is 78# in Waupun to be picked up and delivered to the Elkhorn Food Pantry. Dave volunteered to head up the committee again in 2012.

Equipment - Chuck Chamberlain / Rich reported that as the season comes to an end we need to address repairs and storage of equipment. During this next month Jeff's bid will be reviewed as well as looking at obtaining inside storage in the area. Rich recommended we have an October meeting

to discuss winter storage and start a bid process for refurbishment of equipment. We will meet on our regular day and time and conference a call to Brian in Florida.

Chemical – Ernie asked what is expected of him in regards to this committee. Rich will help him get started applying for permits early in 2012.

Weed Harvesting – Rich reported he toured the lake and found very few weeds except in shallow water at the end of Oakwood. He will work with Ernie to request that Lakes and Ponds and the DNR spray more in that area. He announced Jeff Thorton will have a discussion and meeting at Lake Ivanhoe's clubhouse about organizing Lake Associations and Lake District Managements.

Bog – Brian reported we are following the permit guidelines in removal of the bog.

### **Financial**

Brad reviewed our Property & Casualty and Workman's Comp Insurance policy with the board. He asked for a motion to approve the property and casualty policy for \$6,651 as presented and workman's comp for approximately \$1,000 to be paid by Sept. 23, 2011. Rich so moved. Seconded by Chuck. Motion Carried. Michelle Strauss from the Horton Group joined our meeting at 7 PM. She explained how board members are covered under our Property and Casualty Insurance and answered questions from board / guest members. She suggested Rice Lake property owners contact their insurance regarding flood insurance in the event the dam would break. She feels our insurance is adequate and had no further recommendations for further coverage.

Brian reminded that we need to be sure the Town of Richmond and Town of Whitewater receives our budget levy when specified in December.

Brad presented a handout of expenditures for July and August. July expenditures totaled \$7,890.16 and August expenditures totaled \$4,4811.33. He asked for a motion to approve these expenditures as presented. So moved by Rich and seconded by Brian. Motion Carried. Brad will table the year end audit procedure guidelines until the October meeting. Brad asked for a motion to allow him in his new capacity as treasurer to approve and issue payments between board meetings for ordinary, normal, and usual budgeted expenditures so payments can be made on a timely basis through the 2011 budget year. So moved by Brian, seconded by Rich. Motion Carried.

Rich motioned to adjourn the meeting. Norm seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting will be October 13, 2011

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Speerbrecher, Clerk