

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
April 5, 2008

The meeting called to order by Chairman Jenkins. Commissioners Pfeiffer, Ketterer and Ziesmann were present.

The minutes were read from the last quarterly meeting (January 26, 2008). Motion to accept the minutes was made by Chairman Jenkins, seconded by Commissioner Ketterer. The motion carried.

Commissioner Ketterer gave the Treasurer's report. Motion to accept the report was made by Commissioner Pfeiffer, seconded from the floor. Motion carried.

Old Business: Chairman Jenkins indicated there was no old business.

New Business: Chairman Jenkins read an email from Brad Roost of Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resources indicating that the DNR is promoting a "hand-off" approach to plant management. Brad also indicated in the email that Kevin Gauthier of the DNR told him he would approve a harvesting permit for 2008 if the management plan for Pine Lake hasn't been finalized. Chairman Jenkins also read a series of email correspondence from Brad Roost to Kevin Gauthier. In these emails, Brad indicated that he had made a majority of the changes to the APM plan requested by DNR. Brad also asked DNR for the response to several questions. DNR did not respond directly to these questions but a subsequent email from Kevin Gauthier indicated that milfoil samples were sent to a Dr. Freckman for analysis. As of April 3rd, DNR had not responded with the sample analysis results.

Chairman Jenkins indicated the District had not yet submitted an application for a harvesting permit.

Chairman Jenkins indicated that Lake Winnebago has Eurasian milfoil and will chemically treat this year. Chairman Jenkins cited an article in which DNR indicated that harvesting is not effective if there is greater than 10% Eurasian milfoil.

Commissioner Ketterer indicated her belief that DNR would not allow chemical treatment after May 31st, so the District may not be able to treat this year.

Commissioner Pfeiffer showed a map of the macrophyte sampling indicating greater than 10% milfoil. A brief discussion of weed types followed. Commissioner Pfeiffer indicated the sampling data is 2 to 3 years old.

A discussion followed regarding the problems the District is having with the DNR. It was noted that the District has supplied a lot of data to the DNR but the agency keeps changing what they want. DNR's general unresponsiveness to the District was also noted.

Commissioner Pfeiffer indicated that the District should apply for a harvesting permit.

Chairman Jenkins read a letter from Jerry Wolf regarding e-coli sampling results from the U.S. Forest Service. The sampling results have shown an increasing trend with a high of 190 reported in June of 2007. Mr. Wolf contacted Northern Lakes Service who recommended that the District test three locations on the Lake every two weeks starting at the end of May. It was recommend to test for both e-coli and chloride. The cost for the testing is \$16 per test for e-coli and \$12 per test for chloride. Total cost for the testing would be \$504. Chloride testing could indicate whether e-coli is coming from septic systems. Chairman Jenkins indicated the District could incorporate the e-coli testing into the Lake Management Plan.

Chairmen Jenkins read a letter from Jerry Wolf regarding dissolved oxygen testing. Mr. Wolf indicated that a new dissolved oxygen meter would cost approximately \$1,000. Mr. Wolf noted that we have the ability to apply for a 75% matching grant to cover the cost of the new meter. It was agreed that if Mr. Wolf applied for the grant, the District would match the remaining 25% of the cost of a new meter.

Chairman Jenkins indicated the insurance for the weed cutter is due soon at a cost of approximately \$7,000. It was noted the insurance doesn't cover the cutter while on the water. Chairman Jenkins indicated that in 2007 the cost for an outside contractor to harvest weeds was \$125 per acre. In response to a question from the floor Chairman Jenkins indicated that the District would cut approximately 100 acres. It was noted that the contractor has the ability to cut to a depth of 6 feet while the District's cutter only cuts to a depth of 4 feet. It was also noted that the District pays an hourly wage for operators and that the District would operate the cutter 35-40 hours a week for eight weeks. Chairman Jenkins indicated he would contact the DNR to discuss a harvesting permit and would obtain quotes from outside contracts to perform the cutting.

Commissioner Ketterer indicated she would pay the insurance on the weed cutter.

Commissioner Pfeiffer suggested increasing the number of Commissioners on the Board. Current bylaws indicate the District should have five Commissioners. It was suggested that the Board consider increasing the number to 7 or 9.

The Commissioners scheduled the next quarterly meeting for May 31, 2008 at 9:00 am.

There being no further new business, Chairman Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Pfeiffer seconded the motion. The motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Steve Ziesmann