

Minutes for April 18, 2009, Meeting Town of Dakota Town Hall

The spring meeting of the White River Flowage Lake Management District was held on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. in the Town of Dakota Town Hall. Carol Koester made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Robert Neuman, and the motion carried. The minutes of the September 20, 2008, meeting were read. Bob Obenberger made a motion, seconded by Laura Soldner, to accept the minutes and the motion carried.

Next, Bill Van Dongen read the minutes of the Board of Commissioners' last three meetings. Carol Koester made a motion, seconded by Robert Neuman, to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried.

Next, Fran Geier read the treasurer's report. She reported that \$15,000 was invested in CDs and \$10,000 was in a money market account. The major disbursements were \$770 for the treatment permit and \$204 for this year's liability insurance. The current checking account balance is \$5132. Carol Koester made a motion, seconded by Robert Neuman to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Tom Littman from the County gave a slide show presentation on shoreline erosion problems that have occurred at several lakes in the county and the measures taken to correct them using native plants and coy logs or soil bags to build natural retaining walls.

Chairman Geier reviewed the contract with Northern Environmental for the 2009 treatment plan. The initial contract proposal that was received in October of 2008 was for \$23,000. After some negotiating and with the District taking over some of the tasks (namely applying for the permit and sending out the educational literature), the final contract of \$19,210 was agreed upon. Part of the increase was due to chemical prices going up plus the more thorough pre- and post-treatment surveys required by the D.N.R. Rob Trezcynski asked about the 50% kill rate on the 2008 treatment, but Bill Van Dongen stated that Northern Environmental came back in June and did a second treatment. Dick Meidam stated that the flowage was much better after the follow-up treatment. Geier noted that he met with North American Hydro and they agreed that no draw down would be done for this year's treatment since it just made getting to the northern end that much more difficult. Aquathol Super K will be used at the north end to combat the CLP. Bill Van Dongen said that this contract will not contain a guaranteed kill rate, but that he expects Northern Environmental to fulfill their end of the contract. He also mentioned that Northern Environmental was bought out by Bonestroo. Chuck Dahlke asked how close to shore could they get and Walt stated that Northern uses a jong boat which can into depths as shallow as 3-4". Property owners were reminded that they are responsible for 30' of shoreline along their properties and encouraged to rake or pull any weeds they find. Treatment notification letters were distributed to those riparian property owners in attendance.

Chairman Geier mentioned that the in-kind hourly rate has changed to \$12/hour. However, our grant was written using \$8/hour for in-kind, so that will continue to be our rate. Using the higher rate would

only use up our grant faster. Any additional in-kind beyond what was specified in the grant will be donated to the Tri-County A.I.S. Grant.

Bill Van Dongen reported that the audit conducted in January showed good bookkeeping procedures were being followed and the District books were fine.

Mike Geier reported that phosphorous has now been totally banned except for new lawns and where no phosphorous is present. The Governor signed the bill just last week.

Reporting on the harvester operation, Geier said that the harvester would be coming out of storage in the middle of next week, but won't be used until mid-June. Three new operators will be trained in the 3rd or 4th week of May. He said that the operation would run in the evenings and weekends as well as during the week. Geier also reported that the Friends of the White River in Neshkoro offered \$16,000 to purchase our harvester and also were interested in our cutter. However, neither are for sale.

Regarding the "Clean Boats/Clean Water" Program, new inspection forms were designed. However, due to their small print and difficult format, Fran Geier created an easier form for the District to use. The sign-up sheets were passed around for volunteers to man the two landings.

Chairman Geier reminded the members that the WCWLC Scholarship Golf Outing will be held on June 20, 2009, at Two Oaks North. He stated that both golfers and non-golfers are welcome to participate and that it was for a good cause with many great hole and door prizes. The District is sponsoring one of the holes.

Under new business, Chairman Geier discussed the possibility of getting a weather warning siren installed near the flowage. A petition was circulated to get signatures of those members who are in favor of this. Geier noted that he will do some additional research as to where the current sirens are located, the cost of installation, etc. before presenting our petition to the Town of Dakota Town Board.

Bob Obenberger, our local fire warden, reminded everyone that there is a "no burning" ban in effect due to the dry conditions. He handed out burning permits, but said that even after the "no burning" ban is lifted, you can only burn from 6 pm until midnight and must first call the 800 number on the permit after 11 am on the day you plan to burn to see if it is ok.

At 11:30 am Brian Soldner made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Robert Neuman. The motion carried. The White River Flowage Association provided a lasagna lunch after.

Following the lunch, the Board of Commissioners held their quarterly meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Geier
Secretary/Treasurer