

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

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
NOVEMBER 6TH, 2006**

The Horsehead Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District No. 1 held a Commissioners Meeting on Monday, November 6th, 2006, 6 p.m. at the Raymond F. Sloan Community Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI. Chairman Dennis Batchelet called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Those in attendance: Chairman Dennis Batchelet, Secretary Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen, Treasurer Beverly J. Fagan, County Board Tom Rudolph, Oneida County Representative, and Lake Tomahawk Town Board Gary Sowatzka, Lake Tomahawk Representative.

AGENDA:

Dennis Batchelet read the agenda of November 6th, 2006, which was posted in all the proper places.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Chairman Dennis Batchelet asked we add Electrical Easement to the agenda, and Secretary Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen asked to have Property Owners List and Revised Bylaws to the agenda.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Motion by Tom Rudolph, seconded by Beverly J. Fagan to approve the revised agenda as requested, motion carried.

MINUTES OF JUNE 29TH, 2006:

Secretary Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen mailed the minutes of the June 29th, 2006 along with the August 5th, 2006 annual meeting. Motion by Gary Sowatzka, seconded by Beverly J. Fagan to accept the minutes as written, motion carried.

REPORTS:

A. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

- (1) Dennis reported the grant has been approved. Raise The Flag!!!! He stated at this time they have only received notification, have not signed any papers at this time. The cost of the project was \$10,436.00; the grant share is in the amount of \$7,827.00.
- (2) Dennis also reported to date we have had 929 hits on the Horsehead Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District website.

Town Supervisor Gary Sowatzka told of the new website which the Town of Lake Tomahawk has and they are willing to add our Lake District and any information we would like to their website at no cost.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT:

Beverly J. Fagan, Treasurer had the following reports:

(1) Financial Report, 08/05/2006 – 11/06/2006 –

Beverly had a written financial report beginning from the annual meeting of August 5th, 2006 to tonight's meeting date of November 6th, 2006.

Cash on hand August 5th, 2006 \$9,762.00

Expenses \$2,221.68

Transferred from the Money Market to Checking Account \$2,192.00

Revenues from Oneida County \$6,703.57 (final tax settlement for 2005)

Interest \$140.57

Balance November 6th, 2006 \$14,384.46

Checking Account \$204.13

Money Market Account \$11,314.91

Savings Account #1 \$105.51

Savings Account #2 \$105.91

CD \$2,654.01

Total Funds \$14,384.46

Motion by Dennis Batchelet, seconded by Gary Sowatzka to approve the financial report, motion carried.

(2) 2006 – 2007 Budget -:

Beverly stated in going over the 2006-2007 annual budget, our proposed income and revenue for the year was \$29,966.00, however, our expenses totaled \$30,275.00, a difference of \$309.00. We discussed cutting several budget expenses to have our revenues and income the same.

They are as follows:

Conventions - \$700.00 instead of \$800.00

Wisconsin Public Service \$1,200.00 instead of \$1,300.00

Office Supplies & Postage \$191.00 instead of \$300.00

Motion by Dennis Batchelet, seconded by Tom Rudolph to make these necessary changes to make our budget balance, motion carried.

C. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Secretary Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen had the following:

(1) Updated list of Horsehead Lake District property owners, as of 08/23/2006.

(2) Seven (7) pages of revised Horsehead Lake District Bylaws

(3) Houghton-Bowen also had a copy of letter she wrote to the Town of Lake Tomahawk on the lake level for the 2006-2007 year.

(4) A letter she wrote to the DRN, with updates of Horsehead Lake activity.

(5) U.S. Census Letter

- (6) State of Wisconsin, Dept. of Revenue, Madison, on equalized value
- (7) WALD monthly newsletter (e-mails)
- (8) Letter on the AVG Aquatic Vegetation Groomer and its benefits

The revised bylaws were tabled until all commissioners could read them over, and will be approved at the 2007-2008 annual meeting.

Tom Rudolph thanked Houghton-Bowen for re-typing the bylaws, as well as making an updated list of property owners. He stated a lot of time goes into jobs like this.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on DNR Lake Grant –

This was discussed in the chairman's report.

NEW BUSINESS:

(1) CLEARING BRANCHES/SILT FROM DAM-

Beverly Fagan reported she had Dan Konopacky come over and looked our situation over, brought out his crane, took out the silt in front of the dam.

(2) UPDATE ON BEAVER DAMS-

The beavers are still building by the dam. The USGS and DRN suggested hiring someone to trap them, which could cost up to \$500.00. Beverly talked to a man from the fishing DNR and he said he would trap or shoot them and also go downstream and break up the beaver's houses. This cannot be started until after November 4th.

(3) RE-ADJUST BUDGET LINE ITEMS:

This was done while Beverly gave her financial report.

(4) VANDALISM AT BOAT LANDING:

Our Horsehead Lake donation box at the landing was broken into several times, then smashed and no longer useable. Dennis stated in the letter he received from Sonja Margitan she states that we can no longer have our donation box at the landing.

Dennis will write a letter stating we have had this donation box at the south landing for over thirty some years, and is completely voluntary. Many people fish our lake, and they know that we are doing all we can to improve our lake and need some financial help to make this happen. Many people do not contribute, as each year we take in less than \$100.

Dennis also told about the vandalism with his boat in the month of August, someone taking out the gas and dumping in water; cost was over \$365.00 for his boat repairs.

(5) ONEIDA COUNTY INVASIVE SPECIES COORDINATOR-

Tom Rudolph talked about the Oneida County invasive species coordinator.

(6) AMENDING ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA'S –

There was discussion on adding “water level” to the annual meeting agenda’s and put in the June lake newsletter. This can be discussed at an annual meeting; if not an agenda item, no action can be taken.

(7) TROUT ROAD WINTER ACCESS TO LAKE –

There has always been a lot of discussion on the Trout Road access to Horsehead Lake, and last year the town was asked to plow this shut. This cannot be done, as this is access to off the lake property owners. We discussed this, and we will just leave it alone this year.

(8) ELECTRICAL EASEMENT -

Dennis Batchelet reported he received the renewal on the Land Use Agreement with the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources of Madison, WI along with the donation box there were several other issues.

(1) They need our lake district to purchase public liability insurance naming the State of Wisconsin, Department of Natural Resources and its employees as the named insured in the amount of \$500,000 single limit per occurrence including coverage of \$500,000 for bodily and personal injury and \$50,000 for property damage so that the owner will be protected from any liability arising out of the operation or management by the permittee of said facilities.

The Lake District shall furnish them with a certificate of insurance listing additional insureds, to be placed in a file with the new agreement.

Motion was made by Tom Rudolph to have treasurer Beverly J. Fagan call our insurance company and get the necessary certificate of insurance for them. Tom also stated in his motion to authorize Fagan to purchase the additional insurance not to exceed \$200, or it will have to be brought back to all the commissioners, seconded by Dennis Batchelet, motion carried.

(2) In a letter to Dennis received from Sonja Margitan, not only does she mention the donation box, but the aerator lights as well as a \$200 fee for the use agreement. Dennis will write a letter stating this was brought before all the commissioners at the November 6th, 2006 commissioners meeting and a lot of discussion followed.

Dennis was asked to remind Ms. Margitan we are a Lake District, not an Association, and we are a part of Lake Tomahawk. Our board also agrees that we should have to pay a fee, and that one governmental agency cannot tax or charge fees upon another. Dennis was also asked to tell Ms. Margitan that the commissioners of Horsehead Lake District feel that several of the regulations included in the easement papers go way too far.

A motion was made by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen, seconded by Beverly J. Fagan to authorize chairman Batchelet to write a letter to Ms. Margitan, DNR, to be reasonable about the donation box, light at the aeration site and the fee of \$200.00, motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS:

NEXT NEWSLETTER –

It was suggested whenever the chairman would have enough information for the property owners; a newsletter can be mailed out.

APRIL, 2006 COMMISSIONERS MEETING –

The date of Monday, April 2nd, 2006, 6 p.m. was set for the next commissioner's meeting, to be held at the Raymond F. Sloan Community Center, Lake Tomahawk, WI.

ROPING/STAKING THE LAKE FOR WINTER:

Dennis will call the volunteers who signed up to rope and stake the lake and remind them to do this.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The treasurer had a bill from Aquatic Biologist of \$449.00: \$74 for filters; \$85 for mileage and \$290.00 for cleaning. Linda stated there bill gets higher each year. This was noted it was a sizeable increase that was not budgeted for.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Tom Rudolph, seconded by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Chairman Batchelet thanked all the commissioners for attending the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen

Secretary

Horsehead Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District No. 1

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