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Beecher & Upper Lake District Meeting **Saturday September 3, 2022**

9:00 am - Beecher Town Hall - Beecher Wisconsin
Picnic to follow Meeting

New Board of Commissioner Member

Ken Hanson was elected as our Beecher Town representative to the Marinette County Board this past spring. He replaces Clancy Whitingon our Board of Commissioners. Ken has resided in the area for over 50 years and is a local business owner for 30 years. He served in the USAF and WI and GA National Guard. He enjoys the outdoor recreation afforded by this area. Ken has 2 children and 5 grandchildren and lives on a small hobby farm.

Nominating Committee for Board of Commissioners

Volunteers Needed



I believe he's looking at you!

Every year the Lake District has the need for a new member on the Board of Commissioners. This new person will replace someone who has served the Lake for a three year term. This particular year I will be the one that needs to be replaced. It is the final year of two consecutive terms (6 years) as Secretary for the Lake District. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of the wonderful lake residence which have donated their time and efforts on behalf of our Lake District. Total time commitment of 5 meetings a year.

We not only need a new Board member but we need volunteers to join our various committees. Nothing can happen unless committees drive the projects that will improve our Lake District.

Committee needs include:

Aquatic Plant Committee - Chairman and general members

Communications Committee - Chairman and general members

Shoreline Protection Committee - Chairman and general members

Fish Habitat Committee - Chairman and general members

Picnic Committee - Chairman and general members

I will have committee sign-up sheets at the front door when you come into the Annual meeting.

Anyone interested in being on the Board, please let me know so I can put your name in nomination. WE NEED YOUR HELP to keep the Lake District running strong. Don't sit on the sidelines, jump off the bench and get into the game.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting and Picnic on the 3rd of Sept.

Jim Johnson

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Secretary



DISTRICT COMMITTEES:

Aquatic Plant Committee

Charge: Act as Stewards of an environment that fosters Biological Diversity; understanding Biological Diversity creates strength in any habitat, contribute to the Ecological Education of its members and the public, and promotes a lake community that practices tolerance and understands Beecher and Upper lakes can be used for a variety of lawful activities and enjoyed by all; i.e. not just stared at from a cabin window

- Propose an annual Newsletter budget to the Treasurer for inclusion in the District proposed budget.
- Submit all expenses to the Treasurer for payment

Committee Membership: The Aquatic Plant Committee will consist of at least three District property owners.

Audit Committee

Charge: The Audit Committee is appointed annually by the BOC to assist the Beecher Lake and Upper Lakes Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District in monitoring:

- The integrity of the Lake District financial records
- The compliance by the BOC with any legal and regulatory financial requirements

Procedures:

- Financial records for the September to August fiscal year will be supplied by the Treasurer.
- The Audit Committee shall review the financial records of the Lake District for the fiscal year.
- The fiscal year audit will begin in September and must be completed prior to December 31st of that same year.
- During the audit period the committee may request more details from the BOC where necessary.
- Once the annual review is complete, each audit committee member must sign and date the annual Treasurers report.
- The Treasurer must supply the Chairperson with a copy of the signed audit report.

Budget: None

Committee Membership: The Audit Committee shall consist of three District property owners.

Fish Habitat

Charge: Identify resources and promote quality, fish habitat management.

Budget:

- Propose an annual Newsletter budget to the Treasurer for inclusion in the District proposed budget.
- Submit all expenses to the Treasurer for payment

Committee Membership: The Fish Habitat Committee shall consist of at least three District property owners.

Communication Committee/ Newsletter Editor/Web Master

Charge: Publish an annual newsletter to communicate with District Property owners.

- Editors: Doyle Curtis and Helen Curtis (920-980-680-6885)
helhoh13@hotmail.com

- E-mail or mail to all District Electors and District property owners at least 14 days in advance of the annual meeting.
- Include previous year's Annual Meeting Minutes, proposed budget, nominees for Board of Commissioners, annual meeting agenda, and other meeting notices as available, and newsworthy topics of interest to property owners.
- Maintain District website with up-to-date information <http://beecherupperlakes.com/>
 - Publish minutes from BOC meeting
 - Maintain current contact information for BOC members
 - Publish annual newsletter

Budget:

- Propose an annual Newsletter budget to the Treasurer for inclusion in the District proposed budget.
- Submit all expenses to the Treasurer for payment

Committee Membership: Maintain membership to assist with editing, publishing and mailing.

Nomination Committee

Charge: Offer a slate of nominees elect Board of Commissioners.

- Provide the information to the Newsletter Editor at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting for publication.

Budget: None

Committee Membership: As appointed by the Chair

Picnic Committee

Charge: Provide an opportunity for socializing and raise funds for the District. Picnic funds do not come from tax assessment but from funds raised during picnic activities.

Budget: Submit all revenues and expenses to the Treasurer for deposit and payment.

Committee Membership: The Picnic Committee shall consist of at least three District property owners.

Shoreland Protection Committee

Charge: Identify available resources for Beecher Lake District property owners for protecting water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, recreation and natural beauty by utilizing shoreline management.

Budget:

- Propose an annual Newsletter budget to the Treasurer for inclusion in the District proposed budget.
- Submit all expenses to the Treasurer for payment

Committee Membership: The Shoreland Protection Committee shall consist of at least three District property owners.

Letter from the Chair-2022

The Lake District was formed more than 20 years ago, as a governmental tax district, to aid in the protection and rehabilitation of Beecher and Upper Lakes. As a tax district we have access to the resources of Marinette County and the state of Wisconsin. As Commissioners, we carry out the decisions you make at the Annual meeting. In past years, we were able to spray the entire lake shoreline for gypsy moths. Controlling Eurasian Milfoil has taken several years of draining the lake, chemical treatment and dam modification and appears to be working. Through your district assessment dollars and state grants we have been able to work to keep Beecher and Upper Lakes a wonderful place to live and vacation.

The Board of Commissioners for the Lake are elected by the Lake District members (YOU) at our annual meeting on Labor Day weekend. I have completed my 1st year of my 2nd term. Amy Komis, who serves as Treasurer and is finishing her 2nd year of her first term. Jim Johnson is the Secretary and has completed his second 3 year term. The District has two additional commissioners: Dave Paulsen, supervisor from the Town of Beecher and Marinette County representative, Ken Hanson.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of Joe Siudzinski and the Aquatic Plant Committee, the 2nd valve was installed last fall. This allowed us to get the water levels low enough to freeze out the Milfoil, which thrives closer to the shore. Marinette County will be completing the plant survey in the next few weeks to assess the success of the last draw down. Our goal is to significantly decrease the need to draw down the lake and rely on spot chemical treatment of the most troublesome spots.

While the Lake District has elected members and can access to county resources, it can't function without our many volunteers. We honor Paul LaSee who passed away since our last Annual Meeting. Paul was on the Fish Habitat Committee for a long time. Thank you to those who lead these committees and all the people who help them. Please consider offering your time and talent to our Lake. Everything these volunteers do adds to the value of **your** home or cottage on the lake. They are weary and could use help!! We can't thank them enough.

Sincerely,

Lindi Magnuson

Lindi Magnuson, Chairperson, BOC
The Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District



Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Proposed 2023 Budget

Expense	Fiscal 2023 Budget	2022 Actual thru 7/31/2022	Fiscal 2022 Budget
Aquatic Plant Control Estimated for contingencies		\$48,813.95	\$50,000.00
Estimated overruns			\$2,000.00
Chemical Treatment - maintenance	\$4,000.00		
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain)	?		
Habitat Improvement			
Legal Fees			
Office Supplies/Public Notice/Communication Team	\$300.00	\$17.99	\$200.00
Storage Facility	Not needed		
Insurance Premiums	\$1,300.00	\$1,280.00	\$1,300.00
Total Operating Costs	\$5,600.00	\$50,111.94	\$53,500.00
Net Position (Balance less Reserves)	\$17,477.97		\$5,295.91
Net Funds Required			
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<u>Reserve Funds *</u>			2022 <u>Proposed Reserve</u>
Reserve Funds for Association	\$10,000.00		\$10,000.00
Aquatic Committee Expense and Spillway Reserve **			
Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain - Gypsy Moth, Invasive Plants, etc..)	\$2,000.00		\$2,000.00
Boundaries Committee **			
Habitat/Fish Improvement	\$500.00		\$500.00
Attorney Fees	\$1,000.00		\$1,000.00
Total Reserve Funds	\$13,500.00		\$13,500.00



2022 Treasurer's Report
September 2022
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 \$58,795.91.

Income for the fiscal year for the district consisted of:

Income from annual picnic:	\$494.00
Tax Assessments:	<u>\$14,000.00</u>
Total:	\$14,494.00

Expenses for the fiscal year for the district consisted of:

Dam project	\$48,913.95
Internet hosting:	\$17.99
Insurance:	\$294.00
Insurance:	\$986.00
Memorial Plaque:	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total:	\$50,361.94

Ending balance as of 07/31/2022 **\$22,827.97**

The annual audit was conducted by Glenn Schilling on August 17 and 18, 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.

The major expenditure of the year was the dam project with came in at \$49,426.47 and \$563.53 under budget. (Ref: 512.50 paid in F2021 and \$48913.95 paid in F2022)

However, the audit did note a \$200 shortfall in the tax assessment.

Aquatic Plant Committee

From Chuck Druckrey: "I suspect that conducting a drawdown every three to four years will be typical. Of course, that assumes the drawdown is successful and you get a good sediment freeze to kill the EWM. The frequency will vary based on the speed of EWM recovery and people's tolerance for the plant. In the plan I listed a "trigger" for conducting a drawdown of finding EWM at 30% of the sample plots when we do aquatic plant surveys.

I plan on conducting annual aquatic plant surveys every summer for the next three or four years to track changes in the plant community after last winter's drawdown. I will schedule it for early August so I can report on the drawdown at the meeting on 09/03. I'll also try to get out on the lake earlier if possible, to have a look around. If any of the new APC want to meet and survey the lake let me know and I'll set something up.

As for maintenance of the drains, since they will only be operated sporadically, the DNR had recommended that they be opened every year for a few minutes to ensure smooth operation and to flush out sediment that might build up in the pipes while they are not being used."

2022 Annual Beecher Lake District Picnic

Join Your Neighbors and - Feel Free to Bring Your Visiting Lake Guests!

Where: Beecher Town Hall

When: Saturday September 3, 2022

Time: 11:45am to 2:00pm (immediately following the annual meeting)

What To Bring: A dish to pass

Picnic will include: Bucket Raffle based on donated items from lake residents. The raffle will also include a bucket option for a cash prize. The cash prize will reflect the income from the raffle ticket sales, after the cost of picnic food and beverages are covered. The following will be provided: Bottled water, soda, hamburgers, brats, relishes, paper plates, napkins, and utensils.

How can you help: Please consider donating raffle items. Items desired are anything you believe would be of value to others, such as gift certificates, homemade items, gift baskets, services, merchandise, etc.

Donations for the bucket raffle can be brought to the town hall the day of the meeting/picnic or dropped off prior to September 3rd, at the residence of Marlene and Jim Johnson at N16742 North Lake Road (please call (281) 387-9198 before delivering to confirm someone will be home) or Lindi Magnuson, you can private message her or call her at (920)-609-3711.

Penny Albers

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

The Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Rehabilitation District

Saturday, September 3rd, 2022, 9:00 – 11:45

Beecher Town Hall

	AGENDA
9:00-10:00	Open Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Public Comment: Issues, Questions, Concerns, Vision
10:00-1010	Call to Order: Pledge of Allegiance
10:10-10:20	Approval of Agenda Review and approval of minutes from annual meeting 2021
10:20-10:45	Commissioner Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chairperson Report• Secretary Report• Treasurers Report• Beecher Town Board Representative• Marinette County Supervisor Representative
10:45-11:15	Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit Committee• Aquatic Plant Committee• Boundaries Committee• Communication Committee• Fish Habitat Committee• Shoreline Protection Committee• Picnic Committee• Nominating Committee
11:15-11:25	Unfinished business: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completion of Dam modification (2nd Valve)• Future of Lake drawdowns and aquatic plant control
11:25-11:40	New business: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2022-2023 Election of Board of Commissioner member