

# Beach-Chair News *August 2015*

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

## Annual Meeting

- August 30, 2014 -  
Beecher Town Hall  
Beecher, Wisconsin

### - Open Forum-

- Joe Siudzinski opened the meeting by introducing the guests: Chuck Druckrey and Brenda Nordin.
- Joe Siudzinski handed the meeting over to Chuck Druckrey and Brenda Nordin; Brenda Nordin provided a review of the past history treatment and results.
- Chuck Druckrey then provided a review of the 2014 treatment and results; in summary, positive results initially, but then aggressive growth post-July, resulting in no real year-over-year progress.
- Discussion continued with input from the Lake District members Discussion moved to the Grant Application and current status; currently declined with plans to reapply.
- There was reference to competition with other larger lakes for grant money; Benda Nordin shared that the size and access points of Beecher Lake make it less impactful because it is less likely to spread to other lakes

### - Moved to Annual Meeting Agenda -

Nancy McKenney called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

### - Order of Meeting; Nancy McKenney requested a change to the order of one item in the meeting: -

Joe Siudzinski proceeded to awarded Chuck Druckrey the Good Friends are Devine award for his work with the Lake District. The District acknowledged the work Chuck has done above and beyond through the time he has spent educating and helping Beecher Lake to deal with the Eurasian Milfoil issue for the last several years.

### - Approval of Agenda -

Nancy McKenney reviewed the agenda. Gene Wickman made a motion to approve as read, and Marcia Miracle seconded; all in favor.

### - Reading of Minutes -

Nancy McKenney suggested approval of the 2013 Annual Meeting minutes as written in the Beach Chair News. Glen Schilling made a motion to approve the minutes as written, and Bill Holtz seconded; all in favor. The minutes were not read as agreed by meeting participants.

### - Commissioner Reports -

#### Chairperson:

Nancy McKenney covered the following:

- Shared information that the dredging permit was extended.
- Nancy McKenney recognized the other Board members for their contribution.

#### Secretary Report:

Judy Siudzinski, Secretary, represented nothing to report.

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Reviewed 2014 Budget as of August, 2014; reported 2013 start at \$30,596.07, after income expenses, July 2014 year-end balance of \$31,019.49.
- Reviewed the proposed 2015 budget; largest planned funding was \$9,500 to Aquatic Plant Control and \$1,200 to insurance premiums.
- Bill Holtz moved to approve the budget as presented, and Fritz Schmeister seconded, all were in favor.

#### Beecher Township:

Beecher Town Supervisor, John Keeley had nothing to report. Clancy Whiting discussed expected updates to the Impervious Surface Rules. Does not impact existing dwelling, but could impact new construction. The Impervious Surface Rules regulate building parameters to monitor run off impact.

### - Committee Reports -

#### Aquatic Plant Committee:

Joe Siudzinski updated the group on the next steps in the revised grant application for resubmission in February. There was clarification on whether there was a plan to treat next year. Joe Siudzinski recommended that 2015 treatment would not support grant application and should not be pursued.

#### Boundary Committee:

No update

#### Nominations Committee:

Nancy McKenney shared that Tracy Kupsh's role was up for nominations. She explained how the specific board role assignment worked (Secretary, Treasurer, Chair), and she clarified that role assignment was flexible and established once elected party was in office.

### - Unfinished Business -

#### Shoreline Committee:

Marcia Miracle provided update that she is currently committee of one. Provided need for focus on matters such as Oak Wilt.

#### Fish Habitat Committee:

Nancy McKenney reiterated that this committee had not been formed because of lack of volunteers. She suggested that any interest for volunteers be communicated to a Board of Commissioners.

### - New Business -

Nancy McKenney moved to consideration of the changes to the grant application. Ballots were distributed one to each property owner for voting. Nancy McKenney read the ballot as published. Nancy McKenney opened up the floor for questions. There was discussion around the impact of decreased water levels on the lake fish. Thoughts were shared, but no definition conclusion. There was a question about the flow of the water after the dredging. Chuck Druckrey felt it would not have an impact on the flow of the lake once the lake was returned to original levels.



Annual Meeting (continued)

**- Board of Commissioners Election: -**

Nancy McKenney asked for interest to fill the pending vacancy on the Lake Board of Commissioners. Nominations were called from the floor three (3) times. Rod McKenney nominated Tracy Kupsh for the Board of Commissioners, Marcia Miracle seconded the nomination. Tracy Kupsh accepted.

**- Results of the Consideration to Changes of the Grant Application: -**

Ballots were tallied - resulting in 22 votes, all in favor, of the adjusted grant application.

Nancy McKenney moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:57am, Glen Shilling seconded.

*Respectfully submitted, Judy Siudzinski, Secretary*



**Welcome to the Lake!**

Bob and Kris Schaeffer from Fond Du Lac, who bought the cottage 'On Golden Pond' next door to the public beach.

**BEECHER LAKE BIGGEST FISH CONTEST**

Catch your fish on Beecher or Upper Lakes on September 5, 2015

Register, weigh, and measure your fish at 6:00 pm Saturday, September 5 at the public beach area.



**2015 Annual Beecher Lake District Picnic and Fund Raising**

*Join Your Neighbors and - Feel Free to Bring Your Visiting Lake Guests!*

**Where:** Beecher Town Hall

**When:** Saturday September 5, 2015.

**Time:** Immediately following the Annual Meeting (12:15pm to 2:30pm);

**What To Bring:** A dish to pass

**Picnic will include:** 50/50 and other raffles, games, fishing contest

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

How can you help: Please consider donating raffle items –auction items can be dropped off at the residence of Marlene and James Johnson at N16742 North Lake Road. Feel free to call (231) 387-9198 to confirm someone will be home. Also generate interest in picnic attendance to help make the fundraising more successful. And, last, help is always appreciated (setup, grilling, selling tickets at picnic, etc.) reach out to Penny Albers at 920-265-5896

\* Donated raffle items are anything we can auction to others at the picnic.....gift certificates, home made items, services, merchandise.... also remember one persons junk may be another persons treasure!



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# Call for Nominations

## *Beecher and Upper Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioner*

Judy Siudzinski is completing the last year of her three-year term. We are grateful for her dedication and willingness to serve.

Are you or someone you know interested in serving as a Board of Commissioner for the District? Please contact us if you would like to nominate a candidate for the Board of Commissioner election: Tracy Kupsh, Nancy McKenney, or Judy Siudzinski.

### **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 2015-16 meetings being held?**

#### **2015-2016 Meeting Dates**

November 7, 2015	BOC
January 23, 2016	BOC
April 16, 2016	BOC
July 16, 2016	BOC
September 3, 2016	District Annual Meeting

Please contact us if you would like to nominate a candidate for the Board of Commissioner election:  
Tracy Kupsh  
kupshs@gmail.com 920-660-0918

\*Dates have been reserved for the Beecher Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. – Noon unless noted.

## Aquatic Plant Committee Committee Report to Board of Commissioners



Committee Members:

Mike Gotstein, Joe Siudzinski, Doyle Curtis, Roger Kupsh

### **Greetings Lake District Stakeholders:**

Just wanted to let everyone know that the plan is to start the lake siphoning on Saturday August 29th. All are welcome to meet at the dam that morning to help set up the siphons. If it goes like last time, 3 years ago, the lake level slowly dropped for the first week and quicker after that. It should give us enough time to enjoy our boats through the Labor Day weekend. The DNR permit allows us to drain the lake until the end of September so that the reptiles will have plenty of time to situate themselves to the new water levels. If all goes as planned, then the dam modification and the dredging will take place over the winter.

Submitted by **Mike Gotstein**



Beecher Lake Dam spillway and culverts under Dam Road (view from north side of dam looking south).

Detailed Dredging and Dam modification information is available on the Beecher & Upper Lake District website.

[www.beecherupperlakes.com](http://www.beecherupperlakes.com)





# Message from the Chair 2015

**Dear District Property Owner:**

On behalf of the Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners thank you for supporting and guiding us at the last year's Annual meeting. The District Board of Commissioners and Committees are working hard to carry out your directives.

To carry out the day to day operations of the District, there are five commissioners: John Keeley, Supervisor, Town of Beecher, Clancy Whiting and Marinette County Board representative; Beecher Lake District property owners: Tracy Kupsh, Treasurer, who is completing her 1st year of a 3-year term, Judy Siudzinski, Secretary, who is completing her 3rd year of 3-year term and me, completing the 2st year of my third 3-year term.

As District property owners the Annual Meeting provides you with an opportunity to weigh in and advance important issues, provide guidance, vote on the budget, and elect new Commissioners. Please plan to attend the Annual District meeting on September 5, at the Beecher Town Hall from 9:00 am – Noon. This is an important meeting.

The Board of Commissioners convened quarterly during 2014 and 2015 to monitor and manage the budget, insurance, support committees, re-submit an application for an Aquatic Invasive Species grant to control Eurasian Milfoil, and prepare for our Annual Meeting. Highlights from the 2014-2015 Board of Commissioners and Committees included:

- 1) Receiving the Aquatic Invasive Species grant award from the Wisconsin DNR.
- 2) Receiving approval and permits from the Army Corp of Engineers to dredge the channel leading to the dam, effective through 2016 (to enable a successful draw down).
- 3) Initiating a bid process to contract for services related to the dam modifications and dredging.
- 4) Attending the Wisconsin Association of Lakes Annual Convention in Steven's Point.

In the past, our attempts to draw down lake levels to freeze out the Eurasian Milfoil (EWM) were met with limited success. This was due to several factors including extensive muck and debris that prohibited the flow of water from the main lake to the dam. This newly funded grant project will:

- Modify the dam by installing a drain pipe and shut-off valve to:
- Speed up water level changes.
- Simplify the draw down process.
- Allow the draw down to be maintained through winter.
- Dredge a channel from the main lake to the dam to:
- Drain another 2.5 feet of water from Beecher and Upper Lakes.
- Selectively use herbicides and county-owned hydraulic harvester on isolated plants.
- Complete annual surveys to evaluate the effectiveness of management practices.

In 2014, the District passed a resolution to increase the District match from 25% to 50% (Requesting Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Funds). Your action at the Annual meeting made our grant application more competitive and successful.

As we discussed, of the 50% District match, in-kind (equipment and sweat equity) can be used toward the match, Marinette County is contributing funds, and the remaining match will come from the District. We have reserve funds; however we will need your guidance on how to pay off the remaining portion of project.

There are two options that will be presented to you by the Board of Commissioners:

- Plan A: \$187.50 assessment in 2016 with similar assessments for the next 3-4 years to fully pay off the expected grant obligations; no funding for additional projects will be considered during this timeline until the grant obligations are met.
- Plan B: \$545.90 assessment in 2016 to immediately collect funds up-front to fully pay off the expected grant obligations (represents an additional \$358.31 over the 2016 assessment).

Joe Siudzinski, Chair, Aquatic Plant Committee will be attending the September 3, 2015 Annual meeting Open Forum at 9:00 am to discuss project activities and timelines. During the meeting Tracy Kupsh, Treasurer, will discuss the proposed budget options to help you make decisions.

The Shoreline Protection Committee (monitor and address invasive plants and insects, including gypsy moths) and Habitat/Fish Committee were authorized during the 2012 Annual Meeting. Please contact me or other Board of Commissioners if you are interested in leading the development of these committees (recruiting members, developing a charge or purpose, and a budget).

The District has many dedicated members on the Board of Commissioners and Committees. We continue to benefit from resources provided by volunteer efforts of the Aquatic Plant Committee, the Town of Beecher, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Marinette County. Beecher Township meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Please let any Board of Commissioner know if you would be willing to attend the meetings.

Thank you, Helen and Doyle Curtis, for publishing the annual newsletter (Beach Chair News). It is a pleasure to serve along these dedicated individuals.

We are seeking nominations for the 3rd "Good Friends are Devine Award" this year. If you have a nominee, please contact one of the Board of Commissioners prior to September 2. 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. The Board of Commissioners looks forward to seeing you on September 5, 2015.

Sincerely,

*Nancy McKenney*

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

**Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Association**

**August 2015**

**Treasurer's Report**

	August 2015 Dollar Amount	2014 Dollar Amount
<b>Income Summary</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b> (per statement as of July 31, 2015)	<b>\$38,963.16</b>	<b>\$31,019.49</b>
Labor Day Picnic	\$1,134.00	148.00
Tax Collection	\$11,456.53	11,291.74
WDNR Grant Payment	\$22,566.00	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$35,156.53</b>	<b>\$11,439.74</b>
<b>Expenditure Summary</b>		
Printing/Supplies/Web Site	(\$225.79)	(\$264.50)
Picnic Expense	(\$217.69)	(408.07)
Storage Unit	(\$420.00)	(\$420.00)
Casualty Insurance	(\$1,158.00)	(\$1,071.00)
Aquatic Committee (Permit & treatment)	(\$14,635.55)	(1,332.50)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>(\$16,657.03)</b>	<b>(3,496.07)</b>
<b>Current Funds On Hand</b> (ties to bank statement)	<b>\$57,462.66</b>	<b>\$38,963.16</b>

2015 Forecasted Activity

Income	\$547.15
Outstanding Taxes -2011 (1/2yr), 2012, 2013, & 2014)	\$547.15
Expenditures	\$0.00
<b>Total Short Term Forecasted Activity</b>	<b>\$547.15</b>

	2015 Reserve	2014 Reserve
<b>Reserve Funds *</b>		
Aquatic Committee Expense and Spillway Reserve **	\$48,500	\$39,000
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain - Gypsy Moth, Invasive Plants, etc..)	\$7,000	\$7,000
Boundaries Committee **	\$0	\$0
Habitat/Fish Improvement	\$0	\$0
Attorney Fees	\$1,000	\$1,000
	<b>\$56,500</b>	<b>\$47,000</b>

\* 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Kupsh

Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

2016 Proposed Budget

	Line of Credit & Loan 2016 Proposed Plan A		Incremental \$/Assessment	Line of Credit - No Loan 2016 Proposed Plan B		2015 Budget
Aquatic Plant Control	\$10,000			\$37,000		\$9,500
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain)	\$0			\$0		\$0
Habitat Improvement	\$0			\$0		\$0
Legal Fees	\$0			\$0		\$0
Office Supplies/Public Notice/Communication Team, etc..	\$600			\$600		\$500
Interest - Line of Credit (\$75k * .0279 = \$2,092* 10/12) = \$1,744	\$1,744			\$523		\$0
Interest - Line of Credit (\$30k * .0279 = \$840* 2/12=)	\$698			\$0		\$0
Storage Facility	\$0			\$0		\$420
Picnic Costs	\$400			\$400		\$400
Insurance Premiums	\$1,200			\$1,200		\$1,200
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$14,641</b>			<b>\$39,723</b>		<b>\$12,020</b>
Net Position (Balance less Reserves)	\$1,510			\$1,510		\$631
Net Funds Required	<b>\$13,131</b>			<b>\$38,213</b>		<b>\$11,389</b>
Funds Required	\$13,131			\$38,213		\$11,389
Assessed Units	70			70		71
<b>Estimated Tax Assessment per Unit</b>	<b>\$187.59</b>		<b>\$358.31</b>	<b>\$545.90</b>		<b>\$160.41</b>
<b>Reserve Funds *</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>Proposed</b>		<b>2016</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<u>Reserve</u>	<u>Activity</u>		<u>Reserve</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
Aquatic Committee Expense and Spillway Reserve **	\$65,500	\$10,000		\$92,500	\$37,000	\$48,500
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain - Gypsy Moth, Invasive Plants, etc..)	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$7,000
Boundaries Committee **	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0
Habitat/Fish Improvement	\$0	\$0		\$0	\$0	\$0
Attorney Fees	\$1,000	\$0		\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000
	\$66,500	\$10,000		\$93,500	\$37,000	\$56,500

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# Annual Meeting Agenda

Saturday, September 5, 2015 9:00 AM

Beecher Town Hall

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AGENDA	
9:00-10:00	<b>1. Open Forum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation &amp; Discussion: Aquatic Invasive Species Evaluation of Control Measures and (AIS) Control Grant Application - Joseph Siudzinski, Aquatic Plant Committee Chair.</li> <li>• Topics of Interest Raised by District Property Owners</li> </ul>
10:00-10:05	<b>2. Approval of Agenda</b>
10:05- 10:15	<b>3. Reading of Minutes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 30, 2014 Annual Lake District and Board of Commissioners Meeting</li> </ul>
10:15-10:30	<b>4. Commissioner Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairperson Report</li> <li>• Secretary Report</li> <li>• Treasurers Report</li> <li>• Beecher Town Board Representative</li> <li>• Marinette County Supervisor Representative</li> </ul>
10:30-11:00	<b>5. Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic Plant Committee</li> <li>• Boundaries Committee</li> <li>• Nomination Committee</li> </ul>
11:00-11:10	<b>6. Unfinished business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shoreline Protection Committee</li> <li>• Habitat/Fish Improvement Committee</li> </ul>
11:10-11:55	<b>7. New business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financing the District Share of the Aquatic Invasive Species Grant</li> <li>• 2016 Budget</li> <li>• 2016 Board of Commissioner Election</li> </ul>
11:55-12:00	<b>8. Announcements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Friends are Devine Award</li> <li>• Special BOC Meeting Immediately Following Annual Meeting</li> <li>• BOC Meetings: Nov. 7, 2015; Jan. 23, 2016; Apr. 16, 2016; Jul. 16, 2016; Annual Meeting Sept. 3, 2016 (Town Hall 9-noon)</li> <li>• <b>Picnic:</b> Beecher Town Hall - Immediately Following Annual Meeting - - <b>Fish Contest:</b> Register your catch at the Beach by 6 PM</li> </ul>
12:00	<b>10. Annual Meeting Adjournment</b>

*\*Note: The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to take agenda items out of order and adjust time frames to facilitate District business.*

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