

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the District of Powers Lake Board of Commissioners
Friday, October 3, 1997

Chairman, Jim Michels called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

In attendance: J. Michels, P. DeMichele, K. Kipp, B. Laurine, G. Melcher, M. Pelz,
Excused: E. Burke

Citizen Comments:

Bill Lynch thanked the board for sending notices of meetings. He stated that we cannot think of the channel issue as one side versus the other side of the lake. As far as the audit goes, it wasn't an issue of not trusting anyone but questioning the \$31,000. of wetland purchase. He also had a question about the money being spent on the law firm. Michels said we need to have an audit when there is a change in administration and possibly every year. The audit is in process but not yet complete. The committee is waiting on law bills.

Bob Laurine reported on the transitional audit. All money owed to the district from towns has been collected as of this date. Current bills include: \$88.64—Postmaster, \$156.25-WAL membership, \$187.96—Standard Press, \$709.00—Laub Group Ins., \$1641.00—Zarek Ins., \$96.00—Postmaster. Total is \$2878.85.

Beginning balance \$9931.14. Ending balance \$16,523.87. CD--\$16,334.03 Savings \$11,446.05 .

Outstanding bills include: \$51.50 to Kenosha County for Homeowners list & Wheatland for same. \$59.42-Westosha Report for notice of annual meeting. Michels mentioned that SEWRPC needs to be paid for the wetland map. Kipp asked about legal bills. DeMichele said we just recently received the remaining bills which will be discussed in closed session.

Bob Laurine motioned to investigate the purpose of all legal fees charged to the District of Powers Lake from July 1, 1992 to the current date, to determine their correctness and whether they were within the scope of approved annual budgets. Michels stated he knows Bob has the knowledge and resources to do this. DeMichele seconded the motion. Kipp inquired as to what is being looked at. DeMichele wanted to go back and see if there were motions to match transfer of money amounts. A vote was taken with all in favor.

Island Channel Project

The project started on 10-02 97 on the south side. Melcher stated for the record that the county has not issued as permit as yet. It will, but hasn't done so yet. Laurine questioned this since it wasn't a new project. Melcher said the permit has not been issued from the county's end and is in the process of being approved. DeMichele said the main thing to keep in mind is that we can't receive access to the property before Sept. 15. After Nov. 15 the contractor won't work on it. The DNR will not allow it to be done in the spring due to fish hatching. Laurine has taken the revised plan to DNR in Milwaukee to walk it through with the proper people. Michels took care of getting all the proper signatures. By the end of next week the paper work will be completed. Michels distributed the Powers Lake Management Plan dated March 1994 to the Board. He was informed of Asian Milfoil by John Kemp. He handed out DNR permit forms last meeting. Gil Kroll said he had talked with Bob Watkins of the DNR and was told the DNR is out of money for new water sampling recruits. Gil

mentioned that he thought Doug Stryker had been taking water quality samples. Kipp mentioned that Doug Stryker has never come before the board with any information. Michels said Burke wants to head up a group to get this done. Kroll did receive a letter from Burke and volunteered to do this but doesn't want to replace Stryker. DeMichele said that if Stryker isn't reporting back to the District, we need someone who will. Bill Lynch said Melcher should have the discs for sampling the water and that the sampling process is easy. You just need to go to the same place each time and draw a sample. Kipp mentioned that the USG tests it once a year. Lynch stated that this should be done weekly. Laurine feels the District should be contracting the testing once a week, so if there is a problem, i.e. septic system leaking, etc., people can be notified right away. Michels wants to review it for the January meeting. Kroll will check with Stryker and report back.

Copies of the DNR grant application were passed out and it was stressed that the public should write letters in support of it. The District will change the name and numbers for the chairperson on the application so that we have the right contact person. Michels has spoken with Steve Manley at DNR to find a local contact for additional information. Kipp suggests that we contact them now because it takes a year to process. Michels will investigate this with the BONG DNR office. Laurine will personally go there.

Public Access Site

Michels said the work has been completed and looks professionally done. Per Steve Lewis, the DNR plans to finish this fall. Melcher voiced a concern of the public using the site as a public beach. Mr. Kozie is concerned with the parking lot run off. According to Lewis, it is designed so the water is discharged onto the shore line not directly into the water. Melcher shared the same concern but was informed that the site is too small to have it tipped off for runoff access. Michels is concerned that the culvert has been set too low. It is already half full. DNR set it at that elevation. Michels stated that completion is set for the end of October. Melcher said the bids came in \$50,000 over what DNR wanted. Michels stated there would be a port-a-potty and garbage cans at the site. Pelz said the town will be responsible for pumping the port-a-potties and removal of garbage, also for snow plowing. Citizen, Greg Hamer was concerned with people parking and partying on shore. He suggested signs stating BOAT LAUNCH ONLY. Kipp feels this is a safety issue, on another lake, a boy drowned when he wandered into the boat lane. Melcher said we needed to distinguish the definition of a swim area and boat launch, and that this is a boat launch. The DNR will have a temporary float to tie your boat while you get your trailer. Pelz said they have been looking at different sites as far as fees go. If there is one, it would be a voluntary thing, where you put your money in an envelope in a box. It would be a parking fee not a launch fee. Melcher brought up the fact that there is no parking on the streets. When the lot is full, its full.

Michels opened discussion on the bylaws. Kipp thinks its important to know that most of these bylaws are under State Statutes and when there is conflict between the two, she believes the State Statutes takes precedence. She suggested abolishing the bylaws. Michels concluded the regular session and motioned to go into closed session at 6:22 p.m. The vote was unanimous.