

## MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE MEETING JANUARY 9TH, 1998

In attendance: J. Michels, D. Burke, P. DeMichele, K. Kipp, B. Laurine  
and M. Pelz

Minutes were read from the previous meeting and approved with the  
addition of who submitted the minutes.

Treasurers Report was given: Beginning Checking Balance	\$16,523.87
Ending Checking Balance	\$ 3,323.51
Beginning Savings Balance	\$27,780.08
Ending Savings Balance	\$22,973.72

The payment of bills was discussed. DeMichele motioned to accept the  
treasurers report and continue paying outstanding bills, Burke seconded.  
This is so that the board can act on paying bills in between meetings. The  
attorney bill was discussed as far as late charges and the fact that the  
meetings are held only every three months. Bob Laurine is working on  
getting the late charges reversed.

Laurine did the audit within weeks of taking over. All checks were  
accounted for. All money owed to the district was paid and deposited. He  
couldn't comment on how it was spent. That had depended on past  
boards. The books were complete to his satisfaction. Burke and  
DeMichele reviewed everything and found it to be complete. DeMichele  
said that when you audit, you look for material conditions. He went  
through the details to make sure every transaction was supported. He did  
find tardiness in depositing the tax levy checks. This needs to be done as  
soon as possible, because it is our income and we earn interest off it. It  
was discussed to have the checks from the townships direct deposited.  
(see attached exhibit)

There was discussion of the channel clearing project. This was a  
cooperative effort between the Lake District and the town of Randall. The

dredging company worked on cleaning it for two weeks. Seeding was done after November 1st by Richard Helmer. The township used county equipment and cleaned the culvert under 91st street. The water now flows through again. All bills associated with it have been paid. Laurine would like to call and see if the permit could be expanded to clean out a little more. Then we don't have to go through the permit process again. It was asked if it will block up again. The north side of the channel got that bad due to erosion and does not need to be addressed. Pelz said that the town will be discussing it in the spring. They are talking about making a small pump for the fire department to utilize for pumping water on one side, and on the other installing rip rap rock. Laurine would like to see volunteers trim some of the trees along the banks. These are accessible by standing on the ice (only when it is safe). He will contact land owners for permission.

DNR Application: Burke said we submitted an application for grant money to continue testing the water quality and study the water. We were denied, due to lack of community support. The study cost is \$26,000 without the grant. Burke will draft a general letter that everyone can send in to the DNR, asking for support of this grant.

Gil Kroll said he has contacted the previous DNR water tester and was told to go ahead and take over. He also talked to Bob Wakeman who was in favor of it, but suggested that Gil go to testing school in March. Gil contacted Herb Garn and was told that the testing needed to be done weekly or biweekly.

Kathy Aron from Lake Management Service Consultant Assoc. in Wind Lake was introduced. Some of the things they look for when doing a study on the lake are regular water quality data on the water, including water clarity sampling. They also study the aquatic plants, how they appear, the regular plants and any new plants, and millfoil. They look from the shore out to about 20" water depth and look at plants growing and any erosion. If you have millfoil, keep an eye on it and pull it. If there is a lot then treat it chemically. Eurasian millfoil is a type that will tend to generate very small roots at the top of the plant in late June. This is how it



reproduces. It will break off and replant. First surveys showed this plant had a very small population. It would be interesting to see where millfoil stands now in Powers Lake. There is a native bug that controls this type of millfoil. It is called the weevil. It spends its life cycle in this mill foil. This bug takes over the stem on the top and its' larva live in the stem. The stem will turn black and fall off. In Wind Lake these bugs have been introduced and have reduced the amount of Eurasian millfoil. The DNR and the U of W- Stevens Point are currently doing a study on this. The weevil will feed on native millfoil but greatly prefers Eurasian millfoil. Kathy recommends having another study done, seeing as the last one on Powers was done five years ago. Irene Stryker asked what happens if nothing is done about it. Kathy replied that it is hard to predict. It does like boat access and sandy soil. The key with millfoil is to be proactive. You will find it by storm pipes and mucky places. If you harvest it you must get the cutting out of the water. The millfoil will crowd out native plants. It grows quickly and can affect the water temperature by forming a canopy. It can become so dense that you cannot swim or get a boat through it. It creates a hiding place for small fish and the game fish will suffer. In 10' of water it is possible to have 20' strands of mill foil. Laurine asked what is the best month to treat it. Kathy said it depends on the chemical. It also depends on which chemical as to if you can swim with it in the water. DNR has to hold all applications to treat for 10 days and then has 15 days to reply. It is up to the state statues as to how and when to notify your neighbors. Applications have to be state certified. Kipp suggested that the board take a stand to go more towards the weevil route for treatment vs. directing people to apply chemicals. Michels is concerned with the access sites where it is a problem. Kathy would need to be notified by April 1st if we want to do another survey. They will try to do the survey at the same time of year as the previous survey to compare the growth period. Kathy gave a quote of \$5,900 for the aquatic survey.

The question of chlorides in the water was brought up. Kipp said we do have a pattern of it rising. Michels said if this is connected to septic seepage, we should monitor it. Kipp would like to have a quote for a fish study as well. Pelz said the DNR should be doing one. Kipp mentioned that according to DNR we are not on the fish stocking list. Michels

suggested we invite a DNR rep to come out and explain all the stocking programs.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 by Michels.

Submitted by Beth Buri.

A review of the District's tax receipts from 1991-1997 indicated that tax levy receipts were not deposited in a timely manner resulting in a loss of interest income to the District. Of 25 checks issued by the Town of Randall to the District of Powers Lake only 8 were deposited in the same month they were issued. The balance of the tax checks were deposited as follows:

# of days	30	60	90	120	150
# of checks	9	5	1		1

One check was deposited 13 months after it was issued.

Recommendation- The District of Powers Lake have the Town of Randall and other taxing agencies deposit our tax levy receipts directly to our bank account. This will assure timely deposit and interest generation.