

## **Minutes for September 19, 2009, Meeting Town of Dakota Town Hall**

### **Budget Meeting:**

The Budget Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 19, 2009, in the Town of Dakota Town Hall. Chairman Geier reviewed the major expense items for the past year with those District members in attendance. Among the major items under discussion were:

1. Based on the surplus cash that is projected to be in the District's checking account next spring, it was proposed that an additional \$12,000 be added to the bank loan payment, bringing it to \$17,180.18.
2. The cost of storage for the harvester went from \$127.50 to \$136.00.
3. Board member Bill Van Dongen stated that the 2009 District fees would remain basically unchanged from 2008 with an \$11,000 annual budget.

There were no public questions or comments from those members in attendance.

The budget meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

### **Annual Meeting :**

The annual meeting of the White River Flowage Lake Management District was held on Saturday, September 19, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. in the Town of Dakota Town Hall. Rob Trzycenski made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Jim Herzog, and the motion carried. The minutes of the April 18, 2009, meeting were then read. Bob Obenberger made a motion, seconded by Carol Koester, to accept the minutes and the motion carried.

Next, Bill Van Dongen read the minutes of the Board of Commissioners' last two meetings. Rob Trzycenski made a motion, seconded by Laura Soldner, to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried.

Next, Fran Geier read the treasurer's report. Chairman Geier stated that because the interest rate is so low on CDs, the District has invested \$5,000 in a money market account until CD rates go back up. Rob Trzycenski made a motion, seconded by Brian Soldner to accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Chairman Geier reported on the AIS treatment plan for 2010. A copy of the 2009 post-treatment report was circulated to those in attendance. According to the report, a 90% kill rate was achieved on EWM and CLP. There is \$10,224 left in the grant to use for next year's final treatment. Carol Van Dongen again mapped out weed beds. It was suggested that she accompany Bonestroo next year to point out the problem areas. A pre-treatment survey would cost \$1,300, so it might be better to just use this year's post-treatment survey. Bill Van Dongen asked members to map the lower end (like Carol does up north) and any areas of concern so we can treat them in 2010. Another grant may not be necessary. Mike Geier noted that he spent 4-1/2 hours on Labor Day cleaning up coontail, but

they are dying off now. In-kind hours for 2009 were budgeted at \$3,800. Any additional hours will be donated to the Tri-County AIS Grant. The Board of Commissioners will meet with Bonestroo to lock in a price for next year's treatment. Walt Braun suggested that the District buy its own GPS unit.

Chairman Geier asked if we should continue to donate \$50 to the Tri-County AIS Coordinator. He said they are doing surveys on all bodies of water in the County to find new invasives. All Districts and Associations are contributing \$50/year.

Next, the budget for 2010 was reviewed. It was proposed that an additional \$12,000 be paid on the bank loan. Also, the new BP card had arrived. Dewey Stelter made a motion to accept the proposed budget (see attached), Jon Wilcox seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Laura Soldner and Margaret Heschke reported that the brat fry held at Stone Ridge in June was a success and netted the White River Flowage Association \$312.90. They purchased all the leftovers in order to serve lunch for the annual meeting. A donation of \$250 will be made to help offset the cost of renting the Town Hall for the District meetings in 2010.

Mike Geier reported on this year's harvester operation. The proposed training sessions did not go well (only Mike Johnson was trained, but two others did not show up). The regular harvest operator, Dick Meidam, is working at another job and will not be available as much. There was difficulty removing the harvester last Thursday, so Mike Johnson, Clarence Koester, and others will try to get it out next week.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Geier