



WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

P.O. Box 301
Whitewater, WI 53190



MINUTES OF BUDGET HEARING / ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 22nd, 2015

Revised

The Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management Budget Hearing / Annual Meeting was held at Lakeview School and called to order by Chairman Rich Charts at 8:40 AM. Approximately 60 property owners were present. Power point presentations were given by the board and special teams.

Rich opened the meeting thanking property owners for their attendance. He then introduced the board members, including Jerry Grant county appointed commissioner. He briefly reviewed the agenda and emphasis was put on the additional chemical treatment in the South Lobe, zebra mussels are fewer and water clarity is good.

ADMINISTRATION

A motion to approve the minutes of the August 23rd, 2014 Budget Hearing / Annual Meeting was made by Pat Koppelman and seconded by Don Oker. Motion Carried

REVIEW BY COMMISSIONERS

Ernie Roy, chemical leader, reported 171 acres were chemically treated including 84 acres in the South Lobe at a cost of \$90,000. Beverly Saunders of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) spoke about their water study on phosphorous which cause plant and algae growth internally from the bottom of the lake. Harvesting will reduce algae and improve water quality.

Larry Brady, weed harvesting leader, reported as of this meeting 5400 cubic yards of weeds has been removed. Floaters have been fewer this year. The South Lobe has been the main focus of harvesting this year. Saturday pickup remains a necessity and will continue throughout the season.

Rich Charts, bog leader, reported some boring occurred during the winter to investigate bog material. More mapping will occur in 2016. Bog removal will begin in September with a goal of maximizing navigation lanes.

Chuck Chamberlain, equipment leader, reported the new transport barge was delivered on July 10th, 2015 and splashed in. The barge will provide increased operating efficiency, maneuverability and larger capacity for transporting aquatic plants and bog material. The barge is fully paid for. The district received a grant of \$66,688 from the State of Wisconsin Waterways Commission. Goals for the future include adding plastic sheeting under the belting and increasing the length of the spud anchors on the transport barge for a cost of \$16,000, investigating GPS units, and in 2017 replacing the Dodge Pickup Truck possibly with a shore conveyor and dump truck removal system. A motion

was made by Denise Charts to approve the proposed expense of \$16,000 for sheeting and lengthening the spud anchors for the transport barge. Seconded by Larry Loizzo. Motion Carried

Dominick Fashoda gave a financial audit of the books by saying he went over all check book deposits, expenditures, minutes, contracts, and bid proposals and found no theft or fraud. He commended Brad and the board for a great job handling the property tax dollars and assured the property owners their money is properly accounted for.

Brad Corson, finance leader, began his power point presentation by showing a \$24,000 surplus in 2015 and recommends the money be carried as a credit to the 2016 operating budget. A motion was made by Dick Kelly to transfer the 2015 surplus to the 2016 operating budget. Seconded by Val Vesely. Motion Carried. Brad continued to review all line items on the 2016 budget ending with a total expense of \$312,534. A motion was made by Janet Lippincott to accept the 2016 budget as presented, seconded by Sue Potrykus. Motion Carried

Board member candidates: Two positions are open on the board. As stated in the spring newsletter anyone interested in a position needed to address the board by June 15th, 2015. Rich Charts and Larry Brady posted a bio in the summer newsletter. A motion was made by Bernie Tangney, seconded by Pat Koppelman for Rich and Larry to be re-elected to the board. Motion Carried.

In absence of Dave Cleven, Don Wickerscheimer gave a short Goose Management report saying this was another good year of attempting to manage the Canadian Goose Problem on our lakes. The property owners are pleased with the goose round up project. The DNR and Federal Government are very much impressed with Dave's efforts and efficiency caring out this project. A thank you was also extended to all volunteers who helped.

Lake Quality – Tom Ganfield introduced himself a member of the Citizen Lake Monitoring Program and gave a brief report saying water sampling is done to check water quality on both lakes.

Safety – In the absence of Deputy Sean Blanton, Larry Brady spoke about the Boating Safety Certificate needed for anyone born after 1989. The course can be taken on line, and in spring will be offered by the District. Don Oker who volunteers with the safety patrol explained when boats are likely stopped or cited.

Fish Management – Tom Potrykus gave a presentation saying we have good fishing lakes and has great support from the DNR and stocking fish. The state is stocking 6-8" walleyes and therefore no stocking dollars were spent. He spoke about building a Walleye Habitat for fish to spawn and recommended fish dollars is held in reserve for this purpose. The cost for building this is approximately \$15,000. Pat Koppelman motioned the unspent fish dollars be held in reserve to build a Walleye Habitat, seconded by Val Vesely. Motion Carried Brad then motioned to move \$3,000 from the fish budget to the capital fund to be held in reserve for 2-3 years for the purpose of building a Walleye Habitat. Seconded by Larry Loizzo. Motion Carried

Launch Initiatives – Jerry Grant, Walworth County Representative spoke about having boat monitors at launch sites on Whitewater Lake. These monitors can be community service hours needed by high school students, college students or court appointed. Chuck Chamberlain spoke about the importance of this program as it is needed as an incentive to receive state grants. He then spoke about the Boat Launch Fees. An ordinance has been approved by the Town of Whitewater. Self pay

boxes will be installed by the town on Krahn Drive, Chapel Drive, and Cruise Lane boat launches. The cost to launch is \$4.00 for residents and \$6.00 for non residents. This project is needed to be in compliance with the state to receive grant dollars. The project will cost \$5,000 and \$2,500 grant money toward the total cost of the project is pending approval in September by the Wisconsin Waterways Commission.

Lowell Hagen the Town of Whitewater Chairman thanked the board for inviting him to this meeting and property owners in attendance. He spoke saying the town is in good shape. He commended Bob Strand, Road Supervisor as doing an excellent job along with office Clerk/Treasurer Carrie Hintz.

Next meeting – August 27, 2016

No resident discussion or resident input.

Denise Charts motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Kathy Chamberlain. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.

GWLPOA held a short meeting following.

Brief District Board Meeting was held.

Respectfully Submitted

Susie Speerbrecher / Clerk



Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District

**2015 Annual Membership Meeting
August 22, 2015**





Agenda

8:30a Opening remarks – Rich Charts, Chairman
Approval of 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes

8:45 Review by commissioners:

Chemical - Ernie Roy

Beverly Saunders – SE Wis Planning Commission

Weed Harvesting - Larry Brady

Bog Removal - Rich Charts

Equipment - Chuck Chamberlain

Financials

Financial Audit Report – Dominick Fashoda

2015 Financial Update - Brad Corson

2016 Proposed Budget - Brad Corson

10:00 Introduction of candidates followed by voting:

Larry Brady / Rich Charts

10:15 Presentations on Lake Initiatives

Wildlife Management – Don Wickersheim

Lake Quality – Tom Ganfield

Lake Safety – Larry Brady

Safety Patrol - Sean Blatten

Fish Stocking - Tom Potrykus

Launch Initiatives - Jerry Grant/Chuck Chamberlain

11:00 Input from Towns of Richmond / Whitewater

11:15 Election results

11:20 Open Discussion / Resident Input

11:30 Adjournment

11:35 GWLPOA Meeting – Lillian Roy

11:50 Brief District Board Meeting





Overview

- South Bay Impacted after Melt-off
 - Additional Treatment, mostly South Bay
 - South Bay Conditions Managed
- Other Lake Areas in Good Condition
 - Zebra Mussels Down
 - Water Clarity Up
- Rice Lake Murky
 - Weed Cover
 - Carp Population
- First New Equipment in Years
- New Safety and Launch Initiatives





Chemical Treatment 2015 Report

2014 Treatment	2015 Treatment
<p>89 acres (30 acres in South Lobe)=\$52,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Invasive weeds only	<p>171 acres (84 acres in South Lobe)=\$90,680</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 158 acres invasive weeds only• 12 acres native weeds in navigation lanes in the South Lobe





Weed Harvesting Report 2015

- Total yards harvested 2015 - 5,400
- Total yards harvested 2014 – 4,700
- Invasive vs native plants
- Areas harvested – Rice Lake one pass / WWL South lobe 90 % of harvesting effort.





Bog Harvesting

- Permit Countdown – 8 Years
- Surface coverage varies widely from year to year
- Initial soundings 2015 with boring pipe:
 - 50 ft south of east edge Camp Joy island..to bog: 12' to hardpan: 25'
 - 300 ft east of Potato Bay point to bog: 8.5' to hardpan: 16'
 - Halfway between other points to bog: 8' to hardpan: 29'
- More will be mapped in 2016
- Late term report – tbd
- Goal is maximum navigation lane removal





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2015-2016 Capital Equipment





Acquired New T-45 Transport Barge

- Delivery and launch of new Transport Barge took place on July 10, 2015
- The new transport barge provides increased operating efficiency, maneuverability, and a larger capacity for transporting aquatic plants and bog material





Launch Day July 10, 2015







Projected Capital Equipment Expenditures For FY2016

- Equip new transport barge with UHMW (Ultra High Molecular Weight) plastic wear sheeting to reduce wear and damage to belting from bog and abrasive types of material
- Modify the length of spud anchors to allow for stability in deeper water depths





Projected Capital Equipment Expenditures For FY2017

- Purchase of new SC-34 Shore Conveyor
- Purchase of used Dump Truck
(to replace red Dodge Pick-up Truck)





Financial Audit Report

Dominick Fashoda

With Frederick Cappetta III





2015 Financial Update

2016 Proposed Budget

Brad Corson





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Wildlife Management

We have many hard working volunteers to help make our efforts successful. When you see them, please give them your thanks for all their time and efforts.

- Tom and Pat Koppelman
- Jim Vondrak
- Rich Charts
- Brian Morris
- Tom Potrykus
- Gordon & Jerry Philip
- Don & Linda Meyer
- Dan Dern
- Diane and Al Carlson
- Elaine and Terry Florczak
- Ernie Roy
- Bernie Tangney
- Dick Kelly
- Phil James
- Terry Anderson
- Don Wickersheimer
- Dave and Fran Cleven





Water Quality

Tom Ganfield





Safety Team Report

- Boating Safety Certificate required if born after 1/1/1989 – no exceptions.
- 2015 Boating Safety Class results
- Major Safety concerns WWL/RL – safe operating distances.





Safety Patrol

Sean Blatten





Fish Management



Tom Potrykus





Fish Stocking

RICE LAKE

- **DNR involvement**
- **Spring DNR Fish Survey**
- **Stocking = 2740 Pike.....0**

WHITEWATER LAKE

- **Stocking = 6250 walleyes.....0**





CARP MANAGEMENT

- **Pike stocking**
- **Commercial netting**
- **Time & Material netting**





Walleye Habitat

- **Redirecting stocking \$**
 - **to spawning bed creation**
 - **and carp removal**

- **Over three years...\$15,000**





Boat Launch Volunteer Program

1. The object of having someone watch the boat launch sites is to prevent or hold down invasive species plant life in Whitewater and Rice Lake.
2. The second object is to obtain grant money from the State to assist in this program. Chuck will explain that portion of the program.
3. The goal is to have a cost free operation with volunteers to perform the labor.





Volunteer Program continued

4. High school students have to have at least 10 hours of volunteer time toward their graduation credits. A schedule of 4 hour blocks is set up. By allowing travel time to and from the site of 1 hour, two shifts and the 10 hours is credited.

5. A training session was set at the Whitewater High School, however no one appeared. It was obviously too late in the school year to be of concern to the students.

6. We have to continue to work on this to accomplish it. It does not have to apply to young people only. Seniors or any one else wanting to perform community service can do it.





Volunteer Program continued

7. Sources can be:

- High School students at least 16 years of age needing to fulfill volunteer hours for graduation
- College students needing community service hours
- Seniors over 65 years of age that are bored needing something to do
- Community Service appointed by the Courts: City of Whitewater has placed this organization on their list for people to choose from for their community service time





2016 Boat Launch Initiatives

- Clean Waters, Clean Boats Inspection Program for Aquatic Invasive Species
- Boat Launch Fees





Why are we implementing these programs?

In order for the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District to be eligible for financial assistance from the DNR, we need to be in compliance with some of the following programs:

- Clean Waters, Clean Boats Inspection Program
- Boat Launch Fees (at all public launch sites)
- Development of Aquatic Plant Management Plan
- Boating Safety Program
- Safety Patrol Program





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GWLPOA Meeting

Greater Whitewater Lake Property Owners
Association

Lillian Roy, President

Agenda 8/22/15

GWLPOA



- Review and Acceptance of minutes 8/23/14
- Treasurer's report
- Introduction of Board
- Old business
 - Review of the year
 - Donations
 - Discussion with Town of Whitewater re buoys
- New Business
 - Board appointments
- Questions, discussion from the members
- Motion for Adjournment

Treasurer's report

22-Aug-15

Balance as of 5/9/15 \$ 6,155.44

Income

Expense

Classic Casino Payment

-\$1,320.00

Casino Registrations

\$ 1,170.00

Casino Gifts

-\$374.50

Membership Deposit

\$ 250.00

Casino Tip

-\$250.00

Brew House 841

-\$1,666.90

Hot Dog Donations

\$ 208.00

Hot Dog Costs

-\$276.65

History Book Sales

\$ 185.00

Golf Outing Expenses

-\$247.90

Golf Outing Registrations

\$ 1,452.00

WW Country Club/Outing

-\$721.62

Fin & Hooves/Outing

-\$545.67

JNT Fireworks

-\$500.00

Town of Whitewater/Buoys

-\$1,500.00

Interest

\$ 0.50

Total Income and expenses

\$ 3,265.50

-\$7,403.24

Balance as of 5/9/2015

\$ 6,155.44

Total Income

\$ 9,420.94

Total Expenses

\$ (7,403.24)

Balance as of 8/22/15

\$ 2,017.70

