

DISTRICT OF POWERS LAKE
Minutes of the Meeting held on March 6, 1998

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Paul DeMichele.

In attendance were; M. Pelz, P. DeMichele, B. Laurine.

DeMichele announced that J. Michels is absent, his daughter is having surgery. E. Burke is traveling and did fax DeMichele some information. No one has heard from K.Kipp. DeMichele received a fax from Leonard Johnson, chairman of the Land Conservation Committee, advising the board that George Melcher is resigning from the Board. The Land Use Committee will move quickly to appoint someone to fill the position.

Laurine gave a Treasurer's report with the following information;
Beginning Checking Balance; \$3,323.51, Ending Checking Balance; \$13,212.80
Beginning Savings Balance; \$22,973.72, Ending ~~Checking~~ ^{Savings} Balance; \$22,973.72

Laurine did explain that he just received the last of the current bills from the attorneys. So far \$18,094. Has been paid out, \$14,301, was accrued last year and never paid. Of the \$3,793. That was just paid, half was prior to the election night, when this board took over. So far every meeting has been held without an attorney. In the past an attorney has come from Madison charging \$170.00 per hour including the drive time. The current board does not see the need for the attorney to be present at that expense. Another example of attorney fees. In the past the attorney would draft the easement for Jacobs, when the channel was done. Michels, working in the field has some experience, drew up a draft for the easement agreement and sent it to the attorney for final approval. The attorney charged \$4-500. For this and wanted to file this against Jacobs deed. Michels stepped in and resolved it. The final bill is 193.25, which is for the attorney making copies of the complete file on the trees being cut by the boat launch and the supposed weapons charge. The board wanted a copy since and Bill Lynch requested one.

Lynch mentioned that it is nice to hear and see the financial report, that in the last five years you would not have seen this. That the money should not be a secret. Gil Kroll asked if the board is looking for a new attorney. Laurine said yes they are, they have talked to the town board and received recommendations. Of course, we will not use the same attorney at the town so there is no conflict of interest. DeMichele said they were looking at someone whose strength was in land management. The current attorney is not.

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Laurine mentioned that when he saw the size of the legal bills, he called other chairmen from other lake districts, (in Racine, Walworth, and Kenosha). He asked them what attorney they used and how much of their budget is for legal fees. None of them have an attorney present at their meetings. They do not spend more than 10% of the budget on legal fees. Laurine said that we are a small district and we need to watch how our money is spent.

Application for the grant; Burke faxed the following information to DeMichele; Mr. Wakeman and other members of the DNR will be coming out to Powers Lake to do some monitoring for the amount of dissolved oxygen in the lake. Mr. Doug Welch the senior fish biologist for the DNR is also scheduled to do a study of the lake this spring. Burke suggested that a member or volunteer contact Welch to receive more information and perhaps offer any assistance. Welch's number 414-884-3264. Burke also stated that he is favor of the Powers Lake Aquatic Plant Survey and Management Plan Reassessment Proposal 98-0101, presented by Aron & Associates. His vote would be for it at a cost not to exceed \$5,900. Burke also thanked Laurine and all others for the work done in support of the grant. He should have some news by April 1.

Laurine and Michels went to Sewer Pac and talked with Jeff. He told them that they would be more willing to give money if it was going for broader things(i.e. educating people about the lake, educating kids about safety with the water, etc.). Laurine said if we are denied the money it may be our fault, because it's true we do need to broaden ourselves. We also need to get more of the people involved.

Laurine stated that Kroll will be going to the convention next week for water testing. Michels and Laurine are also going for different classes. They also hope to exchange thoughts and ideas with other lake districts.

Sewer Pac Publication was passed out. DeMichele said this is just a draft, there is another draft coming. The final draft will be mailed out to everyone. Lynch said you may want to review this and change something or you will have some people mad at you. Laurine felt that it was possible that this was a condensed version for the last two. DeMichele stated that if anyone has any comments or changes they would like to see in it to jot them down and send them to him. Laurine said everyone has a voice in this. A survey was done 10 years ago. Laurine asked Jeff to pull a few pertinent questions from that one and see how the answers will differ now. Laurine thinks we should ask questions like do you have a weed problem? Kroll mentioned that in the last few years they have not had a weed problem. Laurine mentioned that he hopes this survey will also tell the board what the people want of them. Laurine mentioned that the state has publications of the effect of fertilizing and that this should be mailed out to everyone. DeMichele agreed with this and said it would not reach as many people if it was just passed out at a meeting, due to the lack of attendance. Steve Moore mentioned that the people need to be educated and then maybe fined. Laurine said the District does not

want to become the police. But that yes the people need to be educated. Kroll stated that we need to make the people aware of the effect the fertilizer has on the lake. DeMichel said we also need to encourage all members to come to the meetings to receive any information. DeMichele adjourned the meeting.

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