

Minutes for September 18, 2010, Meeting Town of Dakota Town Hall

Budget Hearing (9:00-9:30 am):

The budget hearing of the White River Flowage Lake Management District was held on Saturday, September 18, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the Town of Dakota Town Hall. A copy of the proposed budget for 2011 was published in the local newspaper for two consecutive weeks (9/1 and 9/8) and each district member received a copy through e-mail or postal service. Commission President Geier noted that an additional \$3,000 has been allocated to the bank loan payment, which is less than originally planned due to unexpected harvester expenses. There were no further questions or comments.

Annual Meeting (9:30 am):

Note: Board Member Gordie Loehr was absent, but all other Board Members were present.

Rob Treczinski made a motion to accept the agenda, Carol Koester seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Fran Geier read the minutes from the April 17, 2010, meeting. Margaret Heschke motioned to accept the minutes as read, Walt Braun seconded, and the motion carried.

Bill Van Dongen then read the minutes from the previous two Board of Commissioners meetings. He noted that the District now has a Visa card and may apply for a Kwik Trip card in the future when the new store opens in Wautoma. Rob Treczinski motioned to accept the Board minutes, Carol Koester seconded, and the motion carried.

Finally, Fran Geier read the treasurer's report. Bill Van Dongen stated that the Audit Committee found the books to be in good financial order. Carol Van Dongen motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Al Williams seconded, and the motion carried.

Guest speaker, Kevin Flyte, of the Waushara County Land Conservation Dept. did a presentation on the County's Lake Planning Grant. He explained that an appraisal of all 96 bodies of water in the County will be done to determine the status of each one with regard to their current management plan, their shoreline conditions, erosion/sediment, water quality, etc. Photos of the shorelines of all the bodies of water is planned and plant surveys will be done, if necessary. Kevin noted that AIS grants are part of the Lake Planning Grant. Kevin also noted that only those bodies of water with public access are eligible for DNR grants.

President Geier announced that in accordance with our By-Laws, a five-year review of the District with regard to dissolution was required. Walt Braun asked if there were enough members present to form a quorum. Bill Van Dongen noted that a quorum was only required of the Board and there were enough Board Members present to make a quorum. No further discussion was made on dissolving the District.

President Geier reported on the treatment for 2010. Bonestroo conducted a survey and they found 4.37 acres of CLP and 5.5 acres of EWM in 7 beds. The final report is not ready yet, however Mike stated that there was too much to ignore for 2011. He indicated that he had already requested an extension on our existing AIS Grant to include 2011 and asked for an additional 15% in funds (approx. \$7,000). He had already received approval for the extension, but is waiting to hear about the additional funds. The cost for treating the approx. 9.9 acres with the grant would be \$9,439 (more paperwork, surveys, etc.) and without the grant would be \$7,531. Bill Van Dongen stated that the budget through 2018 currently allows for treating 5 acres every two years. Rob Treczinski made a motion authorizing the Board to hire Bonestroo to treat 4.4 acres of CLP and 5.5 acres of EWM in 2011, Walt Braun seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Bill Van Dongen distributed booklets of information about the new NR115 which goes into effect in 2012. He urged the members to talk to Zoning before doing any modifications to their property. He mentioned that Mark Schumacher has retired as head of the Zoning Dept. Terry Dopp-Paukstat is the new director.

Revisiting the budget, Walt Braun asked what the balance was on the bank loan and Treasurer Fran Geier reported it was \$20,971.39. No further questions were asked. Walt Braun made a motion to accept the budget as presented, Carol Koester seconded, and the motion carried.

President Geier reported that both the harvester and the cutter were shut down early because both of them needed repairs. The harvester suffered a major mechanical problem in August with the lower track unit making it impossible to unload. 100' of track and teflon strips have been purchased. The 1989 unit is getting quite a bit of rust and needs to be scraped or sandblasted and then primed and repainted. A work crew would be appreciated when it is time to re-assemble the unit either this fall before going into storage or next spring, if necessary. The cutter has a clutch problem, but a spare clutch was found in the tow vehicle. The cutter also needs to be sandblasted, primed and repainted. The budget should cover these expenses.

Regarding the "Clean Boats/Clean Water" program, Fran Geier noted that the volunteer hours were down this year. She suggested going back to the sign-up sheets next spring and having reminder cards attached. Carol Koester suggested stressing the need for volunteers in the spring meeting letter.

Bill Van Dongen was up for re-election. Bill indicated that he was willing to serve another three-year term. No other members present indicated an interest in running for this position. Walt Braun made a motion to re-elect Bill Van Dongen, Laura Soldner seconded the motion, and motion carried. President Geier noted that due to family issues, Walt Braun is resigning from the Board of Commissioners effective immediately. He presented Walt with a Certificate of Appreciation for his eleven years of dedicated service to the Association and later District. President Geier stated that he had recommended Rob Treczinski replace Walt Braun on the Board of Commissioners. Laura Soldner made a motion to accept the recommendation of Rob Treczinski, Margaret Heschke seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Laura Soldner, President of the White River Flowage Association, briefly reported on the activities of the association, noting that the brat fry made a profit of \$457. A \$250 donation was made to the District and the Association will again provide refreshments at the spring meeting.

Secretary Fran Geier announced that the District now has a page on Facebook. Those members already on Facebook will be able to go online for upcoming meetings, announcements, and copies of the latest minutes.

Carol Van Dongen asked about the contamination problem in Wautoma. President Geier stated that he was supposed to receive regular reports about the progress, but had not received any. Joe Piechowski suggested writing a letter next spring to the DNR. Forest Wilcox said that FS Cooperative had been sold to Frontier and then to Utica.

President Geier asked for suggestions for the spring meeting agenda. None were offered.

The Board of Commissioners met immediately after the annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Geier