

WHITEWATER / RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES

November 24, 2009

The November 24, 2009 Whitewater / Rice Lake Management District board meeting was called to order by Chairman Brian Morris at 5:58 PM. Board members present were Brian Morris, Rich Charts, Jim Felland, and Bill Watts. Andy Wojdula was present by telephone speaker communication. Town representative Norm Pruesner was also present.

Clerk present: Susie Speerbrecher

Guests: Jeff Widner, Art Speerbrecher, Brad Corson, and Dave Clevon

ADMINISTRATIVE

Rich motioned to accept the September 10, 2009 minutes as presented. Brian seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

CHEMICAL

Bill reported Lakes and Ponds completed the water sample test. He will e-mail the reports when they are received. He also asked Lakes and Ponds to mail the spraying permits to Rich to sign in his absence.

EQUIPMENT

Jim reported he received a phone call from the Safety Boat Patrol Chief, Casba Keller inquiring about a grant to purchase an outboard motor for the patrol boat. Norm said the town will be handling applying for the grant. There was discussion regarding purchase of a new transport outboard motor and going to a 4 stroke engine, possibly a Yamaha. Jim motioned that in 2010 the outboard motor be replaced with possibly a 4 stroke Yamaha engine. Andy seconded the motion. Motion Carried. The black truck will need replacing before the next harvesting season. Motion was made by Jim that in February / March 2010 focus will be made on replacement of the black truck, looking for a pre – owned, 1 ton dully, 4 wheel drive, low mileage with posi traction with a purchase price of around \$35,000. Motion seconded by Bill. Motion Carried. The truck purchase was presented and approved in Jim Felland's report at the annual district meeting in August 2009.

HARVESTING

The \$10,000 advance to JNT Marina has been paid up in full. Brian motioned to advance Jeff \$5000 prior to March 15, 2010 for harvesting start up. Rich seconded the motion. Motion carried.

This winter will be the last time the equipment will be stored at the Ralph Henning location. Jeff said he would like to put in a bid for storing the equipment at one of his marinas for next winter.

As of this date we have not received a final Lake Management Plan from SEWRPC. (Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission) We have a six month extension and therefore should not

have a problem acquiring permits needed for spraying and harvesting. We will not lose our grant if the final copy of the plan is received by June 30, 2010.

Brian motioned to send Don Wickerscheimer a \$100 gift certificate to acknowledge his years of service on the board. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

BOG

Brian reported we had another good removal season with 906 loads being removed. Jeff and Brian have been discussing how to increase production by possibly using Jeff's dump truck instead of our trailers. Repair costs to equipment were considerably higher than in years past. Brian motioned to send a gift certificate of \$100 to Debbie Mischka for the use of her land to deposit bog material. Bill seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

FISH STOCKING

Brian reported approximately 2000 -2200 hybrid bluegill and 50 # of flat head minnows were put in the lake in fall.

GOOSE DEPREDICATION

Brian has suggested a January newsletter be published and in the mail no later than March 1st with a recap of 2009 committee reports. Each committee chairman has been asked to write up a short article. Dave will have an article which will announce goose egg oiling and round up, asking if any residents have objections of the DNR going on their property. They should e-mail Dave with any issues they may have. Permits for 2010 have been mailed in. Brian motioned that we again support the residents request at the annual meeting that we continue with goose depredation and egg oiling not with a goal in mind to extinct the geese on the lake but to manage our goose population. Rich seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Goose depredation and oiling needs to be put in the 2011 budget.

FINANCIAL

Spread sheets were handed out with the new format Brad Corson suggested. Rich asked for a motion to accept the change in spread sheet layout. Brian motioned to accept Rich's e-mail which identifies a new way of laying out our financial spread sheets. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Rich thanked Brad for his input and help. As part of the auditor's report they added we split our funds into two separate funds that would make it easier for us to keep tabs on how much dollars we have especially as the capital reserve fund grows and as we try to get interest out of that. Right now we are losing track of the interest because of the co-mingling – so with that Rich proposed that we now separate the capitol reserve fund into two separate banking accounts from the operating fund. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Carried. We will have approximately \$76,000 starting off in the capital reserve fund.

Rich motioned to approve the disbursements for Sept. and October and up to \$4000 to end year 2009. Brian seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Rich suggested to make sure permits, checks, and invoices are processed on a timely basis he requested Susie be on a retainer of \$100 a month through the year so she can hit the post office box

regularly during the week and make sure we are getting all the bills, letters and correspondence done on a timely basis mainly because we are all volunteers and especially with a lot of snow birds leaving the state. Brian seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Rich suggested also in order to make sure disbursements are correctly handled and to give us an official place to put all the digital material Rich moved the board purchases a lap top, software, and printer to maintain all the digital equipment and to do our correspondence in the like. At this time the equipment will be kept with the clerk and used by the clerk. The cost will be approximately \$700.00. Brian seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Brain concluded the meeting by thanking Jeff for a great job keeping the lakes looking good even after taking on two new businesses.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Next meeting will be held April 8, 2010 by conference call with Brian, Bill and Andy calling in from Florida.

Respectfully Submitted

Susie Speerbrecher, Clerk