

**Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and  
Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioner Spring Meeting  
(05/16/2020), 9:00 AM, via Teleconference**

**Attendees:**

Lindi Magnuson, Board of Commissioners Chair Person  
 Amy Komis, Board of Commissioners Treasurer  
 Jim Johnson, Board of Commissioners Secretary  
 David Paulsen, Supervisor – Town of Beecher Representative  
 Cary (Clancy) Whiting, Marinette County Board Representative (Not present)

AGENDA	
9:00	1. Call to Order
9:00-9:05	2. Approval of Agenda
9:05- 9:20	3. Approval of Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the Minutes</li> </ul>
9:20-9:50	4. Commissioner Reports <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>
9:50-10:10	5. Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aquatic Plant Committee</li> <li>• Boundaries Committee</li> <li>• Communication Committee</li> <li>• Shoreline Protection Committee</li> </ul>
10:10	6. Unfinished business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated Roles and Responsibilities document for reference</li> </ul>
10:10-10:30	7. New business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joe Suidzinski: Aquatic Plant Review of invoice from Beecher Lake EWM Control Project Phase 2 WDNr grant ACEI-172-15.</li> <li>• Chuck Druckrey: Marinette County Water Resource specialist with review of Milfoil abatement WDNr grant extension</li> </ul>
10:30	8. Announcements
10:30	9. Adjournment
10:30	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.*

*Thank you for your participation.*

**Call to Order:**

Meeting was called to order by Lindi Magnuson at 9:02

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes as submitted from the Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 meeting was introduced by Lindi Magnuson. The motion was seconded by Amy Komis. Motion approved – unanimously.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

*Chairperson Report* – Lindi Magnuson begin her report with a review of the Covid19 situation and how it could affect future meetings of the BOC. Possible changes as to how we might conduct the Annual meeting will be discussed at the July 18<sup>th</sup> BOC meeting. Lindi wanted to let the board know that the final check for 2019 taxes had been sent and received from Marinette County. Amy Komis noted that she had seen this check reflected in the most recent bank statement.

*Secretary Report* – Jim Johnson stated that he had no new business at this time.

*Treasurers Report* – Amy Komis reported that the BOC books showed Current Funds on Hand to be **\$48,587.20** which matches the current bank statement. Amy then asked Lindi if we could look into online banking as an option for the BOC. Lindi said that she would follow up with a Stephenson Banking representative she had dealt with in the Marinette branch. This individual had been helpful in setting up online banking for her church when the local branch would not. She will get back to Amy with the information soon.

*Beecher Town Board Representative* – David Paulsen reported that the Town of Beecher Trailer Ordinance was online on the Beecher Township Facebook page. It will be posted on the Beecher Township website once they get the website up and running. He will also try to get the Garbage Pickup Schedule posted to the Beecher Lake website. David also mentioned that the Covid19 situation has impacted the Township meetings. Lindi then told David that she will make arrangements to have the John Keeley memorial tree purchased for potential presentation to the Township at the June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. She will also contact John's widow to arrange to have her present at the meeting.

*Marinette County Supervisor Representative* - Cary (Clancy) was not online for the meeting.

### **Committee Reports:**

*Aquatic Plant Committee* – Lindi summarized several emails that the BOC had received from Joe Siudzinski (Appendix 2). In those correspondences he reported that his committee will probably not recommend a drawdown this year due to extremely high water levels. This recommendation is counter to the original plan for a drawdown scheduled for this fall. Chuck Druckery (Marinette County Water Resource Specialist) was online and counselled that we should wait until we see what kind of milfoil levels we see in late summer before abandoning the idea of a drawdown. Lindi stated that the Aquatic Plant Committee will

renew work, as of June 1<sup>st</sup>, on the project to install a second pipe to facilitate draining the lake to maintain a low enough water level to effectively freeze out the Milfoil.

*Boundaries Committee* – Lindi reported that the committee continued to work on the Marinette County GIS data to come up with a master spreadsheet that reflects all properties in the Lake District. The committee is also working with the county to be notified of property changes in a timely manner.

*Communications Committee* – On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Helen and Doyle Curtis notified the BOC that they could no longer make printed copies of the Beech-chair news via printed media in the following email:

*To: Beecher and Upper Lakes Board of Commissioners*

*Subject: Communication/Newsletter Committee Update*

*Hello to all members of the B.O.C. Effective this current year (2020) we will be discontinuing the printed production of the Beach-Chair Newsletter. Due to the publishers retirement and access to crucial equipment and software, it is our suggestion that an electronic version be available via the website and the Social Page (FaceBook). If the publication is to continue with another source, we can furnish all electronic files for this effort.*

*With this newly acquired freedom of time, an emphasis can be placed on modifying and improving the website. This also is open to negotiations if the board has other intents or has a new avenue to continue and we will relinquish this task.*

*We have enjoyed the 13 years of providing this publication, but like many things, changes in technology and life steer us in a different direction.*

*Please provide us feedback on the direction we have chosen.*

*Stay healthy and safe.*

*Doyle & Helen Curtis*

Lindi will verify that Helen and Doyle are willing to put together the online version of the newsletter before the next BOC meeting.

*Shoreline Protection Committee* - No Report at this time.

*Fish Habitat Committee* – No Report at this time. Lindi will contact Paul LaSee to see if anything got done this winter in the Fish Sticks program.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Lindi reported that she had updated the Roles and Responsibilities document for the Lake District BOC. She noted that within the document you can find the access code for the teleconferencing system the board has been using recently. Jim said that he will put together a document that reviews how to do a

video conference call using ZOOM. This document will be ready for the next BOC meeting in July.

**New Business:**

Chuck Druckery let the board know that the final invoice, for the hours Marinette County staff used to complete the grant, will be \$3,175. He said that the invoice should be sent in the next few weeks. This will officially close the original grant. He also noted that the \$850 paid to Smit's Aquatic by the Lake District for the spot treatment chemicals (\$850) should be reimbursable under the grant at 50% of the total (\$425). Lindi Magnuson let Amy Komis know that when the invoice arrives it should be paid.

**Announcements:**

The next meeting will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, 2020. At that time plans for the Annual Meeting will be discussed and a Budget for 2020 will be formulated for presentation at the Annual Meeting.

**Adjournment:**

Jim Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lindi Magnuson seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

**Open Forum – District Property Owners:**

No district property owners were on the call.

**Appendix 1: 20-0224 Marinette County Land & Water Conservation Department**



Marinette County Land & Water Conservation  
 Courthouse, 1926 Hall Avenue  
 Marinette, WI 54143-1717

Invoice Number: 20-0224  
 Billing Date: February 24, 2020  
 Date Due: upon receipt

Sold to: Beecher Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Please remit the amount listed below for costs from January through December 2019 for Marinette County staff time spent implementing Beecher Lake EWM Control Project Phase 2 under WDNR grant ACEI-172-15. Checks should be made out to Marinette County and sent to the above address.

Description	Amount	Cost
Project Planning	8 hours	\$400.00
Preparation and attending District Meetings	9 hours	\$450.00
Plan and Implement Herbicide Treatment	20 hours	\$1000.00
EWM reconnaissance and mapping	9 hours	\$450.00
Data entry and analysis	18 hours	\$900.00
Shipping		\$0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,100.00</b>

**Appendix 2: Email from Aquatic Committee to Lindi Magnuson**

**Siudzinski, Joe F**

May 14, 2020, 3:06 PM (2 days ago)

OK to pay, grant reimbursable.  
 We should have one final invoice for Marinette County and be able to close up the grant.  
 Thx

Joe Siudzinski  
 Maintenance Planner/Outage Coordinator

If you could pass it on to the board, for their review. If they have any questions for Chuck, certainly feel free to ask prior to the meeting.  
 I passed it on to Mike and Doyle.  
 Basically, the consensus of the committee is this will be the third year of control on the last drawdown. Last year, year 2, went pretty well.  
 If the water continues to be high and the milfoil growth is slow, we will wait another year to perform a drawdown.  
 My control points on water levels for what it's worth;

- Right now, Lake Michigan and Huron are 13.4 inches higher than last year and three inches above their all-time record set in 1986.
- Gulf of Mexico is three degrees above average -leads to greater Midwest Rainfall.

- NOAA -rainfall prediction is above average
- And the swamps and water tables are full, North of the Lakes, and still running over the spillway well into June without precipitation.

That drawdown decision can be made as late as sometime in early August. We would have to repair the siphons, etc. to get that completed.

Long-term, Chuck's recommendation of a second pipe makes sense and where the committee feels we should go. We have a decent plan we generated last year, we just need to outline next steps to execute that plan. Ideally, we do not have to complete a draw-down this year, we get some relief from the precipitation in 2021 and the Covid 19 issues, and complete a 2<sup>nd</sup> pipe in 2021.

Once we get past the final report and close up this grant, we'll put a series of steps together to get us there.

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