

## **WHITEWATER / RICE LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING**

**September 11, 2008**

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

**Present:** Don Wickerscheimer, Bill Watts, Brian Morris, Rich Charts, and Town of Whitewater representative, Norm Prusener

**Absent:** Jim Felland, Jerry Grant

**Guests:** Art Speerbrecher, Gordon Philip, Dave Cleven, Jeff Widner, Shane Crawford, Claudia Holst, Daniel Holst

**Clerk present:** Susie Speerbrecher

### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

Don moved the minutes from the August 14, 2008 board meeting be approved as presented. Bill seconded the motion. Motion Carried

### **ORGAINZATION OF THE NEW BOARD**

Bill motioned to appoint Brian Morris to serve on the board for a one year term. Don seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bill motioned to appoint Rich Charts to serve on the board for a one year term. Don seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Bill motioned to appoint Brian Morris to serve a Chairman of the Board. Don seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Brian motioned to have Don serve as Secretary of the Board. Bill seconded the motion. Motion Carried. Brian motioned to have Rich serve as Treasurer of the Board for a one year term. Bill seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

Shane Crawford, Deputy County Administrator for Walworth County spoke to the board and guests about the ownership of the dam located by Parkside Marina. Presently Walworth County owns the dam but the county would like to have the Whitewater/Rice Lake Management District take over the ownership of the dam which means that the District would be responsible for both maintaining it and for assuming any and all liability related to its safety and potential failure. The WWL dam is the only one in the county owned by the county. In addition, Mr. Crawford stated that the county was notified by the DNR that they, i.e., the DNR, would like to make the dam handicap accessible. His presentation raised several questions and generated a lot of discussion.

Brian recommended that a committee be formed to explore this issue and to learn what other lakes do and have done, and then generate several options for potential responses to both the country and the DNR. A meeting and vote by lake residents would need to be taken to finalize whatever response the District eventually takes.

### **FINANCIAL**

No financial report was given. Gordon will work with Rich during this transition period and a report will be given at the next meeting. Invoices will be reviewed and new signature cards will be signed. Brian, Rich and Don will be the new

check signers as well as have authority to pick up mail at the post office. A 9 AM meeting Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup> is scheduled to accomplish this task.

### **HARVESTING**

No formal report was given as there has not been any harvesting activity.

### **EQUIPMENT**

No formal report was given. Jeff recommended a trailer tire be replaced. Approval from the board was given to purchase a new tire.

### **BOG**

Bog removal began Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008. As of this meeting 18 loads were taken out. Work will continue for the next couple weeks weather permitting and dump sites are accessible. Jeff also stated the hydraulic engine on the transport will need replacing in the near future.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

In recognition of volunteerism Brian motioned gift certificates are purchased for John and Gordon with a monetary value in accordance with their years of service on the board. Don seconded the motion. Motion Carried

Brian announced he attended the Town Board meeting Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 and will also be attending the Richmond Town Board meeting. Letters were typed up and given to the chairman regarding concerns lake residents brought up at the annual meeting in August.

A motion was made by Rich and seconded by Bill to have Dave Cleven be chairman of the goose egg oil depredation in spring of 2009. Motion Carried. Applications need to be in by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. Don will submit the application for the permit.

Everyone on the board received books prepared by Brian with inserts on by-laws, permits, contracts, equipment, harvest, chemical and RFP's. Brian also asked that the board be in agreement all vendors are treated equally and that no member expect service above and beyond what any other customer would receive. The agreement was unanimous by the board.

Rich motioned and Don seconded the motion to have Bill chair and organize a by- law committee. Motion Carried. This committee will review the present by-laws and make recommendations for revision at the next annual meeting.

### **NEXT MEETING: 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY OF THE MONTH OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 6PM**

Agenda : Dam Issue, By-Laws, Annual meeting issues - wake boats, select a committee to work on board nominations over the next several months – 6 people need to be on the ballot and committee selection for development of responses to the country regarding dam ownership.

Brian motioned to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded the motion. Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Speerbrecher  
Clerk