

Minutes of the January 17, 2025 Friday, Quarterly Meeting of the District of Powers Lake

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Neal Kuhn, Ken Vesely, Ed Gignac, Judy Jooss, Dave Anstett and Lou Manfredini were present.

Approval of October 18, 2024 meeting minutes: Ken made a motion to approve the October 18, 2024 minutes. Lou seconded. Motion approved.

Municipalities:

Nancy Kemp told us that the Town of Randall {TOR} had purchased the winter buoys. They will also cycle out the other buoys that are damaged. Over time, all will be replaced.

Elections for TOR will be April 1, 2025. The Chairman's position and Nancy and Julie's seats are open.

Judy indicated the Lakes and Rivers Convention will be March 26-28 this year in Stevens Point @ the Holiday Inn. She feels we should set a budget amount for any attendees. The early bird registration pricing is until 1/31 and includes the block of rooms set aside and is \$180 per single room. Workshops can include some with extra charges. Last year's cost was \$1,000 approximately and did not include gas or meals. Neal mentioned we have only had 5 people attend in the last 20 years so probably not too many applicants incentivized. Attendance has benefited us financially in a number of ways to include finding our current AIS applicator and our loan through the state for the wetland. If more than 1 person attends, we can get more value if more workshops and information can be gained. The attendees would report back what they learned. The board could suggest workshops that would benefit and inform us.

Judy will draft a notice about the convention and our support which she will send to Neal and he will send out in an email blast.

Treasurer's Report

10/11/2024 to 12/31/2024:

\$ 34,325.08= Beginning Balance Nonprofit Checking

\$ 0= Receipts

\$ 6,154.65 = Disbursements

\$ 28,170.43 = Ending Balance Nonprofit Checking Available

\$ 23,533.07 = Total Money Market

\$ 406.50 = AIS-BCS Money Market Portion

\$ 23,126.57 = Wetland Money Market Portion

\$ 51,703.50 = Total Cash

Neal made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, Lou seconded. Motion carried.

Watershed Management

Lake Levels

Before Ice On January 7th, the lake levels were high. We currently have approximately 7 inches of ice.

Aquatic Plant Management

The yearly survey by WI Lake and Pond Resources indicated 2.85 acres of vegetation including EWM and nuisance. There was no substantial growth even though we did not treat this year. A discussion was held as to what sort of an increase would indicate a threshold for resumption of treatment whether acreage, size of clumps of vegetation, % of lake acreage, etc. Neal will check with the provider for their suggestion. We will continue the survey again in 2025 with having no treatment in 2024.

We have 2 volunteers for Secchi testing and Dave has passed equipment along. Mark Halvey will continue to do the e coli testing.

Fish Stocking

Bass are fine so we will do all Walleye in the fall stocking for our budget amount.

Quarterly Meeting Dates:

The Friday Quarterly Meeting dates for 2025 will be:

April 4, June 6, October 24, 2025 at 5 p.m. at Randall Town Hall.

Changes if necessary will be posted on the website.

Annual Meeting Date

Friday, August 1, 2025 at 7 p.m. at the Randall Town Hall.

Ken will post all the meeting dates on the website.

Website:

Ken will remove Jim's name and replace with Ed's and his information, post lake level chart and treatment survey. Ken will send Neal a message indicating his and Ed's problems when they try and post online or even sign in. It should be secure.

Neal will also check on the traffic report for the website.

Citizen's Comments:

The TOR has a new municipal website. They have just uploaded a news and notices addition to their website in which news/notices posted on the website can come to your mailbox. Neal and

Ken will speak to their provider to see if we could use this.

Ed reported that ordinances in small towns with lakes can pass more easily in the winter with fewer residents up North. A new organization of SWSPC [a team of scientists, engineers and seasoned professionals with no association to individual groups is standing to educate owners. They plan to be active during the legislative session regarding rights in WI for water and other activities in the various areas. Many small towns have ordinances but no way to enforce them which can result in a liability for the town. State law requires a 120 day notice to sue and law suits can take years to adjudicate. Our common sense approach is sensible and is working. Neal will put this issue in as an agenda item in the future.

Also, Malibu has a new flushing system for ballast tanks.

Nancy K also mentioned the sign on the pole @ the DNR launch has been vandalized but the Town is repairing it.

Adjournment:

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Neal seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm,

