

Minutes of the District of Powers Lake Quarterly Meeting, January 9, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Neal Kuhn at 5:01 p.m. and all said the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Roll Call

Jim Michels, Brooke Jensen, Mark Halvey, Judy Jooss, Mary Adams and Neal Kuhn present. Deron Johnson was absent for a work emergency.

2. Approval of Minutes

The Board anticipates the minutes for June, October and today's minutes. The Board will strive to send out minutes in advance of the meeting so they can be approved at the meeting, if possible. It would be helpful to have a draft copy of the annual meeting minutes from 2014 (even though they are not approved until the next annual meeting).

3. Citizen or Commissioner Comments

None.

4. Treasurer's Report: Discussion, consideration and action, if any.

Report Presented by Brooke Jensen and Judy Jooss. Journals and exhibits provided, examined and discussed.

It was noted that there was no donation from the Town of Randall, and no pledge for next year, despite past history.

Jim Michels made a motion to approve anticipated expenses through April 15, 2015, which Mark Halvey seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

Mary Adams made a Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, which Mark Halvey seconded. The Motion passed unanimously.

5. Aquatic Plant Management

There was discussion initiated by Neal Kuhn regarding the water treatment by Stantec. The question was whether to take a year off for treatment of invasives given our success to date. Judy Jooss raised the possibility of spot treatment given that there are some studies indicating that whole lake treatment plans could possibly result in mutations, which are a problem given that they can become resistant. Further discussion was had and it was thought that additional consultation with Stantec would be helpful.

6. Watershed Management

Brooke Jensen asked for information on the outlet of the lake, given a hand-shoveled area dug over the summer. Input indicated that Village had investigated the area and was unconcerned.

7. Wisconsin Lakes Convention

This year's convention is scheduled for April 23-April 25th, Thursday to Saturday, in Stevens Point.

Commissioners are invited to attend with prior notification for approval of the expense associated with attendance.

8. Shore land Protection

Discussion ensued over the fluid issue of the Honey Bear Farm properties. Although the new owner of Honey Bear Restaurant and the immediate neighbors had resolved their issues in September of 2014, the community had raised the issue of Shore land restoration. The village approved a "site restoration plan", and recently insisted upon a \$44K line of credit from the owner to ensure restoration of the property, given his recent decision to list the property for sale. Upon securing the line of credit, the Village said, it will approve of the Owner's Petition for a lot adjustment and rezone to maximize lake access.

Moving the issue of Honey Bear to the side, the issue of shore land protection for constituents within the jurisdiction of the newly incorporated Village of Bloomfield was raised. Discussion involved the fact that recent ordinance changes have welcomed increased density on the lake. This translates into potentially more development, more density, more wastewater runoff, more condos and more piers on the lake, per Mary Adams. The effects on our natural resources and water quality were discussed at length. The issue of retaining independent legal representation was discussed in the interest of working with the Village of Bloomfield, the Town of Randall, and Kenosha County in order to achieve uniformity of shore land protection for the lake. Various means of achieving those objectives were discussed. The outcome was to consider further outreach, investigation and to secure the issue of DPL legal representation on the next DPL Quarterly meeting.

9. Town of Randall/Kenosha Co. Issues

Mark Halvey reported that the Town of Randall has increased launch fees to \$8.00 for a daily launch. For yearly launches, the fee will be \$40 for a resident and \$60 for a non-resident.

On another issue, the Town indicated that residents have been dumping waste into Town-maintained dumpsters that is not collectable. As a result, the dumpsters will be removed during non-season and replaced during season.

10. Village of Bloomfield/Walworth and Kenosha Co. Issues

Judy Jooss discussed the issue of shoreline studies currently being conducted by Kenosha County and SEWRPC, with an interest toward obtaining results for the protection of our shore land. The District looks forward to examining the results obtained by the study.

11. Newsletter

Thank you was expressed again to Nancy Michael who has penned our newsletters for many years. Deron Johnson has tackled the responsibility of carrying on the tradition of the newsletter with an eye toward attempting to improve graphics and production.

12. Website

Judy Jooss presented the ongoing effort to update our DPL web site. Judy and Mary Adams have worked together to improve the visual aesthetics, navigation ease and appeal of the DPL's current site, in

concert with a consultant. A draft website was presented and ultimately authorized for activation by the Board. The DPL stated that it would continue to explore ways to improve of the site's design in the interest of the DPL constituents.

13. Citizen and/or Commissioner Comments

None

14. Adjournment

A Motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 7:26.P.M. The Motion was granted at 7:26p.m.