

Minutes  
Meeting of October 3, 1991  
Of The Board Of Commissioners  
The District Of Powers Lake

The Meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by George Melcher, acting for Don Werner, Chairman. Present were Don Werner, Gerald Christenson, George Melcher and Dennis Mak. Rowland Laughlin was excused.

Secretary's report was omitted. Treasurer's report was to be covered later in the meeting.

Old Business

Status of Lake Management Plan - Update from SEWRPC.

George Melcher stated that because of amendments to the management plan there would be no vote on acceptance at today's meeting.

Nancy Zolitis and Bob Biebel covered amendments to parts of the Lake Management Plan. These were as a result of letters and comments from members and further analysis by SEWRPC.

Three recommendations were revised:

Designation of Jefferson, Knolls and Honey Bear Bays as slow-no-wake areas. Knolls and Honey Bear environmentally sensitive areas would be marked by bouys, perhaps distinctively colored, to delineate slow-no-wake areas. Jefferson Bay to remain open to water skiing and fast boating. It was recommended that methods be initiated to assess safety considerations in the bay.

Restriction of motorboating to slow-no-wake between noon and three p.m. on weekends. This recommendation was amended to remain as present.

Acquisition of wetlands in the drainage area. This recommendation to be unchanged.

Considerable discussion followed concerning the before mentioned and other aspects of the plan. In summary, it may be said that most member's concerns about recreational boating were resolved in the amended plan. Discussion on wetlands protection brought out the need to act positively on these areas in order to maintain lake water quality.

New Business

Consideration of special meeting of the Commissioners. Because of the amendments to the Lake Management Plan it was felt that a special meeting was not needed. Motion to withdraw petition, M. Lambert; second, E. Burke. Motion passed.

A review of citizen letters indicated a strong support for lake ecology issues.

Funding will become available for qualifying lake projects from the DNR later in 1991 and 1992.

Lake conference to be held March 13-14 in Stevens Point, WI.

Evidence of increase of the rough fish population in Powers Lake has been noted from several sources. This is a clear indication of a problem and various routes to solving this were discussed. Members voiced support for projects to remedy the situation.

Motion to adjourn by Melcher; second, Christianson. Motion passed 4:45 p.m.