

January 4, 2013

Chairman Jim Michels called the quarterly meeting of the District of Powers Lake Commissioners to order at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Michels led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll call. Mary Adams, Judy Jooss, Brooke Jensen, Nancy Michael, Mike Halvorson, Neal Kuhn and Jim Michels.
2. Approval of minutes. After a discussion of revisions, Neal Kuhn made a motion to accept the minutes of the October 5, 2012 meeting as amended. Brooke Jensen seconded. Motion carried.
3. Citizen comments. Nancy Crabtree reported that the audits of 2007, 2008, and 2009 are almost completed. The full report is expected in April of 2013. She recommended that we gather all the deeds on property owned by the DPL and that they be kept in one secure location. Jim Michels indicated that he believed he had them all but these could also be obtained from Kenosha County if we do not have copies.
4. Treasurer's report. The treasurer reported \$452.36 in the general cash fund, wetland cash fund of \$24,067.48 and the wetland CD fund of \$40,925.66. A transfer of \$10,000.00, as approved at the 2011 Annual Meeting, will be made to the wetland CD fund. Nancy Michael made a motion to approve the pending bills as highlighted. Neal Kuhn seconded. Motion carried.
5. DNR and/or other grants. Neal Kuhn has completed the utilization of grants and reports that we are finalizing our grant usage as entitled.
6. Jefferson Island channel. Phase 1: Scope, budget, schedule: The DPL has spearheaded clearing the north mouth of Jefferson Bay channel. Chairman Michels organized the effort to clear these deposits.
7. Jefferson Island Channel. Phase 2: Scope, budget, schedule: Hey & Associates proposal. Dave Kraft discussed issues regarding whether there is a benefit to dredging any part of the channel due to historically low water levels and other factors. The work completed in Phase 1 may produce enough depth once normal water levels return. The value to adding depth vs. waiting for normal water levels may not equal dredging from a financial return standpoint. Cost might be \$10,000 for a small amount of material while a do it yourself project and access to site could move a lot. Channel estimated to be 1,500 feet long – 500 ft. on the north end by 3 ft. width, western end 8 ft. x 20 ft. Any future dredging project would require considerable research in order to evaluate any benefits to the lake, any possible DPL involvement, along with cost benefit analyses. Lengthy discussion followed and included input from residents.
8. Watershed management.
9. Wetland management
10. Aquatic plant management: Post treatment survey showed 6 acres of EWM and less than 1 acre of CLP. Due to low amount and change in treatment, the DPL may have an option not to treat for a year. Decision deferred until later date to determine necessary course of action.
11. Financial management:
12. Wisconsin Lakes Convention: Those interested in attending were encouraged.
13. Town of Randall/Kenosha Co. issues. George Melcher has resigned but no replacement has been announced.

14. Village of Bloomfield/Walworth Co. issues. A referendum on annexation of remaining Town into Village will be determined in 2013,
15. Newsletter. Nancy Michael was thanked for her excellent composition of the newsletters.
16. DPL Website. There are no major changes to be discussed however updating is recommended as needed.
17. Citizen comments.
18. Other. The next meetings will be on April 4, 2013 and June 21, 2013.
19. Adjournment.