

**Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and  
Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioner Annual Meeting  
(09/03/2016), 9:00 AM, Beecher Town Hall**

**Attendees:**

Nancy McKenney, Board of Commissioners Chair Person  
 Tracy Kupsh, Board of Commissioners Treasurer  
 Jim Johnson, Board of Commissioners Secretary  
 John Keeley, Supervisor – Town of Beecher Representative (not present)  
 Cary (Clancy) Whiting, Marinette County Board Representative (not present)

	<b>AGENDA</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>1. Open Forum</b>
<b>10:00-10:05</b>	<b>2. Call to Order</b>
<b>10:05-10:10</b>	<b>3. Pledge of Allegiance</b>
<b>10:10-10:15</b>	<b>4. Approval of Agenda</b>
<b>10:15-10:20</b>	<b>5. Review and Approval of Minutes</b>
<b>10:20-10:50</b>	<b>6. 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>
<b>10:50-11:20</b>	<b>7. Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic Plant Committee</li> <li>• Audit Committee</li> <li>• Boundaries Committee</li> <li>• Communications Committee</li> <li>• Shoreline Protection Committee</li> <li>• Nominating Committee</li> <li>• Picnic Committee</li> </ul>
<b>11:20-11:25</b>	<b>6. Unfinished business</b>
<b>11:25-11:50</b>	<b>7. New business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Meeting</li> <li>• Picnic</li> </ul>

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11:50-12:00	8. Announcements – Picnic to Follow Annual Meeting
12:00 PM	9. Adjournment

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Nancy McKenney at 9:00 AM. At that time she introduced the current members of the BOC, noting the absence of John Keeley and Cary (Clancy) Whiting. Judy Siudzinski from the Picnic Committee asked for a moment to explain the Auction procedure and asked if anyone wanted their item specifically in the Auction or in the Raffle. The Lake owners then introduced themselves one at a time going around the room.

**Pledge of Allegiance:**

Nancy led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance facing the flag in the Town Hall parking lot.

**Approval of Agenda:**

A motion to except the Agenda was made by Glen Schilling and seconded by Karen Giese. Motion approved - unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes from the last Annual meeting (Sept. 2015) were published in the Aug. 2016 addition of the *Beach-Chair News*. Fritz Schmeisser made a motion to approve the minutes as published. It was seconded by Jim Lauscher and approved – unanimously.

**Open Forum – District Property Owners:**

The Open Forum was begun with a call for issues by Nancy McKenney.

- Joe Stern had a concern about the proposed 2017 budget. It looked like tax dollars were being used to fund the annual picnic. Judy Siudzinski addressed this point stating that the picnic was funded by proceeds of the donations and auction items from the previous year. Tracy agreed that since this was the case, it should not be listed as a line item on the new budget.
- Fritz Schmeisser wanted to know why the lake was being drawn down as of Labor Day. Joe Siudzinski explained that it was due to permits and timing of personnel to start and set up siphons. Glenn Schilling then asked for a general discussion of the Dam Draw Down project. Joe Siudzinski went on to explain that the ongoing project was 2/3 completed. If the Lake District can get Great Lakes Marine to dredge early we can drop the water to

appropriate levels. Joe then proposed an incentive plan to the board to get them to complete the work early. This proposal will be voted on during the Aquatic Committees report.

- Joe Stern wanted to know what happens after the draw down. Will invasive species repopulate the frozen out areas? Joe Siudzinski explained that that was a possibility but this was our best course of action as determined in cooperation with the DNR.
- Glenn Schilling wanted to know if the DNR will let us continue doing draw downs in the future if it works as proposed this year. The answer from Joe Siudzinski was yes.
- Liz Bauer wanted to know about Lilly Pads. Are they considered invasive species? Joe Siudzinski said that they are native to the lake and are not evasive. They are actually good for the lake even though they can look unsightly.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

*Chairperson Report* – Nancy McKenney began by thanking all of the commissioners, committee chairmen and the town and county representatives for the time and effort they put in over the last year. She then discussed the current bid process used by the BOC. She finished her report by asking for nominations for the BOC and additional help for the various lake committees

*Secretary Report* – Jim Johnson reported that he had nothing new at this time.

*Treasurers Report* – Tracy Kupsh reviewed the financial information presented in the August 2016 addition of the Beach-Chair News (page 6). She explained again that the reason we had a one-time tax increase in our 2015 taxes was to fully fund putting a valve in the dam along with a corresponding dredging project. Both were needed to address the problem we have been experiencing regarding invasive species. Joe Stern noted that the town has property on the lake and felt it should be subject to taxation by the Lake District. This suggestion was discussed by Glenn Schilling and Joe Siudzinski. They both brought up the point that trying to collect from the city for the land they owned on the lake was a zero dollar proposition. Joe Siudzinski then proposed a motion to instruct the Treasurer not to investigate trying to collect taxes from the City of Beecher for these lands. The motion was seconded by Glenn Schilling and passed with one dissenting vote. A motion was then made by Fritz Schmeisser to approve the proposed 2017 Budget as listed on page 6 of the Beach-Chair News. The motion

was seconded by Mike Lops 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 was not present at this meeting as he was leaving town that morning but did open up the Beecher Town Hall at 7:30 am.

*Marinette County Supervisor Representative* - Cary (Clancy) was not present at this meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

*Aquatic Plant Committee* – Joe Siudzinski had reported earlier on the progress and timing of the Dam/Dredging project during an Open Forum segment of the meeting. He now discussed the project funding past and future and said that he will complete the task of applying for another grant from the DNR. He then suggested that an incentive payment of \$250 be made to Great Lakes Marine if they can complete the work by Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. Randy Olson made a motion that we direct the Treasurer to make the payment if the work is completed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of Oct. The motion was seconded by Randy McArdle and passed with 3 dissenting votes.

*Boundaries Committee* - No Report at this time.

*Communications Committee* - No Report at this time.

*Shoreline Protection Committee* - Lindi Magnuson mentioned that she would be joining the committee. She then discussed procedures and information available for anyone interested in helping the committee.

### **Unfinished Business:**

#### *- Good Friends are Devine 2016 Award*

Nancy McKinney reviewed what the Award was and the basic criteria for being nominated. She then said that this year there would be two individuals that would be receiving the award. She turned the floor over to Jim Johnson who presented the first award to Jim Lauscher. Jim Johnson recounted the numerous good works done by Mr. Lauscher over the years that have earned him this honor. Nancy then proceeded to make the second presentation to Marcia Miracle who will be leaving the Lake in the very near future. She thanked her for all her work on behalf of the Lake District and wished her all the best. Marcia was unable to be at this year's meeting. Photos were taken immediately after the meeting by

Shirley Prudhomme reporting on the Annual meeting for the Peshtigo Times (see attached).



### **New Business:**

- *2016 - 2017 Budget*  
The previous motion voted on during the Treasurer's report stands firm.
- *2016 – 2017 Board of Commissioner Elections*  
Nancy asked for nominations from the floor for new commissioners. None were forthcoming. The current board agreed to stay on for another year. Glenn Schilling nominated Nancy McKenney Chairman and Tracy and Jim to the commission positions for the coming year. Mike Gostein seconded the motion. Motion was passed unanimously.

### **Announcements:**

The Annual Picnic to follow the meeting.

### **Adjournment:**

Glenn Schilling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fritz Schmeisser seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

