

White River Flowage Lake Management District
Spring Meeting Minutes
Saturday, April 16, 2016 - Town of Dakota Town Hall

Spring Meeting: Chairman Geier called the Spring Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. He announced that Barry Masticola, the County Board representative to the Board of Commissioners had resigned from the County Board and his replacement had not been formally appointed yet. Also, Town of Dakota representative Forest Wilcox was unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment. Geier noted that a few agenda items were consolidated after the notices were sent out in order to shorten the length of the meeting. **Lynn Bockenbauer motioned to approve the amended agenda, Walt Braun seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.** All members received a copy of the minutes from the September 12, 2015, meeting along with their Spring Meeting notification. **Jim Herzog made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Walt Braun seconded, and the minutes were approved by all members in attendance.** Next, Bill Van Dongen summarized the minutes from the last Board of Commissioners meetings which included disposal of the cutter for \$55 as scrap, discussion of the upcoming EWM/CLP treatment, review of the draft of the new Lake Management Plan, gift certificates for the harvester operators, and the harvester loan payment. Then Secretary/ Treasurer Fran Geier gave the treasurer's report, reviewing all major expenditures and deposits since the fall meeting. The major expenditures included \$4,970 to BCPL for the harvester loan payment, \$3,241 to Golden Sands RC&D for the fall hand pull operation, and \$1,581 to Auto Owners Insurance for the harvester and workers' compensation insurance. She noted that the District received \$9,880 in District Fees and \$4,970 in Harvester Fees. Projected major expenditures for 2016 are \$9,650 to Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource for this year's EWM/CLP chemical treatment, \$2,186.66 to First Merit Bank loan, and \$6,265 to Golden Sands RC&D (which should be 100% reimbursed by the DNR Rapid Response Grant).

Guest Speaker: Fred Koch of the Central Sands Water Action Coalition (CSWAC) explained that CSWAC was formed in October of 2015 as a non-profit organization currently comprised of 34 lake associations (23,000 families) within the Central Sands Plain of Wisconsin (a six-county area located in central Wisconsin). The main focus of CSWAC is to represent the interests of its members in protecting the groundwater of the Central Sands Plain by monitoring the proliferation of high-capacity wells and CAFOs (confined animal feeding operations). He mentioned one bill under consideration would privatize high-capacity wells. CSWAC would like to have all high-capacity wells require renewable permits, be subject to periodic inspection, and have a groundwater impact study performed. Koch stated that CSWAC tracks relevant bills at the State level to be sure Wisconsin's representatives are informed of the concerns of lake property owners as well as the corporate farmers. He urged District members to voice their concerns not only with their local representatives, but all State representatives.

Audit Committee Report: Bill Van Dongen reported that the Audit Committee reviewed the District's financial reports in January of 2016 and found everything to be in order.

Flowering Rush Hand Pull Project: Chairman Geier reported that after the October 2015 two-day hand pull operation, almost 40% of the Flowering Rush had been removed. Two more two-day hand pull operations are scheduled for 2016 (one in June and one in August) so volunteer sign-up sheets were circulated to the members in attendance. He stated that the volunteer time and donated equipment will cover the District's share of the Rapid Response Grant so there was no financial cost for the District. Geier indicated that he intends to use the harvester instead of his personal pontoon to haul the pulled plants to shore this year. More hand pull operations will be planned for 2017, if necessary. After that, a monitoring system will be employed for the next several years to be sure there are no new infestations.

EWM/CLP Chemical Treatment: The District had contracted with Stantec to treat 10 acres of EWM and CLP in May of 2016. However, Chairman Geier announced that Stantec is no longer doing chemical treatments. Mark Kordus and his applicator (both of whom were formerly with Stantec and who have previously successfully treated EWM and CLP on the White River Flowage) are now with Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource so the Board decided to transfer the contract to them for a one-year trial period. A pre-treatment survey will be conducted by Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource in late summer to determine how many acres still need to be chemically treated. Based on the results of this survey, a new 3-year (2017-

2020) grant will be written and submitted to the DNR in December to treat any remaining EWM and CLP, estimated at about 20 additional acres.

Lake Management Plan: Chairman Geier stated that several members of the District have been working on a new Lake Management Plan with the assistance of staff from UW-Stevens Point and Waushara County Land Conservation and Zoning. A draft copy of the plan was circulated to the members in attendance. Bill Van Dongen mentioned that the complete report is available for viewing on the District's website. Geier asked for permission to have a Board subcommittee comprised of Bill Van Dongen, Mike Woreck, Robert Hughes, Mike Geier, and Fran Geier review the Lake Management Plan and give final approval for submission to the DNR. Geier noted that the DNR requires a Lake Management Plan before awarding any grants so time is critical. ***Jerry Genson made a motion to authorize the Board to review and give final approval to the District's Lake Management Plan, Dean Bockenhauer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.***

Water Sampling and Clarity Testing Volunteers: Chairman Geier stated that he needed volunteers who would be willing to take water samples and conduct water clarity tests. Dean Bockenhauer volunteered to collect water samples every month or so. Sample kits from the UW-Extension Office will be provided to him. Walt Braun volunteered to conduct water clarity tests weekly during the summer by using a secchi disk he owned.

Fall Meeting Date Change: Chairman Geier announced that he will not be available on September 10th or 17th, and asked whether to have Bill Van Dongen and Fran Geier conduct the Fall Meeting on one of those dates or move the meeting to September 24th. ***Gail Herzog motioned to move the Fall Meeting to September 24th, Dean Bockenhauer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.***

Future Agenda Items: Chairman Geier suggested having Dave Bartz of the DNR do a presentation on the fish hatchery and fish population of the White River Flowage.

Meeting Adjournment: The Spring Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

White River Flowage Association: The Association met at the conclusion of the District's Spring Meeting.

The Board of Commissioners met immediately after the conclusion of the Spring Meeting. Refreshments were provided by the White River Flowage Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Geier, Secretary/Treasurer