

**HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION
& REHABILITATION DISTRICT NO. 1
Lake Tomahawk, WI 54539**

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd, 2007**

The Commissioners of the Horsehead Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District No. 1 held a commissioner's meeting on Monday, April 2nd, 2007, 6:00 P.M. Sloan Community Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Dennis Batchelet at 6:04 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Those in attendance: Chairman Dennis Batchelet, Secretary Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen, Treasurer Beverly J. Fagan, County Board Tom Rudolph, Lake Tomahawk Supervisor Gary Sowatzka, Steven Petersen of DNR and lake resident Kris Batchelet.

AGENDA:

Motion by Tom Rudolph to dispense with the reading of the April 2nd, 2007 agenda, seconded by Beverly J. Fagan, motion carried. The agenda was posted in all the proper places.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

There were no additions to agenda of April 2nd, 2007.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen, seconded by Gary Sowatzka to approve the agenda of April 2nd, 2007, motion carried.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 6TH, 2006:

Secretary Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen had written copies of the minutes of the November 6th, 2006 meeting for each commissioner. Motion by Gary Sowatzka, seconded by Beverly J. Fagan, to approve the minutes of November 6th, 2006 as written, motion carried.

STEVEN PETERSEN, DNR

RENEWAL OF LEASE FOR AERATOR ON STATE LAND

Mr. Petersen stated we have 3 items to discuss on the renewal of the lease, which will be renewed for five years. They are as follows:

- (1) Buoys, fencing, etc., store off site
- (2) Light
- (3) Donation Box

Buoys: Chairman Batchelet stated the buoys, fencing and other items will be stored in his garage, and no longer on the state land site.

Light : Mr. Peterson stated he does not like the way the light was mounted, also the wires on trees and the temporary light on tripod. Members of the commission reported this was just a temporary thing during the winter months so they could see that the system was working. This will be removed and the aerator lights will be upgraded.

Donation Box At Landing: Mr. Petersen stated he has a concern, as no other lakes have an donation box, and he suggested we replace the donation box at the boat landing with a sign showing how to donate by mail.

Motion was made by Gary Sowatzka, seconded by Beverly J. Fagan, we sign the agreement to renew our aeration lease with the DNR for the next five years, making all the necessary changes; (buoys, light, donation box) and pay the fee of \$1.00, motion carried.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Dennis Batchelet reported there has been 1140 “hits” on our web site since it was set up in January 2006. Dennis reported the site is updated regularly. He stated we need to find a speaker for our annual meeting, and it was suggested by Tom Rudolph we contact Radley Watkins, Oneida County AIS coordinator, who would speak on aquatic invasive species.

Dennis also reported the test results of the lake were no better, or no worse than past years. The ropes will also have to be removed from the lake, now that the ice is out. He also stated the silt problem was taken care, and the person from Rhinelander trapped the beavers.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Treasurer Beverly J. Fagan had written reports from November 6, 2006 to April 2nd, 2007.

Balance on hand November 06, 2006 \$14,384.46

Expenses \$12,244.24

Transferred from money market to checking account \$2,901.00

Income: \$ 9,413.96 Tax Settlement from Town of Lake Tomahawk

Income \$ 6,588.56 Wisconsin DNR, Grant Payment #1

Income \$ 5,302.83 Wisconsin DNR, Grant Payment #2

Income \$ 327.73 Interest

Total income \$21,633.08

Balances:

Checking Account \$ 964.91

Money Market 30,201.15

CD 2,711.26 = \$33,877.32

Motion by Tom Rudolph, seconded by Dennis Batchelet to accept the financial report from November 6, 2006 thru April 2, 2007, motion carried.

SECRETARY’S REPORT:

No report, other than the minutes.

OLD BUSINESS:

UPDATE ON DNR LAKE GRANT:

Kris Batchelet reported they received the phase I and phase II grants in the amount of \$11,891.39. She stated she will have more to report under the lake study planning committee.

CLEARING OF BRANCHES/SILT FROM DAM:

The branches were removed from the dam, and the silt was also removed by Mr. Konopacky with his equipment.

UPDATE ON BEAVER DAM:

Beverly Fagan reported she contacted the trapper in the fall, and he stated he could not start trapping until after November 4th.

NEW BUSINESS:

DISCUSS CREATION OF LAKE STUDY PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Tim Hoyman, Aquatic Ecologist with Onterra Lake Management will be holding a special membership meeting and make a complete presentation of what our lake study is all about. He will have graphs, slides and various other kinds of information for everyone to help them understand what we are going to accomplish. Success of the study relies on cooperation and participation of district residents. He will also offer ways in which individuals can help with this study.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Kris stated Tim Hoyman would like a planning committee of eight people, Kris Batchelet being one, as she wrote the grant, one commissioner and six other lake property owners. Motion by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen, seconded by Tom Rudolph to have Beverly Fagan be on the committee as the commissioner, motion carried. Names were given to Kris to contact for the other six members of the committee.

It was noted there will be some four meetings with several important tasks for the leaders to accomplish together, along with Mr. Hoyman::

- (1) Develop and tally a survey
- (2) Coordinate with residents
- (3) Evaluate final results of the study
- (4) Discuss possible recommendations for lake policies

SET PUBLIC MEETING DATE – LAKE STUDY

PRESENTED BY TIM HOYMAN, ONTERRA

The date of Saturday, June 2nd, 2007, 9 A.M. Sloan Community Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI will be the date that Mr. Hoyman will present what our lake study is all about.

LOCK BOX AT LANDING:

This was previously discussed with Mr. Petersen.

SPEAKER AT ANNUAL MEETING:

Tom Rudolph will contact Mr. Watkins for our annual meeting speaker.

PICNIC GROUNDS RESERVATION:

In the past twenty-five years, Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen has made the reservation and signed the proper forms to reserve the grounds for our annual meeting picnic, and will do so again for August 18th, 2007.

OTHER BUSINESS:**NEXT NEWSLETTER:**

It was discussed that a newsletter should be mailed to all property owners alerting them of the special meeting of June 2nd, 2007 and also ask for six volunteers to be a part of the special committee.

JUNE OR JULY MEETING:

The date of July 11th, 2007, 5:30 p.m. was set for the commissioners to meet and work on the budget for the annual meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by Tom Rudolph, seconded by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen to adjourn at 7:17 p.m., motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen

Secretary

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