

April 3, 2009

Chairperson, Jim Michels called the quarterly meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the District of Powers Lake to order at 5:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

1. Roll Call. Present were: Judy Jooss, Neil Kuhn, Nancy Michael, Ken Mangold, Paul DeMichele and Jim Michels. Brooke Jensen was excused.
2. Approval of Minutes. Nancy Michael read the minutes from the January meeting. Paul DeMichele made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Nancy Michael seconded. Motion carried. Ken Mangold and Judy Jooss abstained.
3. Citizen Comments. Nancy Crabtree – An audit was done however the Board never reviewed the recommendations.
4. Treasurer's Report. In the absence of the treasurer, Judy gave the report. Bills should get paid more frequently than waiting for a meeting. The Board can authorize the treasurer to pay the bills up to a certain dollar amount or someone other than the treasurer could review the bills before they are paid. Then the bills should be brought to the next meeting for board members to review if they wanted to. The balance in the checking account is \$48,358.01, in the wetland fund \$40,885.82 and the CD of \$10,637.92. Paul DeMichele made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Ken Mangold seconded. Motion carried. Anticipated expenses have been added to the treasurer's report. A motion by Ken Mangold to amend the bills pending for attorney fees to \$2,000 and approve payment of the bills subject to a committee persons approval and the treasurers and chairman counter signing. Neal Kuhn seconded. Motion carried. Paul DeMichele handed out corrected copies of the lake districts equity figures.
5. Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) Lake Protection Plan. Jeff Thornton from SEWRPC discussed the changes that were made to the survey. The survey is scheduled for mailing before Memorial Day with a return date of June 15th. Some of the survey questions were discussed. In addition to the written survey a watercraft count will be taken on both morning and afternoon weekdays and weekends along with the types of boats that are on the lake. Everyone in the district will receive a survey along with the members of the Auston Club. All surveys will be returned to SEWRPC for tabulation. A current mailing list will be sent to them.
6. Jim Michels moved item 16 up. He explained that after the October meeting, someone inquired if all the commissioners were eligible to be elected. There are two commissioners that are involved with trusts in their wives name. A call was made to Attorney Bill O'Connor who issued an opinion letter regarding this. As long as a letter is furnished stating the husbands are representing the trust they can serve as a commissioner. Once elected a commissioner, only the Circuit Court can remove them. The attorney was thanked for his services.
7. DNR and/or other Grants. A grant has been sent in for USGS from October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009. We will be invoiced next fall for \$3,226.00. SWRPC needs a letter stating we have received the Lake Protection Grant.

8. Aquatic Plant Management. We have proposals from Marine Biochemists and Northern Environmental. Neal will chair a committee of three persons to review these proposals and do some research then enter into a contract. A whole lake permit has been received so early treatment can take place. A motion by Judy Jooss to appointed a committee of Neal, Nancy and Jim to meet on this issue and come up with a recommendation. Ken Mangold seconded. Motion carried.
9. Adopt-A-Lake Program. Nancy talked to Karen and she does not need anything at this time.
10. Wisconsin Lakes Convention. Neal attended. There is a need to step up education for the boaters and also lake front property owners on preserving the lake from invasive plants. A lot of discussion was focused on the large lakes.
11. Randall Twp./Kenosha County issues. Ken reported that Bob Stoll and George Lawrence have been going over the water ordinance comparing it with State Statutes. When they are done they will look at the ski pattern among other things. Nothing should be changed until after receiving the results from the SEWRPC survey. The town is taking applications for boat launch attendants. Judy talked to the county regarding adding more no parking signs along Highway P. A short letter requesting more signs should be sent to the town board so they can act on the request.
12. Newsletter. Only five newsletters were returned for correct addresses.
13. By-Laws. All commissioners were sent the updated by-laws. These were discussed at the Annual Meeting and adopted by the district. They will be placed on the website.
14. DPL Website. Sometime in May the website will be up and running. It will have a lot of information. Everyone is encouraged to get registered so they can be notified when it is ready.
15. Citizen Comments. Nancy Crabtree questioned if ‘discussion, consideration and action, if any’ needed to be placed on the agenda.
16. Adjourn. Paul DeMichele made a motion to adjourn. Nancy Michael seconded. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by
Phyllis Kaskin