

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

**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28TH, 2006**

The Commissioners of the Horsehead Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District No. 1 held a commissioner's meeting on Wednesday, June 28th, 2006, 6 p.m., Sloan Community Center, Lake Tomahawk.

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, and Kris Batchelet. Excused: Tom Rudolph, County Representative and Gary Sowatzka, Town Representative.

AGENDA:

Dennis Batchelet read the agenda of June 28th, 2006, which was posted in all the proper places, and sent to all commissioners. Motion by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen, seconded by Beverly J. Fagan to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 7TH, 2005 AND APRIL 5TH, 2006:

Secretary Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen mailed the minutes of the November 7th, 2005 and April 5th, 2006. Motion by Dennis Batchelet to approve the minutes of November 7th, 2005; motion carried. Motion by Beverly J. Fagan, seconded by Dennis Batchelet, to approve the minutes of April 5th, 2006; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer, Beverly Fagan had written financial report, April 5, 2006 – June 28, 2006. Checking account expenses \$1,629.14. Revenues of \$942.3 (including \$631.00 rebate of premium from EMC Insurance). Ending checking account balance: \$885.24. Money Market, \$15,270.07. Savings Account #1, \$105.51. Savings #2, \$105.90, and CD \$2,597.06, for a total of \$18,963.78.

Linda asked why the money in savings account #2, which was set up for weed harvesting only, was put in the money market. Beverly stated she did this so we could earn more interest.

REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Dennis Batchelet reported the following:

- (1) The lake temperatures are 4 degrees cooler than in June, 2005.
- (2) We have the permit for weed harvesting. Schmidt's Landscaping, Iola, WI will be harvesting our weeds during the third week of July. The DNR agreed to hold our

check in case we declined to cut weeds this year. If we do not cut, the check will be given back to us.

- (3) We have had some 676 hits on our web site since January, '06.
- (4) It was reported that Darrell Dvorak, and his brother-in-law, caught five small (approx. 12"), what appear to be, Muskies in our lake. However, Mike Vogelsang, a DNR fish biologist, reports that Northern Pike, Muskies, and even Pickerel, look very much the same until they reach 1 ½ years.

UPDATE ON THE RE-FILING OF THE LAKE GRANT PAPERS:

Kris Batchelet reported on the Wisconsin Lakes Convention, which she and Dennis attended. She spoke with Kevin Gauthier, at the convention, about why our lake grant was denied. Earlier reports claimed no one from northern Wisconsin received a grant. Kris stated, in applying the first time, our proposal did not refer to effects on the fish population, which was needed to be considered "comprehensive". Our revised proposal will include effects on our fish population. All the former deficiencies are being corrected.

Kris stated we are looking forward to resubmitting our DNR lake study grant in August. Tim Hoyman of Onterra Aquatic Biologists is putting the final touches on our updated proposal.

Kris and Dennis said, after speaking to Kevin Gauthier, DNR Lake specialist, we have confidence that our new proposal will meet the criteria for funding this time around. If approved, our lake study would begin when the ice comes out in the spring of 2007.

ANNUAL MEETING:

(1) PICNIC PLANNING –

The committee for the 2006 picnic is Christy Nemcek, Linda Delius and Dolores Kania. Dennis asked if we had the picnic grounds at the Rainbow Flowage reserved. Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen said this has not been done, but she will do this.

(2) SPEAKER FOR ANNUAL MEETING –

Batchelet reported our speaker for the annual meeting will be Jean Hansen, Oneida County Land and Conservation Department and will speak on Aquatic Invasive Species, Laws, and Grants.

(3) BUDGET PROPOSAL INCLUDING "LINE ITEMS"

Beverly Fagan had the 2005-2006 budget, what was actually spent to date, the difference budgeted from spent, and the proposed 2006-2007 budget.

We went over each line item, and proposed the following:

Insurance \$2,200; Dues \$150; Conventions \$1,200; Annual meetings & picnic \$150; Attorney Fees \$500; Wisconsin Public Service \$1,500; Commissioner's Fees \$875; Office Supplies and Postage \$400; Aeration System \$2,000; Weed Harvesting \$15,000; Replacement of Equipment \$2,000; Lake Planning Grant \$6,000; Web Site \$100; Miscellaneous \$100; and new line item Contingency Fund \$500 for a total of \$32,675.00.

After much discussion on some of the line items, a motion was made by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen we have a tax levy for the 2006-2007 year of \$7,000, which was seconded by Dennis Batchelet, and the motion carried.

(4) CONTINGENCY FUND PROPOSAL:

Dennis Batchelet and Beverly Fagan thought we should add a new line item to the 2006-2007 budget, "Contingency Fund" and put \$500 into this fund. Motion by Fagan, seconded by Batchelet we add this item to the 2006-2007, motion carried.

(5) GENDER SPECIFIC LANGUAGE-

Chairman Batchelet stated when reading the bylaws there are too many "chairman's" and "his", and also various misspellings. Batchelet would like to bring this to the annual meeting to discuss "gender specific" language in bylaws to make them inclusive. Our bylaws have not been updated since 1982.

(6) INSTITUTING "SLOT LIMITS" FOR NORTHERNS -

Do we want to limit the number and size of fish taken from our lake? Batchelet stated, according to Mike Vogelsang, DNR fish biologist, limits would thin out the smaller fish, and allow for more large fish, and help ensure a continuing supply.

Some members of our lake district have a concern that too many Northerns are being caught, especially during the ice fishing season, which may be depleting our fish population. This is something that Batchelet thinks should be brought up at the annual meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS:

PIER:

At our last meeting it was brought to our attention that someone had a pier they were willing to donate to Horsehead Lake. We discussed whether we want the responsibility or liability, if someone would get hurt. Currently, the DNR installs the our pier at the landing. We voted to not accept the gift pier.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Beverly Fagan stated there is a Northwoods Lake Workshop to be held on Friday, July 21st, 2006 at the Lakeland Union High School in Minocqua, and would like to attend. The cost is \$30. Voted to cover minimal costs for Beverly to attend workshop.

Motion by Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen, seconded by Beverly J. Fagan to adjourn at 8:13 p.m., motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Kay Houghton-Bowen
Secretary
Horsehead Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District #1