

Minutes of the October 18, 2024 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, Lou Manfredini and Julie Horbach were present.

Approval of June 14, 2024 meeting minutes: Ken made a motion to approve the June 14, 2024 minutes. Lou seconded. Motion approved.

Fill Open Board Position:

In the case of the open board position due to the death of Jim Michels, our by-laws indicate that the Chairman selects an individual to fill the remainder of that term. Neal selected Ed Gignac. Ed was seated with the board and will serve for a 2 year term as a Commissioner.

Neal repeated that Jim Michels was an integral part of this district for nearly 30 years and will certainly be missed. We cannot say enough about the great work and dedication to the district that Jim had. He has the gratitude of the board and Powers Lake. God speed and may he rest in peace.

Municipalities:

Julie said they are having a budget meeting on the 28th to set the totals for the EMS budget. She said they also will budget \$10,000 for winter buoys for Powers and Lake Benedict. The TOR would appreciate any help the DPL could give. She asked if our board would be able to contribute. Neal said the community voted at the annual meeting not to contribute so we must abide by their decision. Jim even tried a second attempt after the first and it failed unanimously. He feels most feel it is the town's responsibility.

Treasurer's Report

08/01/2024 to 10/11/2024:

\$ 23,448.54 = Beginning Balance Nonprofit Checking

\$ 18,764.54 = Receipts

\$ 7,888.00 = Disbursements

\$ 34,325.08 = Ending Balance Nonprofit Checking Available

\$ 23,527.22 = Total Money Market

\$ 406.50 = AIS-BCS Money Market Portion

\$ 23,120.72 = Wetland Money Market Portion

\$ 57,852.30 = Total Cash

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

Watershed Management

Lake Levels

Ken reported the level has dropped over the last month since during half that period we have had no rain. Ken will update the map and post on the website.

Aquatic Plant Management

The yearly survey by WI Lake and Pond Resource indicated 2.85 acres of vegetation including EWM and nuisance. There was no substantial growth even though we did not treat this year.

Unrelated to vegetation, weird blobs appeared on the lake but dissolved when attempts were made to touch or collect. Samples were sent to the DNR and they did not respond. These were seen late in August along the W shore of Jefferson Bay.

Also, we had some sort of fish kill of blue gill only. DNR had no interest since those on shore were old dead fish They only come out for live and ailing fish. We will keep an eye out for both of these occurrences next year. Maybe the state lab could test or maybe WI Lakes would have information.

Mark Halvey has once again done an excellent job and we had no e coli warnings or closures this year.

Lou volunteered that after the lake freezes, he will take his chain saw onto the Jefferson Bay Channel and cut off all the wood sticking above the ice. Then, in the spring, it will be easier to handle the rest. Neal felt we should organize some help. Mark Machniki has 2 chain saws and

volunteered. We will put the date in the newsletter if there is early ice. Lou would like this to carry on as Jim's legacy. So with Lou's leadership we will pick a date and contact as many as possible and maybe do it the same weekend as our next meeting.

Mark also volunteered to do the Secchi Disc testing.

Fish Stocking

On October 4th, we stocked 2700 healthy 6" to 10" Walleyes at the DNR boat ramp.

Quarterly Meeting Date:

The Quarterly Meeting will be January 17, 2025 at 5 p.m. at Randall Town Hall. .

Adjournment:

Neal made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lou seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm,