

**Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and
Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioner Annual Meeting
(09/02/2017), 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
 Cary (Clancy) Whiting, Marinette County Board Representative

AGENDA	
9:00 AM	1. Open Forum – Visioning Session Presentation by Chuck Druckrey
10:00-10:05	2. Call to Order
10:05-10:10	3. Pledge of Allegiance
10:10-10:15	4. Approval of Agenda
10:15-10:20	5. Review and Approval of Minutes
10:20-10:50	6. Commissioner Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson Report • Secretary Report • Treasurers Report • Beecher Town Board Representative • Marinette County Supervisor Representative
10:50-11:20	7. Committee/Goup Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aquatic Plant Committee • Boundaries Committee • Habitat/Fish Committee • Communications Committee • Shoreline Protection Committee • Nominating Group • Annual Picnic Group • Welcome Group • Audit Ad hoc Group
11:20-11:25	6. Unfinished business

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11:25-11:50	7. New business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2017-2018 Budget • 2017-2018 Board of Commissioner Election
11:50-12:00	8. Announcements – Picnic to Follow Annual Meeting
12:00 PM	9. Adjournment

Open Forum – Visioning Session:

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 Sept 2nd.)
- 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 outstanding 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.

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 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 Milfoil.

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

Treasurers 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 issue.

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.

Boundaries Committee - No Report at this time.

Communications Committee - No Report at this time.

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.

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.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business to conclude at this time.

New Business:

- 2017 -2018 Board of Commissioner Elections
Nancy McKenney noted that our current Treasurer, Tracy Kupsh, was finishing her final year of her third consecutive 3 year term (9 years of service to the Board of Commissioners). This would be her last and a replacement was needed. Cindy Schmeisser volunteered her services to the Board if she could attend meetings via conference calls when not at the lake. Judy Siudzinski then officially placed Cindy’s name in nomination. Glenn Schilling then moved that as a sole nominee that she be accepted for the position unanimously. There was no opposition; hence, our latest board member is Cindy Schmeisser.

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.

Appendix 1

Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Association
August
2017
Treasurer's Report

	August 2017	July 31st 2016
Income Summary		
Beginning Balance	\$68,878.03	\$57,462.66
Net Labor Day Picnic	\$2,132.34	\$1,704.95
Tax Collection	\$10,530.08	\$37,938.35
WNDR	\$49,672.50	\$0.00
Total Income	\$62,334.92	\$39,643.30
Expenditure Summary		
Printing/Supplies/Web Site	(\$221.05)	(\$118.91)
Storage Unit	(\$420.00)	(\$420.00)
Casualty Insurance	(\$1,143.00)	(\$1,143.00)
		(\$26,546.02)
Aquatic - Dam Modification & Siphon	(\$11,349.06))
Aquatic - Dredging	(\$91,000.00)	\$0.00
Aquatic - Marinette County	(\$26,825.00)	\$0.00
Total Expense	(\$130,958.11)	(\$28,227.93)
Current Funds On Hand	\$254.84	\$68,878.03

2017 Forecasted Activity

Income	
2017 Tax Collection (estimate)	\$1,000.00
WDNR (Reimbursement of Dredging & Marinette Cty)	\$27,975.00
Expenses	
Gersek - Draw #4	(\$7,500.00)
Total Short Term Forecasted Activity	\$21,729.84

Appendix 2

Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District 2018 Proposed Budget

	2018 Proposed	2017 Budget
Aquatic Plant Control	\$9,000	\$10,000
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain)	\$0	\$0
Habitat Improvement	\$1,000	\$0
Legal Fees	\$0	\$0
Office Supplies/Public Notice/Communication Team	\$350	\$1,000
Storage Facility	\$420	\$420
Insurance Premiums	\$1,150	\$1,200
Total Operating Costs	\$11,920	\$12,620
Net Position (Balance less Reserves)	\$730	\$1,613
Net Funds Required	\$11,190	\$11,007

Funds Required	\$11,190	\$11,007
Assessed Units	70	70
Estimated Tax Assessment per Unit	\$159.86	\$157.24

	2018 Proposed Reserve	2017 Reserve
<u>Reserve Funds *</u>		
Aquatic Committee Expense and Spillway Reserve **	\$19,000	\$76,030
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain - Gypsy Moth, Invasive Plants, etc..)	\$0	\$0
Boundaries Committee **	\$0	\$0
Habitat/Fish Improvement	\$1,000	\$0
Attorney Fees	\$1,000	\$1,000
	\$21,000	\$77,030

** Reserve Funds cannot 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.*