

Annual Meeting Minutes
Lake Pulaski Improvement Association

August 20, 2013
Huikko Bowling Center Meeting Room
1207 Highway 25 North Buffalo, MN 55313

Present: Kathryn Hoy Bill Jundt
 Linda Engwall Theresa Sweeney
 Carol Busse Dave Tauscher

The meeting was called to order by Bill Jundt. Bill asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2012 annual meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by Tim Busse, seconded by Jeff Murphy. Motion carried.

Zebra Mussel Update:

Kathryn Hoy

Bill reported that the boats entering and leaving Lake Pulaski are being inspected for zebra mussels. The inspections were funded by both the LID (\$10,000) and the City of Buffalo (\$7,000). The inspectors on the weekend (VOLT) were instructed to ask boaters where they were from. The tally showed that half of the boaters were from Buffalo and the other half were from out of town. The inspections brought positive responses for the most part. People didn't mind the few minutes it took to inspect their boat for the good of the lake.

The question was raised if we could/should start charging to launch boats into the lake. There is a change to launch on Big Lake. The board feels that now that there is data we can revisit the idea of charging to launch since only half of the boaters are Buffalo residents.

There was discussion about the other three access points on the lake that are not controlled by inspections. It was thought that boaters will go elsewhere to avoid the inspections. It was also brought up that the nonpublic access points should have signage that it is a state law to clean off their boats between different lake launches. The DNR will issue a \$1,000 fine for not being inspected.

Lake Level

Bill Jundt

Ice out date was May 3, 2013.

Lake level is 965.16 today. We have not had to use the pumps. With the dry spell through June, the weeds took over in front of the pumps. Between Olson Electric, B&B Roofing and Kelly Brecht from the City of Buffalo, the weeds were cleaned out and the pumps are now in good working order. Having the pumps off has saved us a significant amount of money. High water mark was 966.06. The website and the Wright County Journal Press are updated when the pumps are turned on and off throughout the season.

Spraying for the Lakes:

Linda Engwall

Linda reported that as the lake level drops the weeds increase. We were unable to treat as much of the lake as we did last year. Last year was the first time we were able to treat as much as 80 acres in about 10 years. When the board applied for the permit this year, we were able to treat 15% which is 17 acres. This was a huge drop from the previous year. We had to pick specific places from the mapping

done last year. We had to choose the worst spots. Next year our option is to have Freshwater Restoration come out and map the areas we can treat. The cost for that is approximately \$2,000. We will need help in finding the worst areas to treat. Please let Linda know so she can direct Freshwater to those areas. Again, the DNR will grant a permit to anyone personally to come in and treat but that would count again the total 15% treatable acres.

Budget:

Kathryn Hoy

Zebra Mussel in the budget:

The good news is that the budget is half of what the budget was last year. The reason we go up and down with the budget is because we were not sure where what the electricity will run as far as cost, so we put in the budget \$10,000 for inspectors. \$25,000 was budgeted for milfoil and we only spent \$10,000 since we could only spray 15%. Of course this year we did not have the pumping costs (\$4,000 for electricity budgeted \$12,000). We also had to pay our final payment for the south side of the lake road. That final payment to the city was \$16,000.

After meeting with Mert Auger and discussing if the inspections were effective, it was decided the inspections were catching the early morning fishermen as well as the evening boaters. So the board budgeted another \$10,000 for inspectors. Many of the surrounding lakes are infected. We do not want to pretend it isn't happening all around us. We need to take the safeguards that we can to protect our lake.

There was a motion by Charlie Koch to approve the budget, seconded by John Siffert, motion approved, budget passes.

Elections:

The only board member up for election is Bill Jundt. The motion was made to allow Bill to remain on the board for another three year term. Seconded, all in favor, moved.

Open discussion:

It was brought up about dredging the holding pond at the turnabout on the east side of the lake. The board said they would check with Brad DeWolf as to the status. With the recession hitting the past few years, it was not done.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Diehm, seconded by Tim Busse. Motion carried, meeting adjourned by Bill Jundt.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Busse
Administrative Assistant