

Minutes of the April 15, 2016 Quarterly Meeting of the District of Powers Lake Randall Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Jim Michels, Judy Jooss, Brooke Jensen, Dan O'Connell, Dave Anstett and Neal Kuhn present.

Approval of February 26, 2016 minutes:

Approval tabled until June meeting.

DPL Duties:

Recording Secretary:

Susan Bernstein, recording secretary, was elected to the Village of Bloomfield Board as a Trustee and has submitted her resignation. Neal made the suggestion that Nancy Michael could be the recording secretary.

Newsletter:

He also suggested that the board might hire her to do the newsletter. She has the experience and understanding of the issues. Nancy went outside during the discussion. Discussion ensued as to payment amount for newsletter and the minutes. Jim gave information as to the genesis of the newsletter following DNR grants. Jim feels we need a newsletter which meets DPL standards. The quality of work represents the DPL and if it does not look professional, the DPL does not have a professional image. It is worth it to pay a competent individual to have it done on time and in a manner that meets the DPL standards.

A set rate was agreed upon of \$500 per newsletter. Also, it was suggested that Nancy might also be able to triage the mail. The \$200 fee paid previously for the minutes would remain the same. Nancy returned to the meeting and answered questions about processing newsletter. Nancy agreed to the amounts offered. Neal made a motion to hire Nancy Michael to be our recording secretary for \$200 per meeting as well as doing the newsletter at \$500 per newsletter for 5 meetings per year for \$2,500. Dan O'Connell seconded the motion. Motion carried. Minutes are to be submitted within 2 weeks of the meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

Brooke reported:

\$ 3,702.25 = Cash in the general fund

\$24,189.11 = Wetland cash fund

\$42,196.62 = Wetland CD fund

Jim Michels made a motion to approve payment of bills due through June. Motion seconded by Mark Halvey. Motion carried.

Neal Kuhn made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. Motion seconded by Dave Anstett. Motion carried.

The quarterly June meeting will include the budget proposal. The budget amounts will be needed by Judy and Brooke at least a week before the June 10th meeting.

Municipalities: Town of Randall, Wheatland, Village of Bloomfield, Kenosha & Walworth Co. Issues:

Randall: Mark Halvey reported that George Lawrence, our former Water Patrol Chief, has retired. The RTB promoted Tom Huffine to Water Patrol Chief. Tom is an underwater rescue diver and Dive Master for the RFD. He went through fire training certification with Bob Stoll. They will miss George but look forward to working with Tom. Chapter 20 received DNR approval and was also adopted by the Village of Bloomfield. Mark also stated that the Public Service Commission has approved the Spring Valley North Lake Geneva electric reliability project which will strengthen electrical reliability for growing communities. The route will be north of Powers Lake. Above ground work should be finished by mid 2019.

Watershed Management:

Aquatic Plant Management: Our application with Lakes and Ponds to the DNR for treatment has been approved. Treatment date is to be determined. No pre treatment survey will be needed. We will use the post treatment survey from last year.

Water Testing: Neal will contact Nancy Kemp to verify she will be able to do this. Mark Halvey will continue to read the water levels.

Wetlands: Jim and Neal will contact Dr. Monaco regarding the section of wetlands that abuts ours. Hopefully they will be able to walk the area when weather warms and before the mosquitoes are in full force.

Channel Work: Thank you notes were sent to all volunteers and Mr. Silich. There was some damage to the equipment that Dr. Partridge loaned us. We also need to address the lawn and pier damage for Mr. Silich.

The lawn repair bill = \$695.00 and the pier repair bill = \$410.41.

Jim Michels made a motion to pay these bills. Dan O'Connell seconded. Motion carried.

Other Business issues:

Jim Michels attended the 5th Annual Fox River Summit regarding the Fox River Trail project which is a 223 mile trail between Wisconsin and Illinois. Of note was the Hackmatack Wildlife Preserve. Jim provided information on this project to all in attendance.

Neal Kuhn spoke to Mark Kordus, our contact at Lakes and Ponds, regarding a water measurement device. Mark recommended Dale Buser of SEWRPC. Dale formerly had his own business installing these devices. Neal will speak to him this week about putting a proposal together for us and present at our next meeting in June. This will provide another objective opinion to act on in addition to what Hay and Associates gave us.

Mark Halvey will continue to measure lake levels again this year.

Website:

Jim suggested we put the updated Chapter 20 on website.

Dan and Judy will work together on the website and Neal could also join in. Dan said site does not need to be rebuilt. Management of the site may be the issue. We may look for another hosting firm. Dan has someone in mind. Site needs to be more user friendly in design and functionality. Dan said we can create a site map and go from there. Conference call with Dan, Judy and Neal will follow.

Schedule next meeting:

Next quarterly meeting will be Friday, June 10th.

Citizen and/or Commissioner Comments:

Bill Gaede inquired as to exact location of our wetlands and Jim Michael showed him on the Lake Management Plan. Bill talked to someone who said the creek has enlarged to 30-40 feet wide.

Dr. Monaco has some wetlands and our main concern is being in control of drainage area. This may require some proactive action so that it drains better or is accessible. This issue remains an ongoing concern.

Adjournment:

Dave Anstett made a motion to adjourn. Judy Jooss seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Submitted by,
Nancy Michael
Recording Secretary