

Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Regular Meeting

May 14, 2016

Minutes

Board Members Present: Bill Lewis, Tom Ogden, Joseph Oravetz, Carol Deer, Jim Barton, Frank Breitenbach, Chuck Kopesil

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the previous meeting were read by Tom Ogden. Bill motioned to approve the minutes as read and Joe seconded. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer's Report

Total in all accounts was \$329,764.58. Operating Fund balance is \$196,539.95, Equipment Fund is \$118,930.25. Bill reported no real movement in equipment fund except interest. Frank motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report, Joe seconded, motion passed.

Bill mentioned that we will be receiving a credit of \$600 for legal fees for overbilling. Carol would like to raise restoration fund to \$3000. Frank motioned to approve the \$3000 for the restoration fund, Tom seconded, motion passed.

4. Committee Reports

- a) **Dues & Finance**—Jim said not too much to report but waiting on county survey information and will meet after that is received and put together list of tasks. There was a lengthy discussion of the three different possible ways to assess members. Mill rate, shoreline frontage, straight across board. It has been 8 or 9 years since the assessments were raised.
- b) **Fish**—Bill reported need volunteers for 6/4 stocking. Bill moved to approve the \$6000 for the fish stocking. Frank seconded, motion carried. There will be no more fund raisers.
- c) **Lake Management Plan**—Carol stated that there is a committee meeting on 5/23 at the City of Montello building and will get an update and will share.
- d) **Harvesting**—Ray said they are starting on 5/23. Al would like no wake buoys in as possible. Carol stated that the Open House was a success.
- e) **Technology/Newsletter/Website** —We are on schedule for the newsletter. Tom will do and Carol will coordinate printing, etc.
- f) **Site Committee**— Jim said Chuck is doing the grass cutting. Regarding building, he has found a 20 ft. x 8 ft x 8 ft used container for \$1,400 plus \$1350 shipping, however, Chuck found someone to ship for \$700 or less. Frank motioned to move forward with the purchase, Tom seconded, motion carried.
- g) **Ecology Committee**—Bill said nothing to report at this time.

5. Marquette County Lake Group

Al reported there is a meeting on 5/19 on shorelines at 6:30 at the Service Center. July 28 will be a seminar on Healthy Lakes.

6. **Town/County**—Joe reported that the causeway may be in 2017 and may be shut down 8-10 weeks.

7. Old Business/New Business

There was a discussion on what type of weeds came back. Some milfoil, some curly pondweed has been seen. Other native plants are growing fast already.

8. **Next Meeting**—Next regular meeting will be the Annual Meeting 8/13/16.

9. Adjournment

Frank motioned to adjourn, Tom seconded, motion passed. Adjourned at 10:40 a.m.