

**Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and
Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioner Mid-Summer Meeting
(07/15/2017), 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 (not present)
 Cary (Clancy) Whiting, Marinette County Board Representative (not present)

STANDING AGENDA	
9:00 AM	1. Call to Order
9:00 AM - 9:10 AM	2. Approval of Agenda
9:10 AM - 9:20 AM	3. Approval of Minutes <i>* Review of the Minutes</i>
9:20 AM - 9:45 AM	4. Commissioners Reports <i>* Chairperson Report</i> <i>* Secretary Report</i> <i>* Treasurers Report</i> <i>* Beecher Town Board Representative</i> <i>* Marinette County Supervisor Representative</i>
9:45 AM - 10:15 AM	5. Committee Reports <i>* Aquatic Plant Committee</i> <i>* Boundaries Committee</i> <i>* Communications Committee</i> <i>* Shoreline Protection Committee</i>
10:15 AM - 10:45 AM	6. Unfinished Business
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	7. New and Emerging Business
11:00 AM - 11:05 AM	8. Announcement
11:05 AM	9. Adjournment
11:05 AM - 11:30 AM	10. Open Forum - District Property Owners

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

Special Presentation:

Chip Long (DNR Fisheries Biologist) on the most recent Fish Survey for the Beecher Lakes. The PowerPoint talk was well attended (15 property owners) and proved to be very informative as well as instructive. The major points of the talk were as follows:

- The overall makeup of fish population present in the Lakes is roughly the same in terms of overall numbers and species.
- There is a good balance between both predators and prey.
- The periodic drawdowns of the Lakes has not had a detrimental effect on the fish population that's present today.
- Fish cribs may not be the most effective way to enhance the fish habitat.

- Dropping live trees into the edge of the lake was the suggested method of enhancing the fish habitat.
- Due to the size of our lakes, another fish survey won't be undertaken for at least five years.
- The presentation will be sent to Nancy McKenney so the BOC can put it on our website.

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Nancy McKenney at 10:00 AM.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion to except the Agenda was made by Tracy Kupsh and seconded by Jim Johnson. Motion approved - unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes from the last meeting (May 20th, 2017) were read and reviewed. Nancy McKenney made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction "City of Pembine" be changed to "Township of Beecher". The motion was seconded by Tracy Kupsh. The motion was approved unanimously.

Commissioners Reports:

Chairperson Report – Nancy McKenney noted that Bob Magnuson on the Boundary Committee now is in possession of the property map supplied to the board by the Marinette County Board Representative. Nancy then proceeded to give a quick synopsis of the Ed Gersek Inc. dredging project for the 15 property owners present at the meeting. She then mentioned that Lindi Magnuson wanted to remind all property owners that the Beecher Lakes are "no wake lakes". It was agreed that the "no wake" issue should be brought up at the annual meeting. Nancy will post the regulation on our Facebook and Web pages. Joe Siudzinski mentioned that the DNR would be the one to enforce this regulation and concerned lake property owners should contact them.

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

Treasurers Report – Tracy Kupsh reported that the Lake Districts financial position is in good standing. She shared with the group the July 2017 balance sheet (paper copy handout). The report showed Current Funds on Hand to be **\$ 254.24** (see attachment #1). She reviewed the proposed 2018 budget (Attachment #2). After some discussion it was decided that \$1,000 should be moved from the Aquatic Committees budget and moved to Habitat and Fish Improvement. Nancy McKenney made a motion to approve the proposed budget

as amended for the annual meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Johnson. The motion was passed unanimously.

Beecher Town Board Representative – John Keeley was not present at this meeting (currently on vacation in Alaska).

Marinette County Supervisor Representative - Cary (Clancy) Whiting arrived for the presentation by Chip Long regarding the Beecher Lakes fish survey but had to leave prior to the start of the business meeting.

Committee Reports:

Aquatic Plant Committee –Joe Siudzinski reported that the final grading would be done in two weeks. The work would involve taking out the ramp near the Dam and grading the spoils that were dumped on the Kupsh property. He told us that Chuck Druckrey will be sending an email on the effectiveness of our most recent drawdown in regard to our ongoing struggle with Eurasian milfoil. Now that the dredging is completed and our new drainage valve is in place we will do another drawdown this year as part of our overall plan of attack.

Boundaries Committee – No Report at this time.

Communications Committee - No Report at this time.

Shoreline Protection Committee - No Report at this time.

Habitat/Fish Improvement Committee – Once funds have been approved at the Annual Meeting the committee will have official status. Paul Lasee, Randy Kaehovau and Christina Hermsen all expressed an interest in being on this committee.

Unfinished Business:

There was no unfinished business to discuss at this time.

New Business:

- Annual Meeting
 - The date for all submissions for the “Beach-Chair News” our annual publication will be the 28th of July. Send all information to Doyle Curtis of the Communications Committee.
 - Jim will pass along the information to Marlene Johnson and Penny Albers on the Picnic Committee that Christina Hermsen would like to be a part of the committee.
 - Friends are Devine Award for 2017 was discussed. It was suggested that the Township of Beecher receive the award for their help on our Aquatic Projects. Presentation of a plaque and a tree(s) for the property were discussed.

Announcements:

None at this time

Adjournment:

Jim Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Tracy Kupsh seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Open Forum – District Property Owners:

15 property owners were present at this meeting to hear Chip Longs Fish Survey findings. Chip gave an hour long presentation that began at 9:00 AM and preceded the business meeting.

Appendix #1 (July 2017 Treasure's Report)

Appendix #2 (Proposed Budget for 2018)

Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District				
2018 Proposed Budget				
	2018	2017	2016	2015
	Proposed	Budget	Budget	Budget
Aquatic Plant Control	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$37,000	\$9,500
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Habitat Improvement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Legal Fees	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Office Supplies/Public Notice/Communication Team, etc..	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$900
Interest - Line of Credit ($\$75K * .0279 = \$2,092 * 10/12 = \$1,744$)	\$0	\$0	\$523	\$0
Storage Facility	\$420	\$420	\$0	\$420
Insurance Premiums	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200
Total Operating Costs	\$12,620	\$12,620	\$39,723	\$12,020
Net Position (Balance less Reserves)	\$1,613	\$1,613	\$1,510	\$631
Net Funds Required	\$11,007	\$11,007	\$38,213	\$11,389
Funds Required	\$11,007	\$11,007	\$38,213	\$11,389
Assessed Units	70	70	71	71
Estimated Tax Assessment per Unit	\$157.24	\$157.24	\$538.21	\$160.41
Reserve Funds *	2018	2017	2016	2015
	<u>Proposed Reserve</u>	<u>Reserve</u>	<u>Reserve</u>	<u>Reserve</u>
Aquatic Committee Expense and Spillway Reserve **	\$19,000	\$76,030	\$92,500	\$48,500
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain - Gypsy Moth, Invasive Plants, etc..)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$7,000
Boundaries Committee **	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Habitat/Fish Improvement	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Attorney Fees	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
	\$21,000	\$77,030	\$93,500	\$56,500
* 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.				