

**LAKE PULASKI IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
ANNUAL MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2004 7:00 pm
Buffalo Public Library**

BUFFALO, MINNESOTA

MINUTES

Present: Judie Rose
Kathryn Hoy
Greg Hules
Bill Jundt

Guests: Mark Ourada, State Senator
Carla Heeter, County Commissioner
Joel Macarath, Sheriff's Department, Water and Recreation

Judie Rose started the meeting by asking for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2003 annual meeting. The motion was made by Alan Malorick seconded by Gerald Melgaard. The motion carried with no corrections.

Milfoil Update:

Judie Rose explained that the DNR now states that we cannot treat the milfoil in Pulaski. The LID talked to the a couple companies who provide milfoil treatment. We have commissioned a study of the lake by the Minnesota Restoration Shoreline Group that was completed July 2004. The study shows that we do have milfoil that has grown. The recommendation of the restoration group was that we treat approximately 40 acres this year for milfoil. The study will be presented to the DNR for review and possibly receive their approval for treatment. Each landowner will have to sign a statement to offer permission for treatment.

There was discussion about treatment at Clearwater Lake. Someone will check into how the individual landowners treated the milfoil privately for the meeting next year.

Carl Johnson: Lake Level Update:

Six inches over last year at this time. April 4, 2004 964.72

High water was on June 12 at 965.83.

Today, August 10, 2004 the level is at 965.32, this date 2003 was 965.94.

Pumping:

We are not pumping now and will not pump in the near future. For your information, we cannot pump unless the lake level is at 966. We are currently at 965.32. Once we do

start pumping we can pump down to 964.5. The permit is not to maintain a lake level but to decrease water when it is at a point where it is potential damage to the shoreline.

Pulaski Ponds:

Pulaski Ponds is located at the turn-around on the east side of the lake. This pond has not been declared a storm water holding pond. It was build before it was known that such ponds had to be declared a holding pond or the DNR would call them wetlands. So, it was under the DNR's jurisdiction because it was considered a wetland. Brad DeWolf all the governmental bodies to have that designation changed from wetland to storm water holding pond. The reason we could do that was because the water has always run through that property in the creek and continues to flow through. The designation was changed. The city is now going to dredge the pond to make it more effective. This will be done in the fall. The LID would like to assist the city for the cost of dredging.

Reaffirming Water Management Plan:

- John Siffert wrote a letter to the DNR requesting permission to pump early and more often.
- In response to Mr. Siffert's letter: we received a letter back requesting information from the LID:
 - DNR stated they were not receiving the lake level readings.
 - Want to know how our pumping Lake Pulaski affects the waters in Buffalo Lake. After engineering study, if we pump one foot, Buffalo Lake rises ½ inch.
 - Concerned about what will happen to Little Pulaski. Judie stated that we would dredge the channel as well as provide the buoys.

The DNR states that we have to be a part of the Wright County Water Management Plan. The LID Water Management Plan was available for review by all present. Judie asked for a motion and a second to approve the water management plan that we have been working with for the past three years so that we can submit it to Soil and Water and have it included in Wright County's Water Management Plan. A motion was made by John Siffert, seconded by Jeff Moss.

Budget:

- 2004 - \$49,350
- Big items last year were water quality and milfoil.
- Budgeted \$15,000 for water quality. Mainly budgeted for Pulaski Ponds.
- Budgeted \$20,000 for milfoil management. We have money to spray assuming we can spray.
- Note the 2005 budget request column: budgeted \$38,850 (decrease of \$10,500) from 2004.
- If we cannot spray this fall, \$20,000 will be taken out for milfoil in 2005 and \$5,000 for water quality in 05.

Kathryn asked for approval for \$38,850 hoping that we are able to spray this fall.

Current fund balance: \$93,155. with 1st half of taxes in. When second half of taxes in our balance will be \$117,830. We keep this balance in case one of the pumps fails. To replace one pump, the cost is approximately \$30-40,000.

Motion to approve the higher end of \$38,850 knowing that if we are unable to spray this fall the number will drop to 13,850. was made by Clayton Johnson, seconded by Paul Hanson.

Election of Officers:

Kathryn Hoy and Galen Eastlack.

Kathryn would like to run for her position and Galen would like to be off the board. His position is open. This is a three-year term.

Nominations were taken: Kathryn Hoy was nominated. Motion for Phil Riley, seconded by John Siffert.

Joel Macarath:

Thirty officers patrol 200 lakes in Wright County. Joel explained why the patrols were needed on the lake. He also highlighted basic equipment needed for safe boating. It is also the job of his department to educate the public. Remind them to check their equipment, boat lighting, licenses on rafts and the obvious use of life jackets.

Update on Griffing Park:

The city is putting in a new parking area, to be completed last fall. Sand volleyball.

Tree Stumps:

These cannot be touched unless the goes down. They are considered habitat for the fish and wildlife unless they are completely out of the water.

Annual meeting for 2005 will be held Tuesday, August 9, 2005 at the Buffalo Public Library.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by John Siffert, second by Phil Riley. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Busse
Administrative Assistant