

January 8, 2010

The quarterly meeting of the District of Powers Lake was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Jim Michels followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll call. Colleen Keating, Nancy Michael, Judy Jooss, Brooke Jensen, Neal Kuhn, Jim Michels. Ken Mangold was absent.
2. Approval of minutes. Nancy Michael made a motion to approve the minutes. Colleen Keating seconded. Motion carried. Nancy Michael read the minutes from the Committee meeting of December 14th.
3. Citizen comments. None
4. Treasurer's report. There is \$32,270.85 in the checking account, \$40,946.23 in the wetland account and \$10,637.92 in a CD. Brooke Jensen made a motion to establish an auditing committee of Bill Lynch and Nancy Crabtree. Neal Kuhn seconded. Motion carried. Neal Kuhn made a motion to approve the financial report. Nancy Michael seconded. Motion carried.
5. Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) Lake Protection Plan. Jeff Thorton from SEWRPC gave a preliminary report on the survey that was sent out. To date 93 surveys have been returned or about 40%. Of those 3/4 said this was their second residence, 1/3 used the lake for fishing, 2/3 were boaters and 50% were water skiers. The question about the job the District is doing 90% of the people are very satisfied. They will continue to annualize the information. A preliminary report will be available to the commissioners before their next meeting.
6. Powers Lake Outlet. The commissioners authorized Hay & Associates to do a feasibility study on the lake outlet. Vince Mosca from Hey & Associates presented a proposal to do the study for \$7,500.00 to see if it is feasible to obtain easements to maintain the drainage area to prevent beaver dams, fallen trees or other debris from blocking the flow of the water. There is only a 4-foot difference in elevation from the outlet of Powers Lake to the Lake Tombeau outlet. Neal Kuhn made a motion to accept the conditions of the proposal to do the study. Nancy Michael seconded. Motion carried.
7. Wetland Management and/or Acquisition. Lee Kozie has 22 acres of wetland for sale. It is adjacent to our other wetland property and next to the Sportsmen's Club. Fred Galat has an additional 4 acres for sale. At one time there were 4 inlets draining into the lake but since the DNR put in the boat ramp fish cannot get into the creek to spawn. Vince Mosca stated that an option would be to purchase only the development rights rather than all of the properties as all wetlands are protected by state and county ordinances.
8. DNR and/or other Grants. Neal Kuhn applied for a 50 – 50 DNR grant for invansive plant management. The application is due on February 1st. He had asked for letters of support form SEWRPC and the towns. If we do not get this grant we have the ability to apply for a Rapid Response grant.
9. Aquatic Plant Management. Nothing at this time.

10. Water Quality Management. We will have a proposal for Water Quality Management for the next meeting.
11. Adopt-A-Lake Program. Establishing a capitol fund was discussed. Any funds that are received and not budgeted for now remain as surplus funds. A capitol funds could be built up and used in case the trailer needed major repairs or if other equipment need to be replaced all at once. This will be on the next agenda.
12. Annual Meeting. At the next meeting on April 9th we should start thinking about the Annual Meeting.
13. DPL By-Laws. Colleen Keating has reviewed the by-laws. She would like to change some wording. Suggest setting an easy to understand policy-explaining eligibility to vote at the Annual Meeting. This policy could be placed in the newsletter and also posted on the web site. According to the By-Laws there should be two candidates for each open position on the board. By-Laws should not have any State Statutes in them so the they don't have to be updated when laws change.
14. DPL 25th Anniversary Year. The District of Powers Lake was established on February 17, 1985 by a resolution of the Kenosha County Board. As a way of celebrating this anniversary a Resolution could be made up and be given to the past commissioners at the Annual Meeting. Invitations requesting them to attend would be sent out. The Board should think about this and come back with other ideas and suggestions.
15. Randall Twp./Kenosha Co. Issues. Ken Mangold is not here. Jim Michels gave a report that Brooke Jensen, Nancy Michael, he and Bill Lynch attended the Land and Water Conservation Committee meeting. The Committee was very professional and responsive in retaining Judy Jooss as our appointed Commissioner. We did a lot of work up front calling people and asking for their cooperation in this. Ken Mangold will not be seeking reelection in April. Judy Jooss – The Wisconsin Lakes Workshop was postponed to February 13th in Waukesha. The Lakes Convention will be March 30th, 31st and April 1st in Green Bay. All the Commissioners should try to attend at lease one day. A motion by Judy Jooss to reimburse at 50 cents per mile and for a three-night stay. Colleen Keating seconded. Motion carried.
16. News Letter. A good job on the last newsletter. The boating rules will be sent out again in June.
17. DPL Website. Neal Kuhn will get a budget together.
18. Citizen Comments. A good newsletter! There was a lot of information in it.
19. Adjourn. Neal Kuhn made a motion to adjourn. Judy Jooss seconded. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Submitted by
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