

**Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and
Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioner Annual Meeting
(09/01/2018), 9:00 AM, Beecher Town Hall**

Attendees:

Nancy McKenney, Board of Commissioners Chair Person

Cindy Scheisser, 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

AGENDA	
9:00 AM	1. Open Forum – Update Talk 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/Group 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"> • 2018-2019 Budget • 2018-2019 Board of Commissioner Election
11:50-12:00	8. Announcements – Picnic to Follow Annual Meeting
12:00 PM	9. Adjournment

Open Forum:

The Open Forum was called to order at 9:14 am by Nancy Mckenney. Her first order of business was to introduced Chuck Druckrey , Water Resource Specialist for Marinette County. Chuck then gave an Update Presentation regarding what he observed in a quick paddle around the lake. Figure 1 is a map of both Upper and Lower Beecher Lake with his current observations for Eurasian watermilfoil.

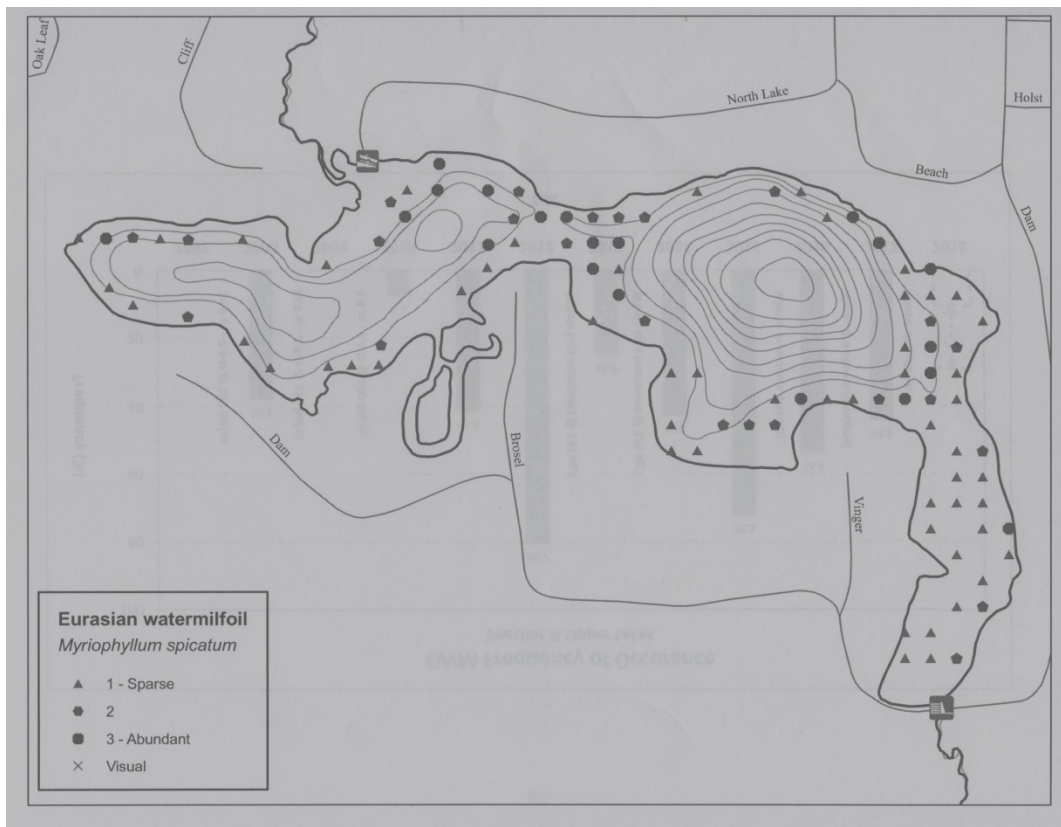


Figure 1- Map Upper and Lower Beecher Lake with observed Eurasian water milfoil concentrations.

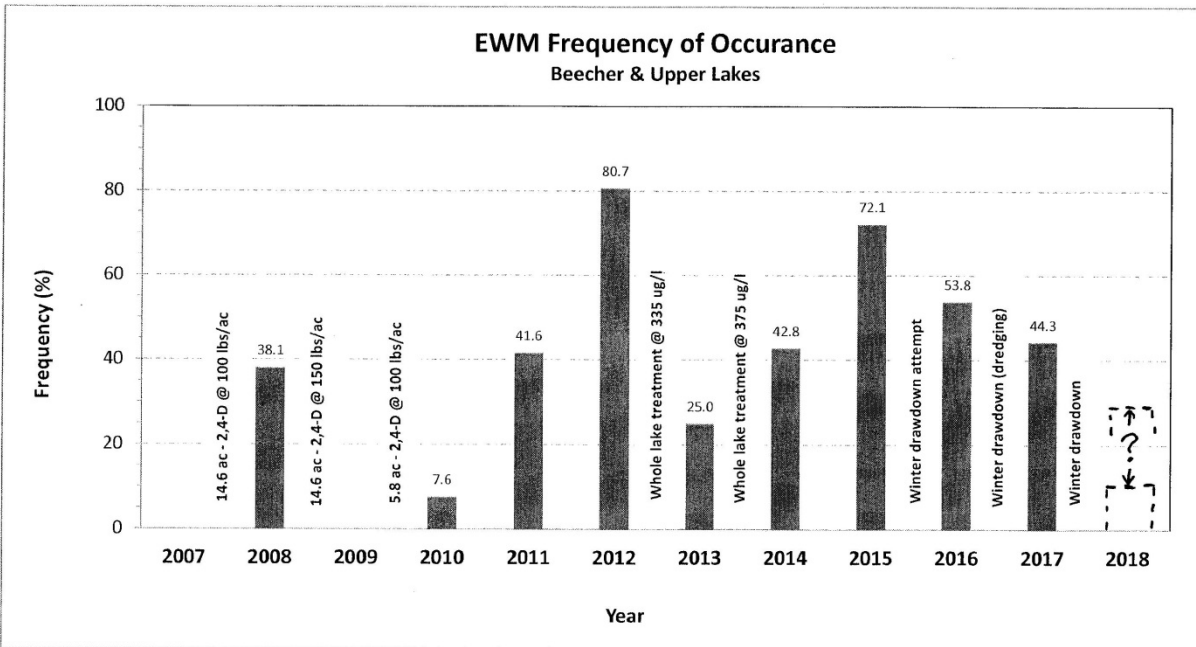


Figure 2 – Bar Graph of EWM Frequency of Occurance with latest 2018 Aug. estimate.

Chuck stated that the actual plant survey is to take place next month. Ideas for future EWM control area:

- He mentioned Thunder Lake as an example of a lake where it was hard to control the growth. Here a portion of the Lake was enclosed to maintain better control.
- Chuck said that he is going to apply for a new 3 year grant. He estimates the Lake Association's portion of the grant will run about \$1,000 per year.
- He stressed that we need to continue to try new methods as they are developed. When questioned about chemical treatments of 24D he estimated a cost of \$2,000 per acre but cautioned about effectiveness in tannin filled lakes like ours.
- He then passed several vials filled with various forms of Milfoil both native and evasive to let people see the difference.

Paul Lasee talked briefly about the lake conditions this last winter (open areas that didn't freeze). He also brought up the idea of using Milfoil Weevils as a possible deterrent. He estimated the cost to cultivate enough to make a difference at about \$450 per year. He asked Chuck if a private owner could try this treatment on his own. Chuck responded with a yes. Nancy McKinney then asked about the cost for a Chemical treatment in the spring. Chuck said that it

would cost approximately \$1,000 to treat a test area on the West side of the lake. Kelly Phillips mentioned that the Milfoil had come back strong after our last drawdown. Joe Siudzinski then reviewed closure cost for the initial grant. He said he would look into what was left of the funds. Glenn Schilling then asked Joe about a bigger pipe or another pipe in the dam to speed up future drawdowns. Joe roughly estimated the cost to put in another pipe at approximately \$30K but would not do this thru a grant as we did before.

Paul Lasee reviewed the “FishSticks Program” and future plans for 2019 for the group. Conner Kupsh let everyone know that the Bass fishing near the completed FishSticks sites has been much better than past years.

Lindi Magnuson spoke briefly about the Shoreline Protection Committee and the packets that were handed out both last year and this year. She reviewed the findings of the committee on that status of Beecher and Upper Lakes as a “No Wake Lake” according to Wisconsin State Statute 30.635 and that the committee has been authorized to post “No Wake” signs at several locations around the lake. Glenn Schilling wanted to poll the group informally to see if we all wanted a “No Wake” status. The majority of the property owners present indicated with a show of hands that this was what they wanted. A few would have liked to see more speed allowed to get more young people on the water. Lindi said that she would craft an amendment to be voted on next year so a formal vote could be taken on the issue.

The Open Forum portion of the meeting came to an end at 10:00 am when Nancy McKenney said there would be a short adjournment prior to the start of the business meeting.

Call to Order:

The Annual Business portion of the meeting was called to order by Nancy McKenney at 10:24 am. She began the meeting by leading the group in 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 approve the Agenda was made by Karen Giese and seconded by Fritz Schmeisser. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the last Annual meeting (Sept. 2017) were published in the Aug. 2018 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 continuing efforts in supporting our Lake Associations fight against Eurasian Milfoil. Finally, she noted all the excellent work that's been done over the course of the last year by the Shoreline Protection Committee, the Aquatic Plants Committee, Fish Habitat Committee and Helen and Doyle Curtis for their work on the Communications Committee.

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

Treasurers Report – Cindy Schmeisser reviewed the financial information presented in the August 2018 addition of the Beach-Chair News (page 6)(Appendix 1 this report). Our beginning balance in August was \$32,986.78. All property owners were current on their 2018 tax assessment. The proposed 2019 budget (as seen on page 6 of the Beach-Chair News) was then broken down on a line by line basis (Appendix 1). Cindy stated that the document should be amended as follows;

- a) The \$1,250 amount listed under Office Supplies/Public Notice/Communication Team should read \$1,000
- b) The \$250 taken from that item should have been place under the Shoreline Protection line item.
- c) Note: Aquatic Plant Control had no funds listed in the current budget due to no plant survey by the county being completed before the meeting.

There was a motion made by Glenn Schilling to take up the Budget now. The motion was seconded by John Krugman and passed unanimously. After a lengthy

group discussion regarding what action options we could take for 2019 (Chemical Treatments, or further Dam Engineering projects), Glenn Schilling made a motion to assess each property unit \$100 to keep our current reserves intact. The motion was seconded by Fritz Schmeisser and was unanimously passed.

Beecher Town Board Representative – John Keeley was not present at this meeting.

Marinette County Supervisor Representative - Cary (Clancy) Whiting had nothing new to report at this time. He did comment that a positive report regarding our meeting would be given to Marinette County officials.

Committee Reports:

Aquatic Plant Committee – Joe Siudzinski said that there would be no drawdown this year. The committee is awaiting the results of the Marinette County Plant Survey before recommending any further action. Joe mentioned that a second pipe in the Dam would help facilitate future drawdown and would be something we might want to look into for 2019 in the form of an engineering study to obtain a cost estimate for the project. He would not pursue this project in conjunction with a state grant. A complete report by this committee can be found in the August 2018 edition of the Beach-Chair News, page 5.

Ad Hoc Audit Committee – Glenn Schilling reviewed the current books for the Lake Association and found them to be accurate and in good order.

Boundaries Committee - No Report at this time.

Communications Committee - No Report at this time.

Nominating Committee – Nancy McKenney reviewed what roles and responsibilities are involved in being a commissioner for the Lake Association.

Habitat/Fish Committee – Committee Chairman, Paul Lasee, reviewed what the committee had accomplished in 2018 and further plans for additional FishStick sites this winter.

Shoreline Protection Committee - Lindi Magnuson reported that she and Carol Wickman needed all those present to verify the information the Lake Association has for each owner. The committee will be working on a report for next year on what would be needed to create a circum-lake walking trail.

Ad Hoc Picnic Committee – nothing new to report at this time.

Unfinished Business:

No unfinished business to conclude at this time.

New Business:

2017 -2018 Board of Commissioner Elections

Nancy McKenney noted that her term as Chairman was finishing. This would be the 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 placed Lindi Magnuson's name in nomination. It was seconded by Gene Wickman. No further nominations were made. Gene Wickman made a motion to close nominations. This was seconded by Fritz Schmeisser. Glenn Schilling then moved that as a sole nominee, she should be accepted for the position unanimously. Fritz Schmeisser seconded, there was no opposition; hence, our newest board member is Lindi Magnuson.

Announcements:

- Good Friends are Devine 2018 Award

Nancy McKinney reviewed what the Award was and the basic criteria for being nominated. This year's recipients were Glenn Schilling and Mike Godstein for their many years of service to the Lake Association as officers and committee members.



Glenn Schilling receiving his service award, pictured from left to right; Nancy McKenney, Glenn Schilling, Clancy Whiting, Jim Johnson and Cindy Schmeisser.

Announcements :

Judy Siudzinski review raffle ticket sales options and let everyone know that the Annual Picnic will follow immediately after the meeting.

Nancy McKenney let everyone know that the next Annual meeting will take place on August 31st, 2019.

Dale Domerowski wanted to make the Association aware of an issue with Campers, specifically the need for a septic by-law either by the Township or Lake Association.

Adjournment:

Karen Giese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Giese seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Appendix 1

Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Association
Aug-18

Treasurer's Report

	August 2018	January 2018	August 2017
Income Summary			
Beginning Balance	\$23,746.88	\$254.84	\$68,878.03
Net Labor Day Picnic		\$1,955.00	\$2,132.34
Beecher Lake WDNR Deposit	10870.48	\$1,292.84	\$10,530.08
WDNR		\$27,980.90	\$49,672.50
Total Income	34617.36	\$31,228.74	\$62,334.92
Expenditure Summary			
DNR Permit	-310.58	(\$116.70)	(\$221.05)
Storage Unit	-120	(\$120.00)	(\$420.00)
Casualty Insurance	-1188	\$0.00	(\$1,143.00)
Bank Fees	-12	\$0.00	(\$1,349.06)
Aquatic - Dredging		(\$7,500.00)	(\$91,000.00)
Aquatic - Marinette County	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$26,825.00)
Total Expense	-1630.58	(\$7,736.70)	(\$130,958.11)
Current Funds On Hand	\$32,986.78	\$23,746.88	\$254.84

2017 Forecasted Activity

Income	
WDNR (Reimbursement of Dredging & Marinette Cty - not filed)	\$3,750.00
Total Short Term Forecasted Activity	\$3,750.00

Respectfully Submitted,
 Cindy Schmeisser
 Treasurer - Beecher

Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
2019 Budget

	2019 Proposed Budget	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2017 Budget
Aquatic Plant Control		\$9,000		\$10,000
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain)	250	\$0		\$0
Habitat Improvement	500	\$1,000	\$311	\$0
Legal Fees	1000	\$0		\$0
Office Supplies/Public Notice/Communication Team	1250	\$350	\$179	\$1,000
Storage Facility		\$420	\$240	\$420
Insurance Premiums	1200	\$1,150	\$1,188	\$1,200
Total Operating Costs	3950	\$11,920	\$1,918	\$12,620
Net Position (Balance less Reserves)	\$8,037	\$730		\$1,613
Net Funds Required	\$0	\$11,190		\$11,007
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Assessed Units	70	70		70
Estimated Tax Assessment per Unit		\$159.86		\$157.24

	2019 Proposed Reserve	2018 Proposed Reserve	2017 Reserve
Reserve Funds *			
Aquatic Committee Expense and Spillway Reserve **	19000	\$19,000	\$76,030
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain - Gypsy Moth, Invasive Plants, etc.)		\$0	\$0
Boundaries Committee **		\$0	\$0
Habitat/Fish Improvement	1000	\$1,000	\$0
Attorney Fees	1000	\$1,000	\$1,000
	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$77,030

* 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.