



Beach-Chair News

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Annual Meeting Minutes

- September 5, 2009 -

Beecher Town Hall

Beecher, Wisconsin

Call to Order

Chairman Fritz Schmeisser, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance:

32 District property owners and 4 Commissioners Nancy McKenney, Secretary, Tracy Kupsh, Treasurer, Fritz Schmeisser, Chair Person, Clancy Whiting, Town of Beecher Representative were present. Robert Ruleau, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator for Marinette County was present.

Open Forum

Property Owners Thomas and Nancy Zernia petitioned the Board of Commissioners (letter dated August 4, 2009) to detach from the Lake District. They noted the following:

- 1 They cannot see any part of the lake on their property.
- 2 They cannot launch a boat from their property.
- 3 They provided a revised map of their location and invited Board of Commissioners to visit their property.



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It was noted that the previous property owners had petitioned the Beecher Lake District and that petition was denied.

Guest Speaker – Robert Ruleau, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator
1926 Hall Avenue
Marinette WI 54143-1717
Phone 715-732-7642

Robert recently joined the Land & Water Conservation Division as the new Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) in our lakes and waterways. His duties include investigating AIS infestations, assisting and educating the public about AIS issues, coordinating volunteers and conducting trainings for the *Clean Boats, Clean Waters* program, writing grants for AIS related projects, and collecting & researching AIS data.

Robert provided a power point presentation: He indicated there were concerns beyond EWM – AIS Plants, animals, viruses and that the goal is to prevent new introductions and prevent the spread of EWM, clean boat, clean waters, citizens monitoring – LWCD or WDNR significant changes in Lake characteristics.

Robert encouraged District property owners to get involved with their lake district to promote clean boats, clean waters, and engage in citizen monitoring by informing Marinette County.

Question: What about harvesting encroaching weeds in the future?

Answer: Robert advised getting EWM under control before weed harvesting.

Question: If we draw down lake levels can we remove weeds and muck?

Answer: A draw down should help with all weeds. Permits will be needed beyond manual removal.

Reading of Minutes from the July 26, 2009 Board of Commissioners Meeting

Betty Hensel moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes since they were published in the annual newsletter
Marcia Miracle seconded the motion.
Motion Passed

Officers Reports

Treasurers Report

Tracy Kupsch submitted a Treasurer Report and proposed budget.
Joe Siudzinski, Pam Sweet, Mike Gotstein comprise the Audit Committee.

Glenn Schilling moved to accept the Treasurer Report.
Marcia Miracle seconded the motion.
Motion Passed

Committee Reports

Aquatic Plant Committee

The Aquatic Plant Committee submitted a written and oral report describing the grant that was submitted on behalf of the Lake District for Eurasian Milfoil Control. Glen Schilling asked if \$8,000 in reserves would be enough to cover the expenses if the grant was denied. Joe Siudzinski indicated that he thought it would be enough, but that he had a good feeling the grant would be funded. Concern was expressed about preserving the integrity of the dam. It is 40 years old.

Glenn Schilling moved to authorize the Aquatic Plant Committee to spend funds, if necessary to complete necessary EMC tasks.

The motion was seconded by Betty Hensel.
The motion Passed.

Other Committee Reports

Nominating Committee presented Phil Sweet as nominee as Board of Commissioner.

The following message from Phil Sweet was read to the District:

"Pam and I are fulltime residents at Beecher Lake. We moved here 3 years ago from West Bend. I am a Regional Sale Manager for ACCEL/Exchange Network part of Fiserv (Brookfield WI) and work from home. Pam is a fulltime artist and has her studio next to our cottage. I like to hunt/fish and am a runner which is very enjoyable on the back roads around here. We have two grown sons that live in the Detroit area and wish they were closer. We think Beecher is a beautiful unique location and want to ensure its future."

Old Business

Public Access by the Dam and Silt fence along the Road

Chair person Schmeisser attended the Beecher County Board meeting to request assistance with the public access by the dam and also inquired about the silt fence. He and Clancy Whiting noted that every 10 years dam the roads need to be inspected along with dam analysis and that the slope must be at a particular grade level. The Town Board was notified of difficulty with boat launching at the dam.

Nancy McKenney moved that the District work with the Town Board to bring boulders into the Dam access, post a notice that there is EWM, post no parking, and no boat launching. Seconded by Jane Devine.

Discussion:

The area by the dam is dangerous because vehicles are parking by the road.

Clancy recommended prohibition of parking.

It was noted that it is Town right-of-way

Motion Passed

New Business

2010 Budget

McKenney moved to approve the 2010 budget as proposed, seconded by Glenn Schilling

Discussion:

There is a perception that the picnic and auction provide funds for fish stocking.

Marcia Miracle noted that there were good committees in the past, such as fish stocking.

The reason they used the picnic and auction to fund the Fish Stocking Committee is that District property owners did not want their tax funding to go into the fish stocking. The picnic and auction were started specifically for that purpose. It was suggested a Shoreland Protection Committee be formed. It was suggested that a Fish Stocking Committee be formed. It was noted that the Board of Commissioners at the July 2009 meeting request that proposed Committees submit a purpose or charge, budget, and membership to the BOC for approval. District property owners interested in forming committees are encouraged to submit a proposal for consideration by the BOC. This would provide information to develop budgets and formally recognize committees.

Motion Passed

Board of Commissioner Election

Phil Sweet as presented as a Board of Commissioner nominee.

A call for nominations from the floor was made three times.

Glenn Schilling moved to elect Phil Sweet by unanimous ballot.

Motion passed.

Announcements

District property owners thanked Fritz Schmeisser for his years of service as a Board of Commissioner.

Betty Henzel reminded those in attendance that ATVs, golf carts and four wheelers are to be used on property only not on the road. There were questions about what the regulations are related to the vehicles.

There was a recommendation to include this on an upcoming agenda and determine the regulations.

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It was recommended that the budget attached to the minutes for reference.

Adjournment

Glenn Schilling moved to adjourn the meeting.

Doris Magnuson seconded the motion.

The motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at

Joe Siudzinski expressed his appreciation for the meeting and asked that people continue to support the location and format.

Respectfully Submitted:



For the past five years, The District has collected non-perishable food items at the annual meeting and donated the items to local food pantries in Marinette County. 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 contributes in some small way to support the efforts of the people in the community making a difference in the lives of others. Please remember to bring your non-perishables to the Annual Meeting on September 4th. Thanks your help and support.

Joe Siudzinski

Hi, cottage and cabin owners!



Lake Artists Lori Beringer and Pamela Sweet will have our directory at the picnic again this year. We hope we can add your lake property to the others who have given us permission to paint the wonderful scenes around our lake. Look for the pink "Art Springs Forth"

directory notebook on the auction table at the picnic. We will send e-mail images of the completed paintings so don't forget to include your e-mail address in the directory.

Lori Beringer and Pam Sweet



Beecher and Upper Lake Drawdown Progress Report

submitted by Joe Siudzinski

The “Big Suck Team” is working according to our three year Approved State of Wisconsin Cost-Share Grant. In May of 2010, our contractor successfully treated 6 acres of Eurasian Milfoil as compared to treatment of 13 acres in 2009. August 7th, we conducted a successful pilot test of the siphon technique in the dam head. Additional material purchase, siphon construction, and setup of the siphons at the Dam on September 11th will be our next tasks. Based upon a full headwater, we anticipate the siphons will take an estimated 35 days to drawdown the lakes to required levels. From that point in time, we will use a pump/generator system to maintain the drawdown level until freeze-up. A hard freeze with limited early snowfall are conditions that will allow us to be most successful with milfoil control. As the lakes are drawdown, The Town of Beecher plans to execute a boat landing improvement project. What can you do to help in these activities? “Observe and Watchdog” the siphons for proper functioning and both work-sites for proper behavior by the public and continue to support your Lake District as you have done in the past both financially and with your skills and time.



2011 committee work will consist of monitoring the lakes for 2010 project results and putting together a cost estimate and timeline for long-term dam modifications to perform a drawdown mechanically and eliminate some of the chemical treatment of Eurasian Milfoil in future years. As always, we would like to thank Chuck Druckrey and Marinette County Land and Water Conservation Department along with Greg Sevener of the WDNR for use of their resources, skills, and creativity helping in drive the “The Big Suck Team” to long-term value creation through the use of natural weather processes at attain results.

Jane Devine, Mike Gotstein, Doyle Curtis,
Joe Siudzinski

If there are questions about the permits and directions for muck and debris removal during the lake drawdown, please visit <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/> or contact:

**Robert Rosenberger, Wisconsin DNR
Water Management Specialist
robert.rosenberger@wisconsin.gov**





Message from the Chair 2010

Dear District Property Owner:

On behalf of the Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners I want to thank you for your support and participation during this past year. Your participation at the 2009 Annual meeting set the course for the District and guided the work of the Commissioners and Committees throughout the year. The Annual meeting is convened for District property owners to voice opinions, provide guidance, and vote on key issues including the budget and election new Commissioners. Please plan to attend the Annual District meeting on September 4, 2010, at the Beecher Town Hall from 9:00 – Noon, to set the course for 2011. The Beecher Lake Picnic will follow at the Beecher Lake Public Beach.

As the final year of my 3-year term winds down, I'd like to express my appreciation to the following 2010 Board of Commissioners for their dedication and commitment: Steve Dill, Marinette County Representative, Clancy Whiting, Beecher Town Board Representative, and District-elected officials: Tracy Kupsh, Treasurer, who is in her 2nd year of a 3-year term and Phil Sweet, Secretary, who is in his 1st year of a 3-year term. In addition to day-to-day operations, the Board has concentrated on organizational development, which included a Board of Commissioners orientation and development of an Officer and Committee Roles and Responsibilities document.

I'd also like to recognize and thank the Beecher Lake Newsletter Editors and Committees. Helen and Doyle Curtis have published the annual newsletter (Beach Chair News) for many years and this year they have also assisted with special mailings. Doyle Curtis has designed and contributed a masthead to the Beecher and Upper Lake District, giving our correspondence a professional look of distinction. The Picnic Committee, led by Lori and Tom Beringer and Pam Sweet are busy making arrangements for the Beecher and Upper Lake District Picnic, and everyone appreciates their efforts to provide a fun time to socialize and raise funds for District projects. The Audit Committee, Joe Siudzinski, Mike Gotstein, and Penny Albers are reviewing the financial reports for the District. The Aquatic Plant Committee, Jane Devine, Mike Gotstein, Randy Stradal, and Doyle Curtis, are working in cooperation with Chuck Druckrey, CLM, Marinette County Water Resource Specialist to evaluate the spring 2010 chemical treatment and implement the fall 2010 draw-down of the lake water to control Eurasian Milfoil. They have secured a grant for the District from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, (October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011). The total project cost is \$30,088.00. The grant will fund \$22,522.00 and the District share is \$7,522.00 in donated labor and equipment. All of these members continue to provide valuable in-kind services to our District to assure good communication, adequate financial resources, and a healthy aquatic environment for the District.

The District is also benefiting from resources provided by the Town of Beecher, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Marinette County, and the University of Wisconsin Extension. As mentioned previously, in addition to Chuck Druckrey's dedication and expertise, the Town of Beecher reserves the Town Hall for our meetings, provided no boat launch signage by the dam, and are sharing plans to improve the public boat landing during the draw down. Greg Kornely, WI DNR conducted a fish survey on Beecher Lake in May of 2010. As reported by Gregory Sevenor, Greg Kornely (now retired) was impressed with the decreased amount of Eurasian Milfoil and felt the population of fish looked good. A full report will be available in the spring of 2011. Robert Rosenberger, Water Management Specialist, WI DNR, described methods of removal of debris and the permitting process at our Special Meeting on May 1, 2010. At the request of District property owners, Scott Reuss, UW-Extension Horticulture/Agriculture Agent, Marinette County has agreed to attend the September 4, 2010 Annual District meeting to discuss "Terrestrial Invasive Species with a Special Emphasis on Oak Wilt and Gypsy Moths".

Please join me in thanking these individuals and agency partners as they continue to serve the Beecher and Upper Lake District admirably. They generously contribute their expertise to advance our goals in accordance with your direction. It has been my privilege to serve with them. If you have a desire to join a Committee or serve as a Board of Commissioner, please contact any of the Board Commissioners or Committee members.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual District meeting.

Sincerely,

Nancy McKenney

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



Annual Picnic

When: Saturday, September 4, 2010 -- Anytime after noon

Details: Bring a dish to pass, your own chairs, plates and eating utensils and of course lots of spending money.



Time seems to fly during the summer so it will be time for the annual picnic soon! Our annual picnic is a time to share stories, enjoy each others company, eat the great grilled meats and pot luck offerings, (and of course those fabulous desserts) and bid on the auction items that are available to buy. Speaking of auction items have you decided on what you will be bringing to the picnic? (Drop off your items at the Sweet's cottage at N16763 Beach Rd. - 414-732-9355 - if you can't attend the picnic ----- but we will miss you!) Everyone enjoys the slightly loved, handmade or new items that you bring for the auction. Can we count on you again this year to bring something fabulous?

Reminder: The annual meeting is at the Town Hall BEFORE the picnic, please drop your items at the picnic grounds (this is the park area across from the swimming beach on Beach Road) before the meeting so we can get everything ready for the auction.

Thanks. Pam Sweet

Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Association August 2010 Treasurer's Report

| | | Dollar Amount | |
|--|----------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| Income Summary | | | |
| Start Balance | September 2009 | (per 8/11/2009 bank statement) | \$5,749.94 |
| | | Labor Day Picnic Fundraiser | \$1,663.00 |
| | | Town of Beecher Tax Collections 2008 (Complete) | \$133.54 |
| | | Town of Beecher Tax Collections 2009 | \$10,914.97 |
| Total Income | | | \$12,891.51 |
| Expenditure Summary | | | |
| | | Aquatic Committee (Permitting Fees, DEM Spans, Marquette County) | (\$1,811.34) |
| | | Office Supplies | (\$187.60) |
| | | Advertising | (\$17.60) |
| | | Insurance - Vincent Group | (\$177.00) |
| Total Expense | | | (\$2,293.54) |
| Current Funds On Hand | | | \$6,408.11 |
| 2010 Forecasted Activity | | | |
| Income | | | |
| | Remaining Income from 2009 Taxes | | \$325.82 |
| Expenses | | | |
| | Office Supplies | | (\$200.00) |
| Estimated 2010 Year End Balance | | | \$6,533.93 |
| Reserves | | | |
| | Aquatic Committee Reserve | | (\$3,413.00) |
| | Habitat Improvement Reserve | | (\$1,000.00) |
| | Attorney Fees - Easement Reserve | | (\$500.00) |
| | Gypsy Moth Reserve | | (\$1,000.00) |
| | Total Reserves (1) | | (\$5,913.00) |

(1) Reserve funds can not be spent without a BOC approved committee plan & budget

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Kupsh
Treasurer - Beecher and Upper Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Association

* Data has not been audited by Beecher Lake Audit Committee

Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Association 2011 Proposed Budget

| | 2011 Estimate | 2011 Estimated Assessment |
|--|------------------|------------------------------|
| Aquatic Plant Control | \$7,837 | |
| Gypsy Moth Reserve | \$2,000 | |
| Habitat Improvement Reserve | \$1,000 | |
| Legal Fees | \$500 | |
| Newsletter & Meeting Notice Expense | \$400 | |
| Picnic Costs | \$400 | |
| Insurance Premiums - Liability Insurance/Vincent Group | \$400 | |
| 2011 Estimated Operating Costs | \$12,537 | |
| Estimated 2010 Year End Balance less Reserves | \$621 | |
| Picnic Fundraiser/Donations (estimate 75% of 2010) | \$1,247 | |
| 2010 Carry forward | \$1,868 | |
| Net Funds Required | \$10,669 | |
| 2011 Funds Required | | \$10,669 |
| Assessed Units | | 68 |
| Estimated Tax Assessment per Unit | | \$157 |

| Reserve Funds * | Reserve | Proposed 2011 | Total Proposed Reserves |
|--|---------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Aquatic Committee 2010 Expense and reserve | \$3,413 | \$7,837 | \$11,250 |
| Gypsy Moth Reserve | \$1,000 | \$2,000 | \$3,000 |
| Attorney Fees - Easement Reserve | \$500 | \$500 | \$1,000 |
| Habitat Improvement/Fish Stocking Reserve | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$2,000 |
| | \$5,913 | \$11,337 | \$17,250 |

* 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.



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www.marinettecounty.com

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

Beecher Town Hall

Saturday, September 4, 2010 - 9:00 AM - NOON

| AGENDA | |
|---------------|--|
| 9:00 | Welcome and Open Forum A. District Property Owners B. Guest:: Scott Reuss, UW-Extension Horticulture/Agriculture Agent, Marinette County Terrestrial Invasive Species Discussion - with a special emphasis on Oak Wilt and Gypsy Moth |
| 10:10 | 1. Call to Order |
| 10:10-10:15 | 2. Approval of Agenda |
| 10:15 – 10:25 | 3. Reading of Minutes •1 September 5, 2009 Annual Lake District and Board of Commissioners Meeting |
| 10:25-10:55 | 4. Commissioner Reports •1 Chairman Report •2 Secretary Report •3 Treasurers Report •4 Beecher Town Board Representative •5 Marinette County Supervisor Representative |
| 10:55-11:15 | 5. Committee Reports •6 Aquatic Plant Committee •7 Nomination Committee |
| 11:15 – 11:35 | 6. Unfinished business •8 Easement •9 Fish Netting Survey – Results will be presented by the WDNR in Spring 2011 •10 Beecher Lake Insurance Information •11 Gypsy Moth Suppression Program |
| 11:35-11:55 | 7. New business •12 2011 Budget •13 Board of Commissioners Election |
| 11:55-Noon | 8. Announcements •1 Next Meeting November 6, 2010 at the Beecher Town Hall •2 Picnic at the Beecher Lake Public Beach |
| Noon | 10. Adjournment |

**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.