

**Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and  
Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioner Annual Meeting  
(09/05/2020 9:00 AM Outside at Beecher Town Hall**

**Attendees:**

Lindi Magnuson, Board of Commissioners Chair Person  
 Amy Komis, Acting Board of Commissioners Treasurer  
 Jim Johnson, Board of Commissioners Secretary  
 David Paulsen, Supervisor – Town of Beecher Representative  
 Cary (Clancy) Whiting, Marinette County Board Representative

	<b>AGENDA</b>
<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>1. Open Forum – Final Grant Phase II Summary Presentation by Chuck Druckrey</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/Group Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audit Ad hoc Group</li> <li>• Aquatic Plant Committee</li> <li>• Boundaries Committee</li> <li>• Communications Committee</li> <li>• Fish Habitat Committee</li> <li>• Shoreline Protection Committee</li> <li>• Nominating Group</li> <li>• Annual Picnic Group</li> </ul>
<b>11:20-11:25</b>	<b>6. Unfinished business</b>
<b>11:25-11:50</b>	<b>7. New business</b>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2020-2021 Budget</li> <li>• 2019-2020 Board of Commissioner Election</li> </ul>
<b>11:50-12:00</b>	<b>8. Announcements – Auction to Follow Annual Meeting</b>
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>9. Adjournment</b>

**Open Forum:**

The Open Forum was called to order at 9:12 am by Lindi Magnuson. Her first order of business was to introduced Chuck Druckrey , Water Resource Specialist for Marinette County. Chuck then gave a Final Phase II Grant Summary Presentation. Chuck distributed copies of a final report entitled, “Beecher Lake EWM Control Project Phase II – Final Report dated June 2020 . (See presentation on the [BeecherandUpperlakes.com](http://BeecherandUpperlakes.com)) He also distributed Figure 1, which represents the results of an August 2020 Aquatic Plant Survey. The following are highlights from the presentation:

- a). Our original grant had two extensions.
- b). The optimum drawdown frequency going forward should be every three years
- c). Chucks observations of the amount of EWM in the lake this year was 48%, up from 21% during last year’s survey.
- d). It has been three years since the last drawdown.

**Question and Answer session for Chuck:**

Bill Holtz wanted to know why we are not treating chemically the really bad areas (Cove near the Dam). Chuck told him that a full lake treatment was in the 18-19 thousand dollar range. Joe Siudzinski added that the chemicals flow out of the lake fairly quickly due to high volumes of water we’ve been experiencing the last several years. Also, an additional factor is the high tannin and sediment level in our lake. Both of these factors lead to less effective chemical treatments.

Glenn Schilling wanted to know if consecutive year drawdowns would work effectively. In addition, he was wondering if there were any success stories relative to; drawdowns, continuous weed harvesting. Finally, does the EWM when treated chemically on a regular basis become resistant? Chuck sited several drawdown examples as being very effective (including ours) and stated that continuous harvesting can be effective also but is extremely costly. There are grants that cover 30% of the cost but added because of the size of Beecher and Upper Lake the state would not grant one to use. His example of cost was from

Lake Noquebay where they are spending \$250 on weed harvesting this year. To address the chemical resistance question, Chuck stated that he would not be surprised if the EWM in Beecher Lake wasn't already somewhat resistant.

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**Aquatic Plant Management Update**

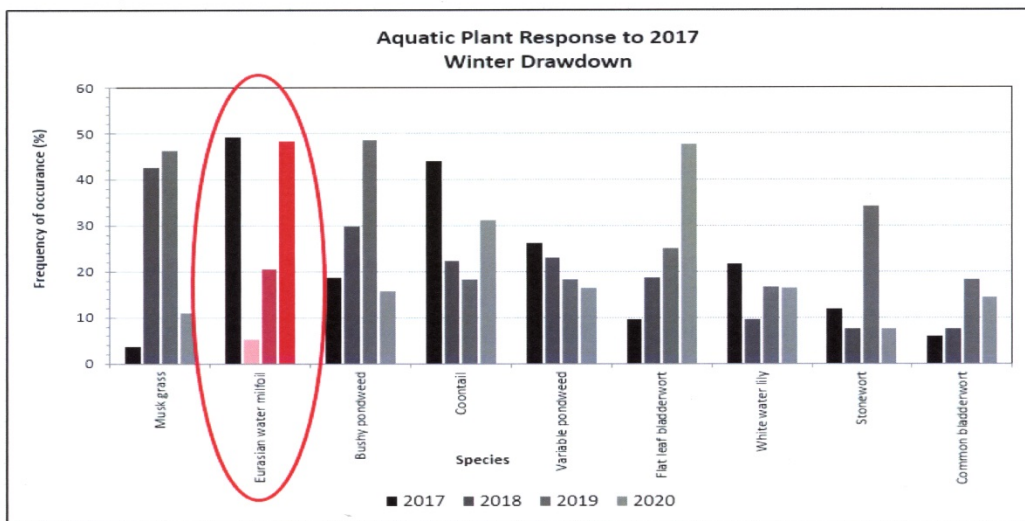
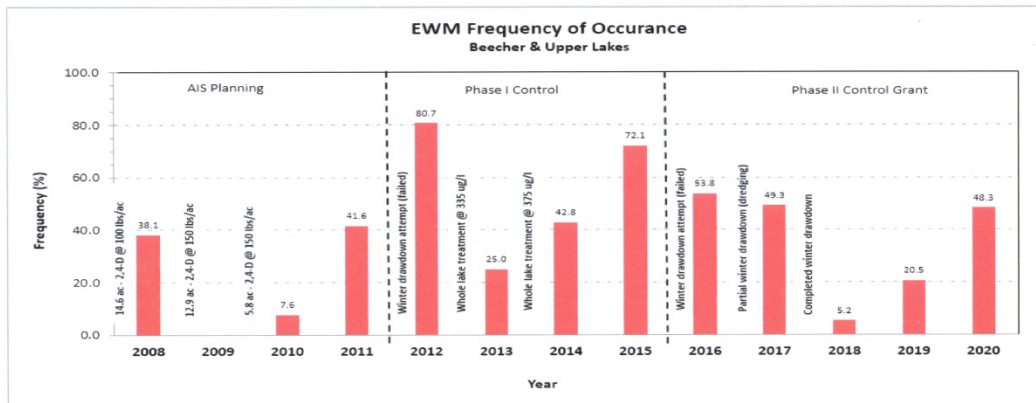


Figure 1 – Results of an August 2020 Aquatic Plant survey.

Jay Komis wanted to know when the next drawdown is scheduled for. Joe Siudzinski noted that high water is our main problem when it comes to drawdowns. Our original plan was to have a drawdown this year but this will be delayed until next September due to the fact that we want to coordinate our

effects to put a second pipe in the dam to aid draining the Lake in an effective manner. Joe will review the proposal to put in a second pipe during his committee's report.

Scott Mathison(sp?) had a question regarding the effects of a drawdown on the fish population. Chuck Druckrey stated that there were no studies that he was aware of that addressed that concern. He directed Scott to contact Chip Long in the Peshtigo office with that question. Lindi then thanked Chuck for his hard work and dedication during the course of the project. The group assembled gave him a round of applause for his efforts on our behalf.

### **Other Questions:**

Lindi mentioned that there had been an incident of several young girls trying to entice someone's pet dog to a car. The plot was unsuccessful but we should remain vigilant to this situation. If seen again, the Sheriff should be notified.

Glenn Schilling wanted to know if a project to remove the small island adjacent to the channel thru dredging efforts would be feasible. The bottom-line on this question was addressed by Chuck Druckrey. The DNR would never give the Lake District a permit for such a project.

Dale Dombrowski brought up the question of trailers on the lake, open lots with campers on them. David Paulsen reviewed the resent Town of Beecher Trailer Ordinance. You can have a trailer on a lot if you pay \$150 for the term of May 1<sup>st</sup> thru November 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time the trailer must be moved off the lot. If the land owner pays \$450 the trailer can remain for the entire year. You can only use these options for 6 years and then a permanent structure must be erected on the lot. The town of Beecher currently has a full time employee that is charged with enforcing the Trailer Ordinance. Dave did not have answer if the property owner wanted more than one trailer (i.e., potential trailer park). Can he do that and would another fee be incurred by the second/third trailer? This brought up the issue of sewage disposal for trailers. Cary Clancy the Marinette County Representative to the Board said that the Marinette Department of Land Information (headed by Greg Clearman) was responsible for all water quality issues. Jim Johnson suggested that the Town of Beecher employee dealing with the trailer ordinance should inform the Department of Land Information

regarding all lots with trailers, so the sewage issue could be addressed at the county level. Lindi added an agenda item for the next meeting to potentially form an ad-hoc committee on water quality that would follow up on all lots around the lake that are using the trailer ordinance.

The Open Forum portion of the meeting was brought to a close by Lindi Magnuson and a short recess (10 minutes) was called before beginning the business portion of the meeting.

### **Business Meeting**

#### **Call to Order:**

The Annual Business portion of the meeting was called to order by Lindi Magnuson at 10:15 am. She began the meeting by leading the group in the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

#### **Approval of Agenda:**

Glenn Schilling made a motion to approve the agenda for the Annual meeting as printed on the BeeherandUpperlakes web site. The motion was seconded by Jim Johnson and passed unanimously.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Jay Komis made a motion to approve the minutes from the 2019 Annual meeting as printed on the BeeherandUpperlakes web site. The motion was seconded by Glenn Schilling and passed unanimously.

#### **Commissioners Reports:**

*Chairperson Report* – Lindi Magnuson began her report by introducing all of the District Board members. She noted that Amy Komis replaced Cindy Schmisser who resigned from the board after selling her property on the lake.

*Secretary Report* – Jim Johnson reported that the Board of Commissioners had been using the Zoon application to conduct business during the Covid19 pandemic. This application proved to be easy to use and effective for remote meetings. It will be used for the next few meetings when Jim Johnson and Amy Komis are away from the lake.

*Treasurers Report* – Amy Komis (current acting Treasurer) reported that as of last December the District had \$44,000 in the bank. After conducting this years business we have an ending balance of \$45,423.61.



town was the new trailer ordinance. He let the Lake District know that the town has a salaried employee that is looking into all trailers in the Township to insure compliance with the new ordinance.

*Marinette County Supervisor Representative - Cary (Clancy) Whiting* reported that the waste issue (septic systems) related to the trailers is a county issue. It is handled by the Land Information Department. Jim Johnson proposed the idea that the Town of Beecher employee tasked with enforcement of the Trailer ordinance should share his list of lake properties with trailers with the Head of the Land Information Department at the county. This would insure compliance for both town and county regulations.

### **Committee Reports:**

*Aquatic Plant Committee* – Joe Siudzinski chairman of the Aquatic Plant Committee began his report by outlining the “Outflow issue” the lake has with drawdowns. In short, because of increased rains over the last decade it has become next to impossible to draw the lake down to the necessary level to freeze out the Eurasian Milfoil. Hence, a single 10 inch pipe was installed and high areas between the dam and the main lake were dredged to improve outflow. Even with these changes and the use of syphons it was extremely difficult to maintain the proper lower lake level to be effective in freezing the milfoil. Last year the Lake District asked the Aquatic Plant Committee to look into a 2<sup>nd</sup> outflow pipe to replace the syphons and aid in maintaining the necessary lake level to freeze the milfoil. Since that time the committee has completed the necessary planning engineering work; found a competent contractor (DTC Inc.), got the county to do the NR30 State permit for free and lined up our engineer to get final project approval from the state. The entire project with an 10% contingency added should run no more than \$50,000. Scott Mathison asked about putting in a larger pipe (12 inches instead of 10 inches) and what the cost and benefits might be. Joe said that he would look into that and report before the next Lake District meeting at the end of Oct. After Joe finished his report Bob Magnuson made a motion to authorize the Aquatic Plant Committee to move forward with the plan to put in a 2<sup>nd</sup> pipe as presented by the committee. Glenn Schilling suggested that he amend his motion to include with a “no bid contract” so the Lake District could use the contractor already found. Bob agreed to this change and Glenn Schilling seconded the motion. The motion passed in a unanimous vote from all those in attendance.

*Ad Hoc Audit Committee* – Amy Komis reported that she did not have time to get with Glenn Schilling prior to the Annual meeting to review the Districts books. She said that this will be done as soon as possible after the meeting.

*Boundaries Committee* – Bob Magnuson reported that he has been using the Marinette County GIS website to look at the number of lots that comprise the Lake District. At the present time there are 71 lots in the district. Bob reviewed how lots get taxed;

- a) Property that owns adjacent lots is taxed as one entity
- b) Property that has been subdivided into two separate lots is taxed as two
- c) Property that has been purchased and combined into one lot is taxed as one lot

*Communications Committee* – Helen Curtis reported that because of Doyle's retirement a printed copy of the Annual BeechChair News would no longer be mailed to each property owner. Instead, the Curtis's will continue to publish an online version on our [BeecherUpperLakes.com](http://BeecherUpperLakes.com) website. Helen asked if she could get an up to date list of property owners addresses. Bob Magnuson said he had a list he could share with her.

*Nominating Committee* – Jim Johnson reviewed what roles and responsibilities are involved in being a commissioner for the Lake District. He noted that this would have been the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Cindy Schmiesser's tenure but due to her resignation Amy Komis had agreed to finish out the year. Amy has agreed to fill the Treasures role for the upcoming 3 year term. Jim then placed Amy's name in nomination. Marsha Miracle seconded the motion. Amy was voted onto the board in a unanimous vote.

*Habitat/Fish Committee* – Committee Chairman, Paul Lasee, was not present at the meeting. Scott Mathison noted that the reason no action was taken on the Fish Sticks program was due to the poor ice conditions on the lake last winter.

*Shoreline Protection Committee* - Carol Wickman was not present to give a report.

*Ad Hoc Picnic Committee* – Judy Siudzinski reviewed the results of the online auction (\$500) and noted how tickets could be purchased for the raffle and how we were going to conduct the after meeting auction/raffle.

### **Unfinished Business:**

No unfinished business to conclude at this time.



**New Business:**

The 2021 Budget was discussed. Amy Komis let the group know that if we continued with our \$100 Lake District tax assessment we would only have \$50,575 to use in the upcoming fiscal year with projected cost of the second pipe project estimated near \$50K. Glen Schilling made a motion to up the assessment on a one time basis to \$200 per lot to insure that we have sufficient funds for the project. Jay Komis seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District						
Proposed 2021 Budget						
Expense	2021 Budget \$100 Assessment	2021 Budget \$200 Assessment	2020 Budget	2020 Actual thru 07/31/2020	2019 Budget	2019 Actual thru 7/30/2019
Aquatic Plant Control Estimated for contingencies	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$3,625.00		see reserves
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain)					\$250.00	
Habitat Improvement			*		\$500.00	
Legal Fees			*		\$1,000.00	\$25.00
Office Supplies/Public Notice/Communication Team	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$69.59	\$1,000.00	\$315.00
Storage Facility			\$0.00			
Insurance Premiums	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,194.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,188.00
<b>Total Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$41,400.00</b>	<b>\$41,400.00</b>	<b>\$31,400.00</b>	<b>\$3,688.59</b>	<b>\$3,950.00</b>	<b>\$1,528.00</b>
Net Position (Balance less Reserves)	\$4,023.71	\$4,023.71	\$ 6,197.00		\$ 29,037.00	
Net Funds Required			50.00		50.00	
	2021	2021	2020		2019	
<b>Reserve Funds *</b>	<b>Proposed Reserve</b>	<b>Proposed Reserve</b>	<b>Proposed Reserve</b>		<b>Proposed Reserve</b>	
Aquatic Committee Expense and Spillway Reserve **	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$10,660.00		\$19,000.00	
Shoreline Protection (dry terrain, ducky marsh, invasive plants, etc.)						
Boundaries Committee **						
Habitat/Fish Improvement	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00		\$1,000.00	
Attorney Fees	\$975.00	\$975.00	\$975.00		\$975.00	
<b>Total Reserve Funds</b>	<b>\$2,475.00</b>	<b>\$2,475.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,135.00</b>		<b>\$ 20,975.00</b>	
* 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.						
Assessed Units	71	71	71	63	71	
Proposed Tax Assessment per Unit for 2020	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	
Total Assessment	\$7,100.00	\$14,200.00	\$7,100.00	\$6,300.00	\$7,100.00	

**Announcements:**

- *Good Friends are Devine 2019 Award*

Lindi Magnuson reviewed what the Award was and the basic criteria for being nominated. This year’s recipient was Helen and Doyle Curtis for their tireless work on the BeechChair News through the years.



**Announcements :**

Raffle and Auction will follow immediately after the meeting.

Lindi Magnuson let everyone know that the next Annual meeting will take place on September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**Adjournment:**

Glenn Schilling made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

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