

**Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and  
Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioner Annual Meeting  
(09/04/2021), 9:00 AM, at the Beecher Town Hall**

**Attendees:**

Lindi Magnuson, Board of Commissioners Chair Person  
 Amy Komis, Board of Commissioners Treasurer (not present)  
 Glenn Schilling delivering the Treasurers report  
 Jim Johnson, Board of Commissioners Secretary  
 Dave Paulsen, Supervisor – Town of Beecher Representative  
 Cary (Clancy) Whiting, Marinette County Board Representative

AGENDA	
9:00-10:00	<b>Open Forum</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shoreline Protection: Ann Bartels, Marinette County Land and Water Conservation Information and Educational Specialist</li> <li>• Eurasian Milfoil Control Report: Chuck Druckrey, Marinette County Water Specialist</li> <li>• Public Comment: Issues, Questions, Concerns, Vision</li> </ul>
10:00-1010	Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance
10:10-10:20	<b>Approval of Agenda</b> Review and approval of minutes from annual meeting 2020
10:20-10:50	<b>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>
10:50-11:20	<b>Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audit Committee</li> <li>• Aquatic Plant Committee</li> <li>• Boundaries Committee</li> <li>• Communication Committee</li> <li>• Fish Habitat Committee</li> <li>• Nominating Committee</li> <li>• Picnic Committee</li> <li>• Shoreline Protection Committee</li> </ul>
11:20-11:25	<b>Unfinished business:</b> Review of 2 <sup>nd</sup> valve in the dam and next drawdown of the lake
11:25-11:50	<b>New business:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2020-2021 Election of Board of Commissioner member</li> <li>• 2020-2021 Budget: discussion/approval of budget and property owner assessment</li> </ul>
11:50-12:00	<b>Announcements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Friends are Devine Award</li> </ul>
12:00	<b>Adjournment of Meeting.</b> Auction and Picnic to follow

**Open Forum:**

The Open Forum session of the meeting was kicked off at 9:05 am. Lindi Magnuson introduced Chuck Druckery (Water Resource Specialist for Marinette County). He gave us an update on the Eurasian Millfoil situation in the lake. Our efforts to remediate the situation are captured by the diagrams in Appendix I entitled EWM Frequency of Occurrence, Beecher and Upper Lakes. Once the review of the data was completed Chuck talked about the Lake Cycle as he saw it going forward. This would consist of; Drawdown, Freeze, lower the weed concentration for several years, then repeat. He discussed another possible remedy going forward. This was to chemically treat areas once the lake levels had

gone down but before a freeze. This could kill EMW in deeper sections of the lakes. Current drawdown will expose lakebed out to 5-6 ft. We will need a permit to lower the Lake levels every 3 years. When Chuck had finished his presentation Lindi made a deviation in the agenda due to the fact that Chuck had to leave shortly thereafter. This year's "Good Friends Are Devine Award" was presented to Chuck Druckery for all his efforts on behave of the Lake owners over the past 11 years.

When Chuck's presentation was completed, Lindi Magnuson introduced Anne Bartels (Education Specialist for the Land Information Department of Marinette County. Anne explained her position and responsibilities. Her talk centered on shoreline protection. She shared with the group numerous publications; handouts regarding Native Plant and Pollinator Resources, Helpful Books & Resources about Native Plant Gardening and Landscaping, as well as, her monthly Northwoods Journal.

When Anne had finished, Lindi Magnuson recognized Mike Gotstein (lake resident and volunteer for the Pembine-Beecher-Dunbar Rescue Squad. Mike reviewed information on how and when to use the Rescue Squad, as well as basics for cottage/home identification (i.e., fire number posted and visible, easy access to the property, uncluttered interior). He suggested that the contact information for the Rescue Squad be on a refrigerator magnet.

With scheduled presentations completed, Lindi Magnuson opened by the floor for general discussion.

*Gene Wickman* wanted to thank all the boaters that follow the lakes 'No Wake' policy but wanted to remind others that serious erosion is caused in the channel by motoring too fast and not adhering to the rule.

*Bob Magnuson* shared information on what he's done in the past during a drawdown to keep weeds down. He suggested that the Weed Eaters Digest is an excellent resource.

*Bob Schaeffer* wanted to know why the outhouse at the public beach was locked. He also noted that the Park needs some attention (trees down). David Paulsen will look into these items at the next Town meeting.

Before closing the open portion of the meeting, Lindi asked that we go around the room and identify those lake residents that were in attendance. People gave their names and location on the lakes. Once this was done the Open Forum was brought to a close and 10 minute recess was called before starting the business portion of the meeting.

### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 10:20 am, the first item was reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge Allegiance – was led by Lindi Magnuson.

### **Approval of Agenda:**

Jim Johnson made a motion to approve the agenda as presented in this year's online edition of the Beech-chair News. The motion was seconded by Glenn Schilling (acting Treasurer in Amy Komis's absence). The motion passed unanimously.

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### **Approval of Minutes:**

A motion to approve the minutes of the last Annual Meeting as printed in this year's online edition of the Beech-chair News was presented by Lindi Magnuson. Clancy Whiting seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Commissioners Reports:**

#### *Chairperson Report –*

Lindi Magnuson noted that she had updated the Roles and responsibilities document. This is an invaluable resource for new board members and aids in their smooth transition into their new roles. She also noted that she had attended the most recent Beecher Town Board meeting where the issue of extra garbage containers was addressed. She also told the group that she will be serving on the 5 year planning committee for future growth and development for the Town of Beecher.

#### *Secretary Report –*

Jim Johnson noted that all minutes and reports are current through June 2021 and can be found on the [beecherupperlakes.com](http://beecherupperlakes.com) website.

#### *Treasurers Report –*

Glenn Schilling (acting treasurer in Amy Komis's absence) reported that an Audit of the Lakes Districts financial records had been completed on the 16<sup>th</sup> of August. Glenn explained how the audit was conducted and what made up the lakes financial records. Amy Komis submitted a written report (Appendix II), 2021 Treasurers Report. The Districts current financial balance as of July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021 was **\$58,795.91**. The audit noted that the tax assessments only showed \$12,100

collection vs \$14,200 estimated. In conversation with the Town of Beecher, the total of 71 property owners was verified and the District is anticipating an additional payment from Marinette County within the next 45 days.

*Beecher Town Board Representative –*

David Paulsen reported the Michael Younblood is the new Town Chairman. The Town of Beecher has reactivated its Planning Committee for development. They will be looking at Town ordinances and looking at a 20 year growth plan. Dave also noted that the new Town of Beecher website is [townofbeecher.com](http://townofbeecher.com)

*Marinette County Supervisor Representative -*

Clancy Whiting had nothing to report at this time. He did explain his role in the county and presented the board with an organizational chart of the Land Information Department of Marinette County (Appendix III).

**Committee Reports:**

*Aquatic Plant Committee –*

Joe Siudzinski chairman of the Aquatic Plant Committee gave a thorough report using a poster board. During his presentation, he reviewed the orientation and schematics for the new second valve as well as why it was needed. Joe explained the timing of the drawdown and how it would be conducted. He hope is that work can commence in late October or early November. In the spring, when the ice begins to recede the valves will be closed and the lake will begin to refill (Estimated date is April 15<sup>th</sup> ).

*Boundaries Committee -*

Bob Magnuson reported on what the boundary committee is charged to do. That function is to verify who pays the tax assessment to the Lake District. At the present time there are 71 properties that are accessed.

*Communications Committee –*

No report at this time.

*Shoreline Protection Committee -*

Carol Wickman reiterated that Anne Bartels did a wonderful job of explaining what the committee does. She also wanted all of the new property owners to sign in and let her know how she can get in touch with them.

### *Fish Habitat-*

No report at this time. Lindi Magnuson wanted to thank Paul Lasee for his efforts on the committee but due to health reasons his involvement has been curtailed. She asked to new people to step forward to champion the cause of fish habitat.

### **Unfinished Business:**

Review of 2<sup>nd</sup> valve in the dam and next drawdown of lake. This item was addressed by Joe Siudzinski during his review of the new valve project via his poster board presentation

### **New Business:**

2021-2022 Election of New Board of Commissioners Member. Lindi Magnuson's first 3 year term has come to an end. The property owners were asked if anyone had a person to nominate for the vacant board position. Jim Johnson brought a motion that Lindi be reelected to the board for a second three year term. The motion was seconded by Aaron Meyer and passed unanimously.

2021-2022 Budget discussion/approval of budget and property owner assessment. Glenn Schilling led this discussion. Glenn gave the estimated general cost of \$5,000/year to run the District. He noted that the current valve project will effectively delete all the reserves we have. He passed along that the board was recommending a \$200/year assessment for the next two years. Joe Siudzinski wanted to make sure that any funds requested had line items to go with them. The original request was tabled and a motion was made by Glenn Schilling to have just next year's assessment at the requested level \$200 level. The motion was seconded by Adam DeGroot. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Announcements:**

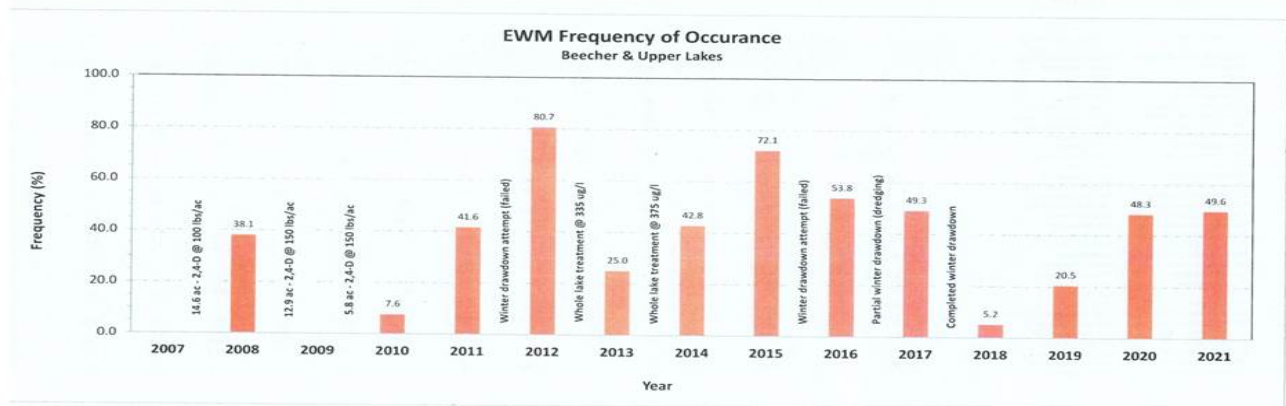
Good Friends are Devine Award was presented to Chuck Druckery during the Open Forum portion of the meeting. The next Board of Commissioners Meeting will be on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of Oct, 2021.

### **Adjournment:**

Bucket Raffle and Picnic to follow. Picnic Chairman Judy Siudzinski explained how the raffle and food service will work following the business portion of the meeting.

## Appendix I –

*EWM Frequency of Occurrence, Beecher & Upper Lakes and associated individual weed species data*





## Appendix II – 2021 Treasurer’s Report



**2021 Treasurer’s Report**  
**August 2021**  
**Submitted by Amy Komis, Treasurer**

The Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (the district) began the fiscal year with a balance of \$45,623.61.

**Income for the fiscal year for the district consisted of:**

Income from annual picnic:	\$1,780.00
Reimbursement from Marinette County:	\$4,665.00
Tax Assessments:	<u>\$12,100.00</u>

**Total:** **\$18,545**

**Expenses for the fiscal year for the district consisted of:**

Marinette County:	\$3,175.00
Internet hosting:	\$191.76
Postage:	\$41.25
Insurance:	\$278.00
Insurance:	\$996
Memorial Plaque:	\$147.65
WDR Permit for dam:	\$512.50
No Wake sign replacement	<u>\$30.54</u>

**Total:** **\$5,372.70**

**Ending balance as of 07/31/2021** **\$58,795.91**

The annual audit was conducted by Glenn Schilling on August 16, 2021. All receipts and expenses were verified back to invoices, check copies, checkbook ledger and bank statements provided by Stephenson National Bank & Trust. No discrepancies or errors were found.

However, the audit did note the tax assessments only showed \$12,100 in collection vs the \$14,200 estimated. (71 property owners at \$200 per owner). In conversation with the Town of Beecher, the total of 71 property owners was verified and the district is anticipating an additional payment from Marinette County. This payment should typically be within 30-45 days of the July 31<sup>st</sup> due date for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of property payments for those property owners that elected to pay in two installments. At the time of this report the additional payment was not received.

It was also noted in the audit, that with the estimates for the dam project the cash reserve for the district will be minimal. The tax assessment to remain at \$200 for 2 years will be address in the proposed budget to allow an opportunity to rebuild the district reserves.



Appendix III- Land Information Organization Chart for Marinette County

# Land Information Organization Chart

