

# WHITEWATER / RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

July 10, 2008 - Revised

The regular board meeting of the Whitewater / Rice Lake Management District was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman John Dynkowski. Roll call was announced and documented as follows:

**Present:** John Dynkowski Chairman, Don Wickerscheimer, Bill Watts, Jim Felland, Gordon Philip, and Norm Prusener

**Absent:** Jerry Grant

**Guests:** Art Speerbrecher, Jeff Widner, and Dave Cleven

**Clerk present:** Susie Speerbrecher

## ADMINISTRATIVE

Don moved the minutes from the June 12, 2008 board meeting be approved as presented. John seconded the motion. Motion Carried

## CHEMICAL

No formal report was given by Bill. Concerns were mentioned if the fish are being affected by the chemicals. Bill will follow up with the DNR on this. Bill will also invite Lakes and Ponds to our annual meeting.

## HARVEST

Don reported July 21, 2008 is the date for the Aquatic Weed Survey to begin. Brook Robinson from the DNR met with Art and board members in June to discuss seaweed harvesting. Brook is in agreement to cut deeper than 3' as long as the lake bottom is not disturbed. Brook also stated that she would not have a problem with harvesting in Woodchuck Alley to maintain a navigation channel. This was a major issue in last years observation of harvesting in a sensitive area. It was felt by all in attendance that this meeting established a good "rapport" with the DNR. Residents are voicing complaints why the cutters are out on the lake when weeds are scarce. Harvesting is down 60 – 80% from last year. The cutters are going into areas where chemicals were not applied. The transport continues to go out on Saturday mornings for the weekly pier pickup. The 7' cutter will be put on Rice Lake – Friday July 11, 2008 for harvesting during the following week. The carp patrol reported 239 carp have been destroyed and removed from the pond below the spillway.

## EQUIPMENT / FINANCIAL

Jeff reported we will be receiving payment from the sale of the transport motor soon. Gordon reviewed the equipment fund budget and suggested a motion be made to state why we are retaining these funds. The projected ending balance 12/31/08 is \$63,000.00 Jim motioned we keep these funds accessible in the equipment budget to replace older equipment as it becomes necessary. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. In light of the Equipment Fund reserve, the good condition of our equipment, and the reduction in harvesting hours in both 2007 and 2008, it was agreed to eliminate an incremental addition to the Equipment Fund in the 2009 budget.

## FINANCIAL

Gordon reviewed the June expenses, totaling \$11,353.41 Bill motioned to approve these expenses be paid. John seconded the motion. Motion carried. Gordon and the board prepared the proposed budget for 2009 to be published in the Whitewater Register the week of August 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> keeping us in compliance. A newsletter will be mailed to lake residents by August 13<sup>th</sup> advising them of the annual meeting being held August 23<sup>rd</sup>, the proposed budget, and also to announce the candidates interested in becoming board members replacing John and Gordon whose terms are expiring.

The board discussed transferring the anticipated 2008 budget surplus to the Bog Removal expenditure in 2008 and in the event it cannot be spent in 2008, request membership approval to carryover to bog removal in 2009.

The proposed 2009 Budget of \$149,200 was reviewed and discussed. The Board will vote to ratify this budget and the bog removal spending at the August meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Gordon reported the geese capture and testing was a “wild goose” **success**. Test results have not been received as of this meeting, however, anticipation is favorable the geese population will be greatly reduced next year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL) has asked their next meeting be held in Whitewater. John will make the necessary arrangements to have the meeting held at the Town Hall. Gordon suggested that a representative from the DNR be invited to attend the annual meeting and address questions regarding the new pier regulations. John said he would follow up on this.

Gordon motioned meeting be adjourned. Bill seconded the motion. Motion Carried Meeting adjourned 7 pm.

Next Meeting August 14, 2008 6PM Whitewater Town Hall

Respectfully submitted

Susan Speerbrecher, Clerk