

Annual Meeting Minutes
Lake Pulaski Improvement Association

August 9, 2011

Huikkos Bowling Center Meeting Room
1207 Highway 25 North, Buffalo, Minnesota 55313

Present:	Judie Rose	Kathryn Hoy
	Bill Jundt	Linda Engwall
	Theresa Sweeney	

The meeting was called to order by Judie Rose. Judie asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2010 annual meeting. Motion by David Rose to approve the minutes, seconded Mike Demmer. Motion carried.

Lake Level:

Kathryn Hoy led the discussion regarding the lake level. Due to the excessive amount of rainfall this year, the board has been in contact with both the DNR and the City of Buffalo in an attempt to adjust the existing permit to allow the LID to activate the pumping system. The question the LID had for the DNR was, what does the DNR need from the LID to adjust the permit in order for us to start the pumps and “drain to the drain”. What this means is when Buffalo and Deer Lakes are draining, statistically, it is not harmful to those lakes to pump water from Pulaski into Buffalo.

Action taken:

- A letter was sent to the DNR to request a review of the permit. To advise the LID as to what they need to adjust the permit.
- The DNR is rooted in the permit. The LID expressed that Pulaski cannot be the holding pond for all the neighboring developments. Things have changed since the pumps were put in and since the permit was written, years ago, we have considerable more runoff. It seems that the area lakes have the access to drain except Pulaski. Thus, a letter will be drafted to the Buffalo Lake residents and sent this week.
- The DNR is concerned that Buffalo Lake residents will not be in favor of pumping from Pulaski to Buffalo. It is the board’s intention to hold an open meeting with lake residents to inform and educate them as to what the board has learned over the past several months.
- Note: the city is responsible for the pumps. The board is in communication with the city regarding future pumping. They are ultimately responsible for the physical pumping. How we get to those means is a mutual effort.

It is the board’s intention to get the lake level down before winter. Due to the hazardous conditions for the city workers and the public, pumping cannot be done during the winter. The board has checked the pumps and they are in good condition and are ready to go.

Wake Zone: Due to the high water level, residents are very concerned about the wake zone and boater’s waves eroding the shore. The wake zone for the lake is 300 feet from shore. Anyone can report a violator to the no wake ordinance. However, a ticket cannot be issued unless it is witnessed by the water patrol.

Additional discussion regarding the lake level:

Holding Ponds:

- It was suggested that the board copy our legislators of correspondence with the DNR.
- Suggested to hold a social hour for legislators, lake residents and DNR.

Thanks to the website, we have up to date information being communicated regarding water levels, action being taken and a place to voice concerns.

Water Quality:

Linda Engwall reported that the DNR was going to come back to Pulaski and evaluate the board's water quality concerns. Due to the government shut down, their visit was delayed. Water quality treatment is on hold. The signed permit postcards are good for three years.

Budget:

Kathryn Hoy reported the budget at \$30,000. Changes to the 2012 budget is an additional \$5,000 for the pumping. The engineering expense listed is for Wenck for work they did gathering data for the DNR permit. We did not spend the money budgeted for water quality in 2011 so it can be used in 2012 when the water goes down.

We have \$100,000 in our reserve. With a few years of not having the need to pump, the money has accumulated. So basically, we start pumping and we can start treating. The money is there.

A motion to approve the budget as reported was made by David Rose, seconded by _____?? Motion approved, budget passes.


Election:

Kathryn Hoy and Theresa Sweeney agreed to run again. Nominations were opened to the floor. No nominations were added. Kathryn and Theresa will continue to serve. There are two board openings for next year.

Action: Representatives are always invited to the annual meeting. It was suggested to give them a personal phone call to attend the meeting.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by _____, seconded by _____ Motion carried, meeting adjourned by Judie Rose.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Busse

Administrative Assistant