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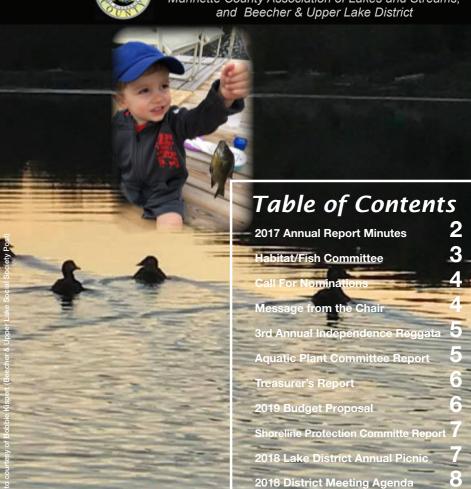
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The Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Annual Meeting - September 2, 2017 -

Beecher Town Hall - Beecher, Wisconsin Submitted by Jim Johnson, Secretary

- Open Forum -

The Open Forum was called to order at 9:10 am by Nancy Mckenney. Her first order of business was to introduced Chuck Druckrey, Water Resource Specialist for Marinette County. Chuck then gave a presentation regarding the ongoing efforts (2007 -2017) to control the Eurasian Milfoil outbreak in Beecher and Upper Lakes. These efforts included chemical treatments and lake level reductions to expose roots to freezing. To more dramatically affect the lake levels, we also undertook a dredging and new valve project last year to facilitate a more rapid and lower (5 ft.) drop in water level to expose the majority of the affected area. The plan this year is to do another drawdown this fall in hopes of finally getting a year that is dry enough not to refill the lake and cold enough to freeze the roots of the plants.

Chuck answered multiple questions from the audience;

- Does the drawdown affect other weeds? (Answer the frost should affect all weeds in exposed areas.)
- After the drawdown will the lake be treated with chemicals? (Answer – spot treatments of 24D are likely but have reduced effect in lakes with high levels of tannin in the water.)
- How long will the current grant last? (Answer another 2 years.)
- What is the plan for the upcoming year? (Answer We will attempt to lower the lake level by 5 ft. starting
- · Why do we have to start to drain the lake so early? (Answer – Due to the DNR Grant all drainage must cease on or near the 1st of Oct.)

Chuck's presentation was a great recap of all the work and effort put in by all the members of the Aquatic plants committee, as well as the County of Marinette and the Town of Beecher, over the last 10 years.

Visioning Session:

Nancy McKenney wanted property owner feedback from two general questions:

What do you enjoy about the Lake?

- a. The water
- b. That the lake was not crowded.
- c. The lake and surrounding area were fairly quiet.
- d. That the lake is a no wake lake.
- e. The people that live around the lake.
- f. That the Lake District was well managed.
- g. The cooler weather of the North Woods.

What would you change about the Lake?

- a. Remove all the weeds.
- b. Get rid of the muck.
- c. Put signs up at the boat landing reminding boaters about the No/Restricted Wake status of the lake.
- d. Look into the possibilities of putting in some trails around the lake.

- e. Look into the possibility of removing Muck Island and widening the channel.
- f. Look into new Lake Regulations regarding light control.
- g. Look into what it would cost to put in a Pavilion at the public beach.

There were two short discussions regarding the No Wake vs Restricted Use (minimum speed to maintain steerage) and the ATV access and law enforcement issue.

- Call To Order -

The Annual Business portion of the meeting was called to order by Nancy McKenney at 10:00 AM. She began the meeting by saying the Pledge of Allegiance. Nancy then acknowledged Lindi Magnuson and Carol Wickman of the Welcome Group/Shoreline Committee for their outstand work in providing name tags and for handing out a comprehensive information folder regarding shoreline issues to each property owner at the meeting.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion to except the Agenda was made by Betty Hensel and seconded by Rod McKenney. Motion approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the last Annual meeting (Sept. 2016) were published in the Aug. 2017 addition of the Beach-Chair News. Glenn Schilling made a motion to approve the minutes as published. It was seconded by Gene Wickman and approved - unanimously.

Commissioner Reports:

Chairperson:

Nancy McKenney began by thanking all of the commissioners, committee chairmen and the town and county representatives for the time and effort they all put in over the last year. She also thanked Chuck Druckrey for his presentation and his efforts in the supporting our 10 year fight against Eurasian

Secretary Report:

Jim Johnson reported that he had nothing new at this time.

Treasurer's Report

Tracy Kupsh reviewed the financial information presented in the August 2017 addition of the Beach-Chair News (page 6) (Appendix 1 this report). Our beginning balance in August was \$68.878.03. At the time of the meeting our Account was at \$21,729.84. The proposed 2018 budget (as seen on page 6 of the Beach-Chair News) was then broken down on a line by line basis (Appendix 2). Tracy explained that our 2018 Proposed Tax Assessment per unit for this coming year would be \$159.86. Marcia Miracle wanted to know if we could get that amount down to ~\$75 per unit. It was explained that funds would be needed to do future chemical treatments. A motion by Betty Hensel was made to accept the 2018 budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Cindy Schmeisser and passed unanimously. Tracy finished her report with the news that the Financial Audit Committee had completed its review of last year's books.

Beecher Town Board Representative

John Keeley had nothing new to report at this time.

Marinette County Supervisor Representative

Cary (Clancy) Whiting reported that funding for environmental projects (such as ours) seem to be holding their funding at the state level. The ATV issue was discussed again with various property owner relating instances they had seen or been involved in. Bottom line was individuals need to self-police the

Committee Reports:

Aquatic Plant Committee:

Joe Siudzinski passed out past project history that was reviewed by many of the home owners present. He explained that this phase of our efforts against the Eurasian Milfoil comes to a close with the completion of the dredging operations last winter. The discovery process for future efforts should begin this coming year. We still have two years left on our original grant from the DNR but Chuck Druckrey believes this can easily extended into the future. As a final test of the new system, we will be doing another drawdown beginning Sept. 2nd. Again, the need to start immediately is controlled by our grant with the DNR. Joe finished by acknowledging Rodger Kupsh, Mike Geise and Mike Gotstein for their efforts on the Aquatic Plant Committee over the past several years.

Boundary Committee:

No Report at this time.

Communications Committee:

No Report at this time.

Shoreline Protection Committee:

Lindi Magnuson reported that she and Carol Wickman had met with Ann Bartell of Marinette County to gather information included in the packets every property owner should have. Both Lindi and Carol are also members of the Welcoming Group and wanted to know what other general information a new property owner might want to know.

Habitat/Fish Committee:

New Committee Chairman, Paul Lasee, reviewed plans he has been discussing with Chip Long (DNR Fisheries Biologist). Chip and Paul both believe that the 'Fish Sticks' habitat enhancement is the best method for our lake. Several property owners have expressed an interest in participating by donating trees to the effort. It is currently still in the planning stages.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business to conclude at this time.

Announcements:

Good Friends are Devine 2017 Award:

Nancy McKinney reviewed what the Award was and the basic criteria for being nominated. She then said that this year there would be four individuals that would be receiving the award. She noted that the first award would be given to Doyle and Helen Curtis for their years of work on the Beach-chair News. Helen and Doyle had a previous commitment and were unable to attend the meeting this year. She then turned the floor over to Marlene Johnson who presented the award to Rodger Kupsh for this many years of service to the Lake. Jim Johnson then who presented the third award to John Keeley

on behalf of the Township of Beecher. Jim Johnson recounted the numerous time the Town worked with Beecher Lake residence during our 10 year fight against the Eurasian Milfoil. Photos were taken immediately after the meeting by Shirley Prudhomme reporting on the Annual meeting for the Peshtigo Times (see attached).

The Annual Picnic to follow the meeting.



Adjournment:

Rod McKenney made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Betty Hensel seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.



Habitat/Fish Committee:

Our first try at Fish Sticks program seems to have worked out pretty well. Have been catching fish off all four with the kids. Going to try to set up the next four locations at the annual meeting. Thanks to Randy Kiehnau and his son with the bulldozer it wasn't too bad. Joe Marcy also moved some trees onto the lake with his tractor. Hopefully this helps improve the fishing on the lakes.

> Submitted by Paul Lasee

Call for Nominations

Beecher and Upper Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioner

Nancy McKenney is completing the last year of her three-year term as a Commissioner. She has served as Secretary and Chair for the District for four 3-year terms.

Are you or someone you know interested in serving as a Board of Commissioner for the District?

Who makes up the Board of Commissioners?

The Board of Commissioners is made up of five individuals. Three Commissioners are elected by property owners at the District Annual Meeting and serve 3-year staggered terms (all must be property owners and if possible, one a full-time resident). One representative is from the Town of Beecher Board, and one representative from the Marinette County Board.

How are the officers (Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) determined?

After elections at the Annual Meeting, the Board of Commissioners meets to determine who will assume the District Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer roles. Commissioners with experience in certain roles may wish to contribute to the District by applying their expertise (example: someone with accounting

experience may be the Treasurer). However, no specific occupational experience is required to be a Board of Commissioner.

What does the Board of Commissioners do for the District-Commissioners meet quarterly to carry out day to day District business with direction provided by property owners during the Annual meeting. The Chair presides at the annual meeting, at all special meetings and meetings of the Board, and at all public hearings held by the Board. The Secretary keeps minutes of all meetings, prepares and sends notices for all meetings. The treasurer is responsible for maintaining district funds, preparing reports, preparing an annual budget, preparing documents for Audit Committee review and certifying tax statements annually to present to the Town of Beecher Treasurer and Clerk.

Roles and duties are carried out in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 19 General Duties of Public Officials (includes Open Meetings and Public Records), and Chapter 33 Public Inland Waters.

When and where are the 2018-19 meetings being held?

 2018-2019 Meeting Dates:

 October 6, 2018
 BOC

 January 19, 2019
 BOC

 May 18, 2019
 BOC

 July 20, 2019
 BOC

 August 31, 2019
 District

Please contact us if you would like to nominate a candidate for the Board of Commissioner election: Jim Johnson at: jkj.johnsonjr@gmail.com - 713-859-1457 or Nancy McKenney at: Rodmckenney@aol.com - 920-570-2196.

Annual Meeting & Picnic

*Dates have been reserved for the Beecher Town Hall from 9:00 a.m.

Noon unless noted.

Message from the Chair 2018

Dear District Property Owner:

On behalf of the Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners (BOC), thank you for supporting and guiding the District at the last Annual meeting. As Commissioners we carry out the decisions you make at the Annual meeting throughout the year. The District has five commissioners: John Keeley, Supervisor, Town of Beecher; Clancy Whiting, Marinette County Board; and Beecher Lake District property owners: Cindy Schmeisser, Treasurer, who is completing her 1st year of a 3-year term; Jim Johnson, Secretary, in his 2nd year of 3-year term and me, completing the 3rd year of my 3-year term.

This year the BOC met quarterly (in addition to the Annual meeting). Highlights included monitoring the budget and monitoring the completion of draw down process. The dam modification and dredging (to remove muck and debris), which is now completed, will facilitate periodic draw down to help freeze out (control, not eradicate) Eurasian Milfoil.

As we near completion of the Aquatic Invasive Species grant project, we hope you will join us to celebrate our accomplishments and plan for the District's future. The Annual meeting is on Saturday, September 1, 2018 from 9 am – Noon at the Beecher Town Hall. The Open Forum begins at 9:00 am. Although a formal weed survey will be completed in early September, Chuck Druckrey, CLM, Marinette County Water Resource Specialist, will share observations with the District. The Shoreland Protection Committee will share findings about "No Wake Lake" regulations. Come to the picnic and auction after the Annual Meeting for fun with friends and neighbors.

The Aquatic Plant Committee (Joe Siudzinski, Chair); Habitat/Fish Committee (Paul LaSee, Chair); Boundaries Committee (Bob Magnuson, Chair); Welcome/Shoreline Protection Committee (Lindi Magnuson and Carol Wickman, Co-chairs), and Picnic Ad hoc Committee (Penny Albers, Judy Siudzinski and Marlene Johnson, Co- Chairs) are activated. Please contact us if you would like to lead or join a committee or the BOC.

Beecher Township meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Please let any BOC know if you would be willing to attend the meetings.

We are seeking nominations for the 6th annual "Good Friends are Devine Award" this year. If you have a nominee, please contact one of the BOCs prior to August 29th.

Thank you to all District Committees, our State and County partners: the Town of Beecher; Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and Marinette County for their continued dedication to Beecher and Upper Lakes. We are very grateful to Helen and Doyle Curtis who once again are publishing the annual newsletter (Beach Chair News) and maintain the District website. It is a pleasure to serve with these individuals.

We look forward to seeing you on September 1, 2018 at the Annual Meeting, picnic, and auction.

Sincerely,

Nancy McKenney

Nancy McKenney, Chair, Board of Commissioners
The Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Aquatic Plant Committee

Committee Report to Board of Commissioners & Residents for the 2018 Annual Meeting

Committee Members: Mike Gotstein, Joe Siudzinski, Roger Kupsh







2017-18 Activities

- Full Drawdown completed with some success in controlling Milfoil.
- Thanks to the Hensel's for storing our siphons and eliminating the \$420 Storage Unit Cost. Much appreciated. There are some siphon repairs that need to be completed prior to the next drawdown.
- · A complete Aquatic Plant survey will be completed by the WDNR and Marinette County on September 5th of this year with a full report available later this Fall.
- · Contract payments and grant administration should be up to date by the time of the annual meeting. There is one outstanding grant application that needs to be completed. The grant itself needs to be extended one year.

Path forward-2019 and beyond

- · Based on the Aquatic Plant survey results, the possibility and options for chemical treatment will be discussed for Spring of 2019 with the WDNR and Marinette County later this Fall and Winter.
- · Based on the poor results of the last chemical treatment in 2014, we are hesitant to initiate chemical treatment unless a plan can be put forward that gives us a high degree of success. At this point, we are not sure what that plan would look like.

• Parallel with those discussions, will be to formulate a future drawdown plan.



Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Association

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report		August 2018	January 2018	August 2017
Income Summary				
Beginning Balance		\$23,746.88	\$254.84	\$68,878.03
Net Labor Day Picn	ic		\$1,955.00	\$2,132.34
Beecher Lake WDN	R Deposit	10870.48	\$1,292.84	\$10,530.08
WNDR			\$27,980.90	\$49,672.50
Total Income		34617.36	\$31,228.74	\$62,334.92
Expenditure Summary				
DNR Permit		-310.58	(\$116.70)	(\$221.05
Storage Unit		-120	(\$120.00)	(\$420.00
Casualty Insurance		-1188	\$0.00	(\$1,143.00
Bank Fees		-12	\$0.00	(\$11,349.06
Aquatic - Dredging			(\$7,500.00)	(\$91,000.00
Aquatic - Marinette	County	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$26,825.00)
Total Expense		-1630.58	(\$7,736.70)	(\$130,958.11)
Current Funds On Hand		\$32,986.78	\$23,746.88	\$254.84
2017 Favocastad Activity				
2017 Forecasted Activity				
Income				

 $WDNR \ \mbox{(Reimbursement of Dredging \& Marinette Cty - not filed)}$

\$3,750.00

Total Short Term Forecasted Activity

\$3,750.00

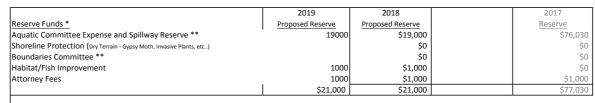
Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Kupsh

Treasurer - Beech

Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District 2019 Budget

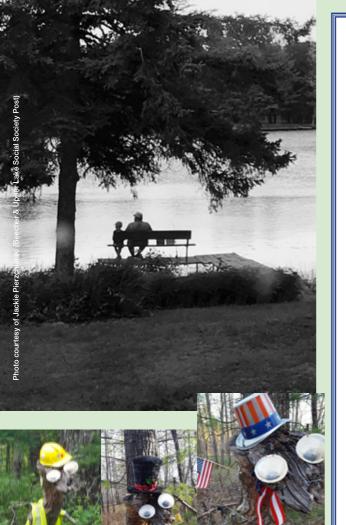
	2019 Proposed	2018	2018	2017
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget
Aquatic Plant Control	·	\$9,000		\$10,000
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain)		\$0		\$0
Habitat Improvement	500	\$1,000	\$311	\$0
Legal Fees	1000	\$0		\$0
Office Supplies/Public Notice/Communication Team	1250	\$350	\$179	\$1,000
Storage Facility		\$420	\$240	\$420
Insurance Premiums	1200	\$1,150	\$1,188	\$1,200
Total Operating Costs	3950	\$11,920	\$1,918	\$12,620
Net Position (Balance less Reserves)	\$8,037	\$730		\$1,613
Net Funds Required	\$0	\$11,190		\$11,007
Funds Required	\$0	\$11,190		\$11,007
Assessed Units	70	70		70
Estimated Tax Assessment per Unit		\$159.86		\$157.24



Reserve Funds can not be spent without a BOC approved committee plan and budget. Depending on requirements, funds can be shifted between reserves at the discretion of the BOC.

^{**} These Committees were authorized during the Annual Meeting and also have formal BOC approval which requires three items: 1) Charge (purpose), 2) Membership (prefer 3 members), and 3) Budget.





SHORELAND PROTECTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Slow. No Wake Lake

Members: Lindi Magnuson | Imags61@gmail.com

Carol Wickman gcwickman@plbb.us

The Wisconsin Lakes PUB-FH-800 and The Handbook of Wisconsin Boating Laws and Responsibilities requires operation of boat at "Slow, No Wake Speed" for lakes less than 50 acres. This was discussed at our last annual meeting and the Shoreland Protection Committee was given the go-ahead by representatives of the town of Beecher to purchase and place signage.

A 1963 proposed boating ordinance for the Town of Beecher was recently found which proposed to allow water skiing or "aquaplane devices" between the hours of 10 am and 4 pm, and prohibited these devices between sunrise and 10 am and from 4 pm to sunset. Thank you to Paul Lasee, for bringing the information to light. We've been in contact with Chuck Druckrey, our DNR Water Resource Specialist, and with Timothy Werner, Conservation Warden for Beecher Lake for clarification of the present state of Beecher Lake's "Slow-No-Wake-Lake" status.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Fisheries and Habitat Management, PUB-FH-800, 2009 has Beecher listed at 18 acres and Upper listed at 14 acres. However, Chuck indicates Beecher Lake acreage is incorrect as the most recent aerial photography shows Beecher Lake at 36.8 acres and Upper Lake at 21.5 acres. He assures me the 50-acre limit for slow-no-wake applies to individual lakes and ours are separate lakes, each is

Timothy Werner confirmed The Handbook of Boating Laws and Responsibilities regulating "Slow-No-Wake-Lake" is correct and referenced the State Statute below. He could find no record of the 1963 Town of Beecher proposed ordinance being adopted. He also stated "in general a local ordinance can be more restrictive than state law and not less restrictive .'

State Statute 30.635 Motorboat prohibition. On lakes 50 acres or less having public access, motorboats may not be operated in excess of slow-no-wake speed, except when such lakes serve as thoroughfares between 2 or more navigable lakes. The department by rule may modify or waive the requirements of this section as to particular lakes, if it finds that public safety is not impaired by such modification or waiver.

"Slow, No Wake Speed" means a speed at which a vessel moves as slowly as possible while still maintaining steerage control.

So in conclusion, everything I've found out confirms that Beecher Lake is a "Slow, No Wake" lake. Signs will be posted at the boat landing and near the dam. Information on purchasing signs for individual properties is available. Respectfully submitted by Lindi Magnuson.

 $\underline{\text{https://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/lakebook/wilakes2009bma.pdf}} \ \ \text{(see pages 84 \& 90) Per Chuck Druckrey, Beecher Lake is} \\$ 36.8 acres and Upper Lake is 21.5 acres.

https://www.boat-ed.com/wisconsin/handbook/page/1/Introduction/ (see page 17)

2018 Annual Beecher Lake District Picnic and Fund Raising

Three ways you can help? #1 Bring guests #2 Donate ticket raffle and auction items

#3 Come create community

Where: Beecher Town Hall

When: Saturday September 1, 2018.

Time: Immediately following the Annual Meeting (12:15 pm tp 2:30 pm)

What To Bring: A dish to pass and an incessant need to buy something!

Picnic will include: 50/50 Raffle, Ticket Gift Raffle and Oral Auction

District will provide: Bottled water, soda, hamburgers, brats, relishes, paper plates, napkins, utensils

Please consider donating raffle and auction items. Donated items are anything we can have a ticket raffle or auction to others at the picnic.....gift certificates, homemade items, gift baskets, services, merchandise.... Also generate interest in picnic attendance to help make the fundraising more successful.

Raffle and auction items can be brought to the town hall the day of the meeting/picnic or dropped off prior to September 1st, at the residence of Marlene and Jim Johnson at N16742 North Lake Road. Feel free to call (281) 387-9198 to confirm someone will be home.



Annual Meeting Agenda

Saturday, September 1, 2018 9:00 AM

Beecher Town Hall

	AGENDA
09:00:00 AM	1. Open Forum –
	Observations Following the Drawdown - Chuck Druckrey, CLM Marinette County Water Resource Specialist
	No Wake Lake Regulations: Findings of the Shoreland Protection Committee – Lindi Magnuson, Chair
10:00-10:05	2. Call to Order
10:05-10:10	3. Pledge of Allegiance
10:10-10:20	4. Approval of Agenda
	Review of the Minutes
10:20-10:50	5. Commissioner Reports
	Chairperson Report
	Secretary Report
	Treasurers Report
	Beecher Town Board Representative
	Marinette County Supervisor Representative
10:50-11:20	6. Committee Reports
	Aquatic Plant Committee
	Audit Committee
	Boundaries Committee
	Communication Committee
	Nominating Committee
	Picnic Committee
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11:20-11:25	7. Unfinished business
11:20-11:50	8. New business
	2018-2019 Budget
	2018-2019 Board of Commissioner Election
11:50-12:00	9. Announcements – Picnic to Follow Annual Meeting
12:00:00 PM	10.Adjournment
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*Note: The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to take agenda items out of order and adjust time frames to facilitate District business. Thank you for your participation.

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