

The Beecher Lake Protection  
and Rehabilitation District

# Beach-Chair News

- August 2009 -

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## Board of Commissioners

Fritz Schmeisser, *Chairman*

Tracy Kupsh, *Treasurer*

Nancy McKenney, *Secretary*

Steve Dill, *Marinette County Board Member*

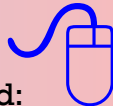
Clancy Whiting, *Beecher Town Board Representative*



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**Beecher & Upper Lake Social Society**

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## Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

- August 30, 2008 -

*Beecher Lake Public Beach  
Beecher, Wisconsin*

### Call to Order

Chairman Fritz Schmeisser, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. There were 54 residents present. Three commissioners were present constituting a quorum. (Nancy McKenney, Secretary, Judy Suidzinski, Treasurer, and Fritz Schmeisser, Chairman)

### Reading of Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Meeting

The May 24, 2008 Board of Commissioners minutes were accepted as read.

### Officers Reports

The Treasurer Report 2007-2008:

Collections and Donations	\$18,883.50
Expenses	14,390.76
Outstanding Checks	2,277.63
Projected ending balance as of 8-30-08	2,215.11
Outstanding Expenses	1,369.00
End of Fiscal Year Forecasted Balance	746.11
(*Report typo: actually \$846.11)	

The Treasurer proposed a January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2009 budget.

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## Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes (cont.)

- August 30, 2008 -

### Committee Reports

#### *Aquatic Plant Committee*

A survey of the aquatic plants was completed. A mapping of the lake showed there were 21 different plants.

Joe Suidzinski, noted that chemical treatment of Eurasian Milfoil did not yield anticipated results. He suggested a more aggressive approach in 2009. He noted that the aquatic plan management plan was not yet completed. He suggested the District apply for a grant in 2009 to assist the District with aquatic plan management.

Residents discussed draw down of the water level as a means to control invasive species. It was suggested that an environmental study be undertaken to determine the affects of that approach. It was noted that mechanical harvesting of weeds was suspended because of the potential spread of Eurasian milfoil.

#### *Fish Stocking Committee*

Roland Kehler noted that fish stocking in 2007 yielded a good population of crappies and bass in 2008. He recommended continuation of the stocking program. A resident requested the fish stocking report from 2007. The report has not been received.

Roland thanked the District residents for continued support for the fish stocking program.

### Unfinished business

None

### New business

#### *2009 Budget Proposal*

The 2009 Budget was passed by voice vote.

#### *Board of Commissioner Election*

Tracy Kupsh was elected as a Board of Commissioner by voice vote.

Four residents volunteered to lead the Picnic Committee:

- 1 Lori Berringer
- 2 Tom Berringer
- 3 Gail Shilling
- 4 Pam Sweet

Chairman Schmeisser announced a Board of Commissioners meeting would be held in January of 2009 to review the Aquatic Plant Management Plan.

### Announcements

Commissioner Nancy McKenney invited residents to develop historical documentation about Beecher Lake. Please contact her if you are interested.

### Adjournment

Chairman Schmeisser adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

## Hi, cottage and cabin owners!

Lori Beringer and Pam Sweet have a request. We are outdoor oil painters and we have been lovingly admiring all of your cottages, cabins, docks, views of the lake, flowers, sunset and sunrise views and we are wondering if we could have permission to paint on your properties during all times of the year? We will have a sign up sheet at the picnic this year and we will need the following information:

- \* Your name/s
- \* Your address at Beecher and home
- \* Your phone number at the lake and home
- \* Your e-mail address so we can send you an image of the finished painting. (We will mail it if you don't have an e-mail address.)

We will also be asking you what we can and cannot paint at your property.

See you at the picnic.

*Lori Beringer and Pam Sweet*



*The Beecher Lake Protection  
and Rehabilitation District*

## Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

- January 23, 2009 -

*Beecher Town Hall  
Beecher, Wisconsin*

### **Call to Order**

Chairman Fritz Schmeisser, called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. There were approximately 35 residents present. Three commissioners were present constituting a quorum. (Nancy McKenney, Secretary, Tracy Kupsh, Treasurer, and Fritz Schmeisser, Chairman)

### **Reading of Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Meeting**

The August 30, 2008 Board of Commissioners minutes were accepted as read.

### **Officers Reports**

None

### **Committee Reports**

#### *Aquatic Plant Committee*

The Aquatic Plant Committee presented an Aquatic Plant Management Plan and Resolution #2 "***Requesting Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Funds for Beecher Lake***". The Committee reiterated that chemical treatment of Eurasian Milfoil in 2008 did not yield anticipated results and a more aggressive approach is required in 2009, 2010, and 2011.

With a Resolution to support the newly completed Aquatic Plant Management Plan the District would be poised to apply for a grant due February 1, 2009 to assist with aquatic plan management. (See "Note" below outlining tasks in the Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Resolution #2 is on file with the Beecher Lake Board of Commission, Secretary.)

The Committee discussed options with residents which included chemical treatment, draw down of the water level or both approaches. Concerns about chemical treatment were addressed by the Committee and Chuck Druckery, Land and Water Conservationist, Marinette County. It was noted that a viable option would be to chemical treat in May of 2009 (earlier than in 2008), and after evaluation of the chemical treatment consider draw down in the late fall of 2009.

The estimated project costs were \$32,040. If successful, the State Lake Planning Grant Share would be 75% (\$24,030), Beecher Lake In-kind Service (\$2,580.00), with a Beecher Lake District Balance of (\$5,430.25).

### ***Fish Stocking Committee***

No report

### **Unfinished business**

None

### **New business**

Pam Sweet moved direct the committee to chemically treat in May 2009 with evaluation and drawdown in the fall or winter of 2009. Motion seconded and approved by voice vote.

Pam Sweet moved to approve Resolution #2 as amended. Motion seconded and approved by voice vote.

There was consensus that signage should indicate no public launching of boats at the public access sites.

Mike Gotstein, Joe Siudzinski and Pam Sweet volunteered to serve on the Audit Committee.

### **Announcements**

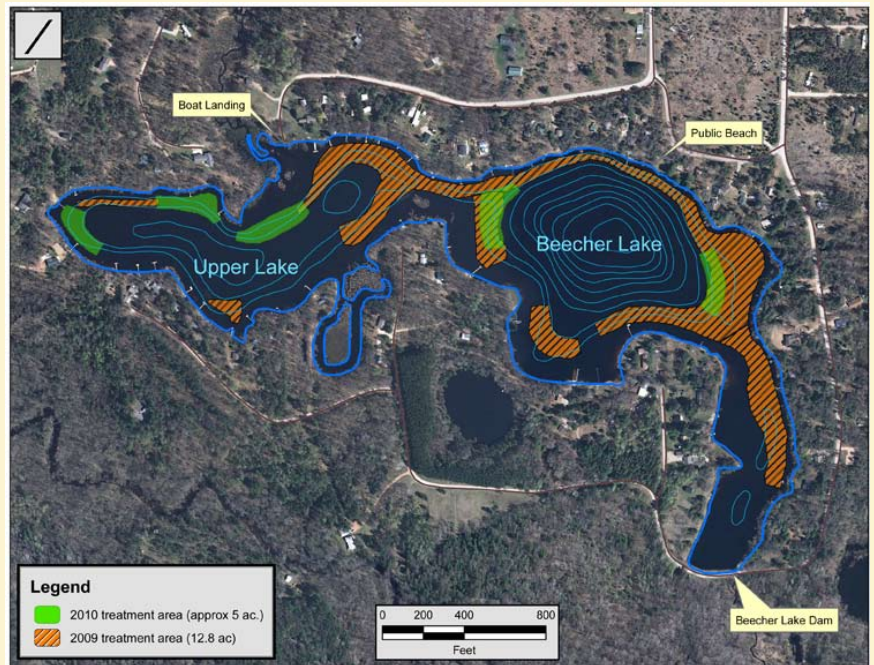
None

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Schmeisser adjourned the meeting at 11:45 AM.

# Aquatic Plant Committee Annual Report

The Aquatic Plant committee is proud to bring you an improved Beecher and Upper Lake Eco-System due to the chemical treatment efforts conducted in June of 07 and May of 08. Some comments concerning the Eurasian Milfoil population from Chuck Druckrey as we conducted our lake observations in July;



- Many of the shallow areas, such as by the dam, EWM was widely scattered or even difficult to find.
- We did see some moderate EWM growth on the deep edge of some of the dense beds. As in Thunder Lake, these areas were on the edge of treatment areas. The plants appear stressed and they are not up to the surface.
- In several areas that were not treated this spring, primarily in Upper Lake, the EWM has expanded significantly since last year. In many of these areas EWM is widespread and topped out but not yet very dense

## Requesting Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Funds For Beecher Lake

WHEREAS, Beecher Lake is important economic and natural resources used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty; and

WHEREAS, Eurasian water milfoil, an invasive aquatic plant, has recently been found growing in Beecher Lake; and

WHEREAS, public use and enjoyment of Beecher Lake is best served by control of Eurasian water milfoil and protection of the lakes from further infestation of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS, the Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District is qualified to carry out the responsibilities of an aquatic invasive species control grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District requests grant funding and assistance available from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources under the "Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Program"; and

HEREBY AUTHORIZES District Chairman Fritz Schmeisser to act on behalf of the Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District:

1. Submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for aquatic invasive species control purposes;
2. Sign documents;
3. Take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete an approved aquatic invasive species control grant; and
4. Submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of project completion date.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District will meet the obligations of the aquatic invasive species control project including timely publication of the results and meet the financial obligations of an aquatic invasive species grant, including prompt payment of our 25% commitment to aquatic invasive species control project costs.

Adopted this 24th day of January 2009

By a majority of a quorum of the Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Secretary, Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

We will sustain this success by following-up with chemical hot-spot treatments in 2010 and future years and begin to work on a detailed step by step pilot "Siphon Draw Down" plans to be conducted in fall of 2010 in order to reduce our reliance on chemical treatments and reduce our long-term costs. The Step by Step Siphon plan will be available at the May of 2010 Board of Commissioner's Meeting. We have also submitted another Grant Application to cover a portion of these costs for the next three years. The success of that effort will not be known until sometime in late September. We ask that you fund the efforts for 2010 at the Annual Meeting regardless of the Grant Application outcome. A full copy of our detailed meeting minutes is available on the Website as well as a copy of the Grant Application.

Jane Devine, Mike Gotstein, Randy Stradal, Doyle Curtis, Joe Siudzinski



# NOTICE

## ***Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District - Board of Commissioner Election – September 5, 2009***

Fritz Schmeisser is completing his term as a Board of Commissioner for Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District. With the formation of a Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, residents elect Board of Commissioners to carry out the day to day operations of the District and make decisions on our behalf.

The Board of Commissioners is made up five individuals: three District residents, one representative of the Town of Beecher Board, and one representative from Marinette County Board. After elections, the Board of Commissioners will meet to determine who will assume the chair, secretary, and treasurer roles. Commissioners meet quarterly to carry out District business.

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

Please contact Nancy McKenney, Secretary BOC, Nomination Committee Member (920-570-2196) or Rodmckenney@aol.com

*Thank you Fritz Schmeisser, for your generous service to our District!*

### ***Moving Forward Together –Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Committees***

Committees are a great way to bring people together to share information and coordinate actions. They provide different points of view and share responsibility for reaching goals.

The Board of Commissioners are working to provide greater organizational clarity so that we all have opportunities to participate in Lake District priority activities. In addition, District committees are a subunit of the District and subject to certain state regulation such as the open meetings laws.

Committees that have convened in the past include: Fish Crib, Shoreland Protection, Budget, Newsletter, Social, Election, Picnic, and Audit, Aquatic Plant. Currently active committees are:

- \* Aquatic Plant Committee
- \* Newsletter Committee.
- \* Audit Committee
- \* Nomination Committee
- \* Picnic Committee

If there are suggestions for a Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Committee the Commissioners will review and approve the formation based on:

- 1) Clear purpose or charge that supports District goals and priorities,
- 2) Proposed budget, and
- 3) Membership.

### **Letter from the Chairman:**

It's the end of my 3 year term as "Chair-Person" on Beecher Lake. It has been very interesting and educational for me.

My Father always said with Bad Luck, there's always Good Luck. Our bad luck was discovering Eurasian Milfoil on our Lake - our Good Luck is that we formed an Aquatic Committee who are conscientious and hard working in controlling the problem and bringing the lake residents together. I wish to thank everyone involved in this endeavor.

Here's looking to the future in beautifying and improving the quality of our lakes.

See you on the water!

*Fritz*



*The Beecher Lake Protection  
and Rehabilitation District*

## Board of Commissioner Meeting Minutes

- Sunday, July 26, 2009 -

McKenney Residence  
N16554 Vinger Lane  
Beecher Lake

### Call to Order

Chairman Fritz Schmeisser, called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

### Attendance

Nancy McKenney, Secretary, Tracy Kupsh, Treasurer, Fritz Schmeisser, Chairman, Steve Dill, Marinette County Board Member, Jane Devine, District Resident and Aquatic Plant Committee member.

### Reading of Minutes from the Board of Commissioners Meeting

Amend the minutes include the Audit Committee: Mike Gotstein, Joe Siudzinski and Pam Sweet. The January 23, 2009 Board of Commissioners minutes were accepted as amended.

### Officers Reports

#### Treasurers Report

Tracy Kupsh indicated that expenses included \$9,000 to Schmidt landscaping for EWM, the balance is \$5,700 as of July 26, 2009. There is an outstanding invoice for \$1369.00.

### Committee Reports

#### Aquatic Plant Committee

The Aquatic Plant Committee presented 1) the January 20, 2009 Committee Meeting Minutes, 2) a proposed 2009-2010 Aquatic Plant Committee budget, and 3) an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control Plan and Grant Application due August 1, 2009 to the Board of Commissioners consideration.

An Aquatic Plant Committee field review evaluated areas that were chemically treated and showed good results for those areas treated. Areas not treated with EWM were continuing to grow. Treatment of Eurasian Milfoil in 2009 yielded anticipated results.

The proposed plan and application includes:

**Task 1** - Conduct early season herbicide treatments

of dense EWM beds using 2, 4-D or other appropriate selective systems herbicide.

**Task 2** - Conduct a winter drawdown of Beecher Lake to demonstrate its feasibility and determine its effectiveness as a EWM control measure (Scheduled for 2010/2011)

**Task 3** - Conduct pre and post treatment evaluation of EWM control areas according to DNR protocol to evaluate the effectiveness of herbicide treatment and modify further management practices.

**Task 4** - Create GIS maps of EWM beds and herbicide treatment areas to accurately guide herbicide application and evaluate changes in the distribution and density of EWM.

**Task 5** - Conduct survey of Beecher Lake to identify the presence or absence of the native milfoil weevil (*Euhrychiopsis lecontei*) and evaluate its potential as a biocontrol agent.

**Task 6** - Enter all EWM pre, and post-treatment monitoring data in an excel spreadsheet and create Geographic Information System (GIS) data layers containing aquatic plant information.

**Task 7** - Prepare a final report detailing EWM management successes and failures and recommending changes to the long range EWM management plan.

**Task 9** - Assist with project management and documentation.

**Task 10** - Assist with plan implementation.

Motion: Nancy McKenney moved the Board of Commissioners support the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Control Plan and Grant Application, seconded by Tracy Kupsh.

Discussion: Commissioners noted that the Aquatic Plant Committee and Mr. Druckrey were very thorough in their planning and proposals. There was concern expressed about the need for drawdown. It was noted that at the January 23, 2009 meeting the Committee discussed options with residents which included chemical treatment, draw down of the water level or both approaches and passed a Resolution in January of 2009 supporting the Aquatic Plant Management Plan. Resolution #2 authorized the District to apply for a grant to assist with aquatic plan management. The February 2009 District application was not funded. (Resolution #2 is on file with the Beecher Lake Board of Commission, Secretary.)

Motion passed.

Chair Schmeisser signed the application form.

### Other Committee Reports

No Other Committee Reports

Commissioners discussed existing committees. Although committees have convened in the past it is unclear which committees currently exist. To provide greater clarity, organization, and provide District residents opportunities to participate, the Commissioners agreed that to be recognized as a District Committee, the Commissioners will review and approve the formation based on: 1) proposed purpose or charge, 2) proposed budget, and 3) membership. (Committees that have convened in the past include: Fish Crib, Aquatic Plant, Shoreland Protection, Budget, Newsletter, Social, Election, Picnic, and Audit.) Nancy McKenney will provide a paragraph for the newsletter. (Committees are a subunit of the Lake District.)

## **Unfinished business**

### ***Public Landing***

At previous meetings there was consensus that signage should indicate no public launching of boats at the public access sites. Boats are being launched by the dam. Residents have looked into posting by the Dam and have found since the road and dam are owned by Town of Beecher we do not have authority to post. Steve Dill suggested requesting an agenda item for Public Access by the dam on the Beecher Town Board. The next meeting is Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup> Beecher Town Hall.

Fritz Schmeisser noticed a silt fence along the road near the dam. He would like information about its purpose to share with the District residents.

Nancy McKenney will notify the Clerk and ask for two agenda items 1) Public Access by the Dam 2) Silt fence along the Road (What is it and why is it there?) One or more Commissioners will attend the meeting.

Commissioners also discussed the status of District members using a private residence property for access to the Lake.

Motion: Nancy McKenney moved that Board of Commissioners appoint a committee to study easement rights for District member access to lake. Motion seconded by Tracy Kupsh.

Motion passed.

## **New business**

### ***Plan agenda for the Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> Annual BOC Meeting***

To address acoustics and facilitate District business, it was agreed that the September 5, 2009 Board of Commissioners meeting will be held at the Beecher Town Hall (if available). The picnic will be held at the Beecher Lake Public Beech or Town Hall as determined by those planning the annual picnic.

The Commissioners discussed the transition from the Beecher Lake Association to The Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District. This

transition created a government entity with a Board of Commissioners as a representative body who make decisions on behalf of residents. It was decided that the Board of Commissioners meeting agenda include an Open Forum from 9:00-10 AM. Residents and guest speakers will be encouraged to use this Forum to bring forward presentations, comments, suggestions, and concerns related to the Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District that are of interest to residents and inform the Commissioners.

### ***Consider budget request from Aquatic Plant Committee***

Treasurer Kupsh presented the following draft budget:

1. Aquatic Plant Committee – \$8,300.00
2. Reserve Fund – none
3. Newsletter – \$250.00
4. Notice of Meetings - \$100.00
5. Insurance Premiums - \$200.00
6. Gypsy Moth Spray – pending consultation with Marinette County

Motion: Nancy McKenney moved the proposed budget be for consideration at the September 5, 2009 Board of Commissioners meeting, seconded by Tracy Kupsh.

Discussion: Tracy Kupsh will review previous treasurer reports and contact Marinette County to ascertain the need and anticipated budgetary expenses for Gypsy Moth Spray.

It was noted that the budgets may be amended at the September 5, 2009 meeting.

Motion Passed

Fritz Schmeisser's term is ending. At the September 5, 2009 meeting residents will elect a new Commissioner. In accordance with the Bylaws, after the meeting the Commissioners will decide who will assume the Chair, Secretary and Treasurer position. The five-member Board includes a representative from the Marinette County Board, the Beecher Township and three Beecher Lake residents.

Motion: Nancy McKenney moved that the District form a five member nomination committee for the purpose of seeking Commissioner nominees and facilitating the election process. (no budgetary impact) Motion seconded by Tracy Kupsh.

Discussion: An announcement seeking nominations for a Board of Commissioner should be placed in the newsletter.

Motion passed.

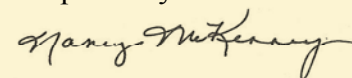
## **Announcements**

None

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted:





# Public Meeting Notice:

## The Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District: Board of Commissioners Meeting

Beecher Town Hall

### Agenda:

Saturday, September 5, 2009 - 9:00 AM - NOON

9:00	1. Call to Order	11:00 – 11:20	6. Unfinished business •1 Public Access at the Dam •2 Silt Fence
9:05	2. Open Forum •1 Residents •2 Guest Speaker	11:20 – 11:50	7. New business •1 2010 Budget •2 Board of Commissioner Election -Nominations -Election
10:05 – 10:15	3. Reading of Minutes from 07/26/09 Board of Commissioners Meeting	11:50 - Noon	8. Announcements •1 Proposed Board of Commissioners meeting dates 2009-2010 •2 Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Picnic at the Public Beach anytime after noon.
10:15 – 10:30	4. Officers Reports •1 Treasurers Report	Noon	9. Adjournment
10:30 – 11:00	5. Committee Reports •2 Aquatic Plant Committee •3 Nomination Committee (new) •4 District Lake Access Committee (new)		

## Annual Picnic

**Time:** Anytime after noon

**Place:** Public Beach

**Food:** Bring a dish to pass, your own chairs, plates and eating utensils.

**Auction:** Please bring a donation for the "silent" and "loud" auction. Consider re-gifting gently used items. Be creative! Here are some ideas for our auction: hand crafted items, gourmet meals, fishing expeditions, moon-light pontoon boat rides, come to my garden to share a perennial plant.

For auction items contact: Lori Beringer at 920-892-7436 or tberinger1@wi.rr.com

For the past four years, our organization has collected non-perishable food items at the annual meeting and donated the items to local food pantries in Town of Amberg and in 2008, a food pantry in the Village of Niagara. As many of us spend much time pursuing recreational activities in the area, we sometimes are not able to see the need for living basics and poverty that exists around us. Donating these items helps in some small way to support the efforts of the people in the community making a difference in the lives of others.

Please continue to contribute this year to this effort and think about volunteering to lead a new effort I feel the organization should be involved in. I believe there should be a Community Social Conscience portion to our organization. A group of people dedicated to one project per year outside of lake or habitat improvement but rather focuses on helping people in Town of Beecher and surrounding area. Like anything worth doing, it takes planning, leadership, and just an overriding will to get things done, so think about volunteering to be that enabler of change and please remember to bring your non-perishables to the Annual Meeting on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Joe Siudzinski**