

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
November 15, 2008

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

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of September 1, 2008 were read by Commissioner Ziesmann. Commissioner Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the Minutes as read. Commissioner Schumacher seconded. Motion carried, Minutes were approved.

The attached Treasurer's Report dated November 14, 2008 was presented by Commissioner Ketterer. Chairman Kloehn made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Ziesmann seconded. Motion carried, Treasurer's Report was approved.

Chairman Kloehn discussed the status of the Lake Management Plan (LMP). Chairman Kloehn indicated that a new consultant, Onterra, LLC in De Pere was contacted to provide a proposal on completing the LMP. It was noted that the Lake District Survey would likely need to be redone. The need for volunteers to assist in implementing the LMP was discussed. Chairman Kloehn indicated that the DNR will continue to study the aquatic plants in the Lake during the next summer. Grant applications will be due in February, 2009.

The Commissioners discussed the E-Coli testing program and agreed to continue the testing during the next summer. It was also agreed that an application to conduct plant harvesting will be submitted in case the District determines harvesting in 2009 is necessary.

Commissioner Ketterer emphasized the need for volunteers to help manage the Lake. Voluntary efforts are important elements in the evaluation and approval of the LMP. Efforts could include boat landing inspections and plant sampling. The District will need to develop a list of volunteer activities to be included in any grant application. Tim Hoyman of Onterra will be asked to develop such a list.

There was a question on why the original Lake District Survey would need to be redone. DNR has indicated that the original survey is over three years old and that several questions on the survey were "ambiguous." DNR has thus requested an updated survey. It was suggested that an informational mailer could be included with a new survey questionnaire.

It was noted that there are two types of grants that could be available: one to help fund the development of the LMP, and another to help fund aquatic plant treatment activities.

The Commissioner's then discussed the Dam. Commissioner Pfiffer indicated that the Town had conducted an inspection of the dam in the fall and that the gates were in place. It was suggested that the south (left) spillway may be missing a board. It was noted that the District could take over management of the dam, but then the District would assume any liability associated with the dam. It was also noted that the level of the dam is set by the state at a maximum of 91 feet. It was agreed that the District would contact the DNR to check the gauge and request repairs of the dam.

Commissioners Schumacher, Ketterer and Pfiffer reported on their meeting with the Forest Service to discuss the boat landing. The Forest Service indicated they will complete a survey of the boat landing in the spring and prepare an application to rehabilitate the landing. The Forest Service will be seeking matching funds to complete the rehabilitation. It was suggested that maintenance of the boat landing be included in the LMP.

The Commissioners noted that no fish stocking has occurred for the last several years, in part because of a recent outbreak of a fish virus. Chairman Kloehn indicated he would discuss stocking options with the DNR.

The Commissioners discussed the 2-way radios owned by the District and agreed that they had little value and should be disposed.

The Commissioners then discussed the weed cutter. It was agreed that any weed harvesting could be contracted to an outside third party and that the District would not need to retain the harvesting equipment. It was agreed that that the District would explore options to divest the harvesting equipment. However, because the harvester was purchased with the assistance of a DNR grant, it will be necessary to review the grant agreement to determine if there are any restrictions on the sale or disposal of the equipment.

Commissioner Schumacher agreed to prepare an application to conduct harvesting for the 2009 season.

The Commissioners noted that the grant applications are due in February. The revised LMP will be submitted after the grant deadline and the new Lake District Survey would be mailed some time after that. It was noted that the DNR has approximately \$4.2 million for grant funds. Last year, \$4.0 million was requested but only \$2.0 million was granted. The District's last grant application apparently failed in part because of the lack of clear voluntary efforts. Thus, the need for volunteers was again stressed as the District applies for new grant funds.

Commissioner Ketterer made a motion to explore options for divesting the harvesting equipment. Commissioner Pfiffer seconded. All approved, Motion carried.

Commissioner Pfiffer made a motion to dispose of the 2-way radios. Chairman Kloehn seconded. All approved, Motion carried.

There being no further business, Commissioner Ketterer made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Schumacher seconded. All approved, Meeting adjourned.