

**Minutes of the 2015 Special Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.**

Present: Commissioners Barry Bonneau, Christine Celley, and Bob Rice

Also Present: 11 Electors and Kathy Aron

Barry started the meeting at 9:00am . Christine reported on the Treasury and not much has changed since most of our bills come during the summer and at the end of the year. She went over the approved budget from the annual meeting and gave an update on the current status of the depository accounts. Currently the district has \$349,127.15 in assets at the bank. The biggest charge year to date is the application to the DNR for lake treatment.

Kathy Aron spoke about plant management. We have had a late spring and it has slowed down the weed growth. Due to weather, the treatments will run a little later this year. She has been out on the lake and some Milfoil has been found but nothing significant as of yet. She will be out on the lake in the next couple of weeks to locate any areas that will need treatment and would look to treat the lake around Memorial Day. The weed growth this year is consistent with past years with weeds in the boat launch area and at the West end of the lake. The DNR is becoming less receptive to larger area treatments and considering them whole lake treatments. A new invasive "Starry Stonewort" has been found in Little Muskego. It looks much like Chara but will totally cover the bottom of a lake. Fish will not spawn and natives will not grow in these areas. You need to treat it when it is low as chemicals will only take the top layer off. You can identify it by the starry bulbs on the top and these are also how the weed spreads. It is suggested that you stay out of the Muskego Lakes with your boat or make sure you thoroughly clean your boat off. Hydrothal is a chemical that can be used to control the problems but the DNR no longer approves it for use. Harvesting will just break these bulbs off and help it to spread. It can also spread by water fowl. Clean Boat Clean Waters and education of boats is going to be key to keeping things from spreading. Bob commented about harvesting and the fragmentation that it causes. Clean Boats Clean Waters is put into place to prevent the spread of invasives by fragmentation but harvesting no matter how careful you are causes fragmentation and the spread of plant life. Kathy said that there are two sides to this as we are aware that plants spread through fragmentation, the DNR does not like chemical treatments and claim they are toxic to the fish. Christine asked if it would be beneficial to campaign to our elected officials. Barry asked about how the district is working with the problem. Their district has mostly new board members but they do have funds available to allot to the project. There some records of success in IN in dealing with Starry Stonewort because of their experience with Hydrilla and their aggressiveness when new invasives come into their lakes. A constituent asked if by going to our elected officials if we would be putting our future treatments at risk? Kathy said that a soft approach would be best. Kathy was at the lakes convention this spring and Starry Stonewort was never mentioned even though it has been in WI lakes for 8months. That's a problem and people need to have information to make choices that will help in preventing the spread of invasives. Barry asked the status of lake grants and the DNR cut backs. Kathy said that lake grants are still being funded but the current budget

that is going through has pulled about \$200,000 from the budget. A comment was made about treating when the plants are first found or when they are smaller. Kathy said that the person who oversees this is different in every area and the person in charge of our lake doesn't like to treat until the plants are larger. A comment was made that if they treated sooner rather than later wouldn't we use less chemical? Kathy stated that would be true but not what the DNR will approve. DNR supervises most treatments and you have to be able to show the growth where treatment is being done.

Christine commented on the harvesting. Elroy will be back next week and will make sure the harvester maintenance is done and everything is working. Dennis will be back this year and there is another person from Camp Lake that we can use if necessary.

Bob commented on Clean Boats Clean Waters. The program will run on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through out the summer as well as on Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, and Labor Day. The same crew will be there this year with the exception of one new hire. Flares will be sold at the launch again this year and will be available from the Clean Boats Clean Waters crew starting June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Barry updated the group on the Stone School Rd property that has been a contributor to run off into the lake. The board met with Brian Smetana from Walworth County in the spring and the farmer who farms the triangle property has agreed to plant hay in the field this year. This should help to eliminate some of the nutrients from the runoff of the field above. The board agreed to subsidize this change and the estimated cost to us is about \$1,000 for this year. Kathy Aron commented that this is a good thing for the lake because it is far less expensive to keep the runoff out of the lake than it is to treat the lake once it's in the lake. Christine commented about our watershed and is aware of other lakes that have been successful in taxing surrounding properties in order to pay for treatments or projects. Kathy warned that when you add areas to your district that the people off the lake don't always have the same buy in as those who own lake front. Dale Marciniak asked if the county would be willing to work with the district on the easement strips down the side of the road to lessen the run off. Kathy commented that the strips may help but would probably be too narrow to do an effective job. The farmer can also put in grass strips in the field on the other side. Christine asked if there was any evidence on what we can expect as far as how much water and soil this will defer. Kathy stated that the lot with hay will help but it is too small to do the job by itself. There is no cost sharing from the county on this and in order to get cost sharing what would be required from the lake would cost us more than just funding the project by ourselves. Bob suggested instead of negotiating with the farmer who is renting the land why don't we go to the land owner and get a long term rental agreement until he sells the property and allow the farmer to come in and cut the hay. This would be more of a long term solutions than renegotiating every year with the farmer and we could control what is being planted on the land. Kathy said that there are three owners involved in the triangle property and they have had a relationship with the current farmer and it would be best if we were going to talk with them to let Brian Smetana work with us on it. A motion was made from the floor to move forward to spend the estimated \$1,000 to have hay planted on the triangle property and to explore more options for the land on the other side of Stone School Rd and report back with any costs involved. The motion was approved by all those in attendance.

We do have permits for a Goose round up again. Contaminate testing would be required this year and the cost of the round up would range between \$2,500 and \$5,000 depending on the number of geese. Testing is done because the large geese are used in food pantries and the smaller ones are used for animal food. They would

need to know by June 1<sup>st</sup> if we are going to do the round up. Not many geese have been seen on the lake this year. Bob commented that there are permits in the back to sign so that we could enter onto your property to collect the geese if needed.

Karen Hanson presented to the group the idea of the block party for all the home owners on the lake. The date was set for August 1<sup>st</sup> with a fishing contest at the boat launch, kids games, DJ, raffle, and food. The location will be on the district property off of L where the harvester is kept because of insurance issues with hosting on the Shorewood location. The board stated that alcohol would not be promoted at the event. This would be a way to bring residences together in a fun environment. A motion was made to move forward with the event and that it would be held on district property. Motion was approved by all. Karen said that all money made from the raffle would be given back to the association for improvements for the lake. Bob suggested that instead of the money going back to the district that the funds should go back to the family's on Shorewood that provide the fireworks to help with next years show. Notification for the party would be sent by email and hand delivered to those who don't have emails.

4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade was discussed and several themes were suggested from Hawaiian to pirates, 50's--60's, and Christmas in July. It was voted on and decided that Christmas in July will be the theme for this years parade. The parade will start at the boat launch at 7pm with no rain date and flares will be light at dusk. Flares will be available for sale from the Clean Boats Clean Waters crew the 2 weekends prior to the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Dale Marciniak asked about stocking of fish for the lake. Barry commented that we are currently scheduled for stocking this year or next. Stocking is usually done in the fall. Depending on funding from the DNR we may want to set funds aside so that the district can stock in the event the DNR doesn't.

A constituent asked about the district tax and the amount of the surplus while still being taxed. She stated that years ago the tax was to help pay for property's that the district acquired and we are still collecting. She suggested that instead of having a surplus that we run our budget the same way a household runs theirs. Christine commented about the expense of dams and treatments and depending on what is needed those could drain the surplus quickly. Barry commented that there are expenses that we can't predict and unless we set money aside there would be no way to fund some of those. He said that we could also look at what the expenses have been for the year and maybe revisit it at the fall meeting. Bob commented that in 2010 the district had \$363,215.65 and in 2014 those amounts were down to \$317,276.17. So the district is spending more than what we are collecting year to year. Funds coming into the district through taxes, interest, and flare sales is \$54,200 and our total approved budget for the year is \$113,000. Barry also commented on what the cost may be if we get Starry Stonewort in our lake and that we need to make sure we can be proactive about it.

The annual meeting is set for September 12, 2015 at 9:00am

There being no further business, on proper Motion, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert C Rice  
Secretary



**Minutes of the 2015 Budget Meeting of the Potter’s Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, September 12th, 2015 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.**

Present: Commissioners Barry Bonneau, Christine Celley, Bob Rice, and Joyce Reed

Also Present: 24 Electors.

Chairman Bonneau called the Budget Meeting to order at 9:30a.m.

Christine had handouts for the group that showed the 2015 approved budget and year to date as of August 31st. Spring is the slowest time for spending and we will have more items that will come in to pay this fall. She doesn’t anticipate that we will need to make any withdrawals as we have not had any unexpected expenses. Labor was low this year due to lack of harvesting. We did place an order for some new buoys to replace damaged ones. Looking ahead to 2016 we will have some more planning expenses as we need to do another plant survey. We will be doing water quality monitoring part of which will be funded by a grant of \$2,025 the rest will be funded by the district. Barry commented that the DNR requires plant surveys and water quality monitoring in order to issue us the needed permits for treatment. Barry asked for a motion from the floor to approve the proposed budget for 2016. A motion from the floor was made and approved unanimously. A motion was made to conclude the budget meeting was adjourned at 9:43am.

**POTTER'S LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>2015 Proposed Budget</u></b>	<b><u>2015 Actual Budget ytd 8/31/15</u></b>	<b><u>2016 Proposed Budget</u></b>
<b>Receipts:</b>			
District Tax	11,250.00	11,136.66	11,250.00
Special Tax	40,000.00	38,386.48	39,000.00
Interest on Savings	2,000.00	1,140.70	2,400.00
Grant	0.00	0.00	2,025.00
Flare Sales	1,000.00	800.00	1,000.00
Transfer from Savings	58,800.00	0.00	60,825.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61,800.00</b>	<b>51,463.84</b>	<b>116,500.00</b>

**Expenditures:**

Office, Advertising, Mtgs	1,500.00	507.67	1,500.00
Dues and Subscriptions	500.00	275.00	500.00
Legal	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Equipment, Tools & Vehicles	10,000.00	74.25	10,000.00
Computer & Web Expenses	2,000.00	70.00	4,000.00
Lake Functions (flares/Blake Party)	1,000.00	1,534.03	2,000.00
Utilities	500.00	427.61	500.00
Reserve for Special Projects	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Lake Projects (plant eradication)	30,000.00	15,543.40	30,000.00
Insurance	4,000.00	4,292.00	4,500.00
Fuel	3,000.00	36.85	3,000.00
Maintenance	2,000.00	1,252.00	2,000.00
Payroll Expenses	45,000.00	10,174.90	45,000.00
		5440.00 Harvesting	
		4734.90 CBCW	
Misc Expenses	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>113,000.00</b>	<b>34,187.71</b>	<b>116,500.00</b>

**ASSETS: 8/31/15****Citizens Bank of Mukwanago**

Checking Account	34,913.05
Money Market	1,055.31
Certificates of Deposit	178,578.47
<b>Landmark Credit Union</b>	
Certificates of Deposit	105,058.48

**Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, September 12th, 2015 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.**

Barry called the annual meeting to order at 10:00am. Copies of the minutes from the 2014 annual meeting were made available as well as emailed before the meeting. Barry asked if there were any questions pertaining to the minutes. A motion was made from the floor to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and approved. Christine asked if anyone had questions from the prior budget meeting. No one had questions and a motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously. Barry introduced Kathy Aron to the group and she reported on lake conditions. This year has been a good year for keeping weeds under control. She thinks a big part of it was due to the ice cover the past two years and the late season start in the spring. Kathy stated that this year has been a challenging year for her due to Starry Stonewort and trying to prevent the spread to other lakes. This plant is native in Europe but invasive here. It is currently in the Muskego lakes which are close to us. The DNR has been managing this since this spring. This plant spreads by fragmentation and does not float. It can transfer by ropes, ducks feet, anchors, and very easily by boats and trailers. DNR is taking the position that herbicides won't work. This plant will also fill a water column 6 feet or less. This will choke out all other plants and prevent fish from spawning in those areas. Herbicides will only remove the top parts of the plant 2 feet down or less. It is very important to treat this fast and often in order to prevent and control the spread. Other states will treat every boat launch on a infected lake 1 to 3 times per season. DNR is expressing the importance of the Clean Boats Clean Waters program to help prevent the spread of invasives. The program is good but you can't get what is on the bunks under the boat or in the intakes of the motor. These stars by which it spreads can be in both places and you can't see them. The DNR has taken the position that hand pulling and suction harvesting is the best way to remove it. Kathy does not have confidence that it will not spread into other surrounding lakes. Little Muskego spent \$20,000 in one week to suction dredge and it cleared less than 1/2 acre. Christine asked what treatments they were using in Indiana that was successful. Hydrothal and Clipper have been used in other states with success. Bob asked if it was possible to treat the bay at our boat launch 2 or 3 times a year as a preventative measure from things that may be brought into our lake. The DNR may allow a small portion to be treated but if Starry Stonewort gets into a lake they will not allow chemical treatments to continue. Long Lake put together a complex plan to treat their lake and had many industry resources donate their time to come up with a multi year plan. They submitted it to the DNR and a month later they still have not heard back. Barry asked what the disconnect was with finding the problem and treating it effectively. Kathy doesn't know why as the DNR is looking at the same data that the lake biologists are looking at from the other states that have treated it. Christine asked who in the DNR the information go's to. Kathy said that Bob Wakeman is the one who is making the decisions. Joyce asked why it is not a problem in Europe. Kathy said that when you take something from its natural environment it can thrive in other areas because there is no competition for it. Kathy said there has been some progress with whole lake treatments for Milfoil and there have been 3 whole lake treatments have been approved in Southern WI recently. Bob asked if there was a chemical that would take out Milfoil and Starry Stonewort and if so would it be possible to treat the boat launch bay with this chemical to control our current problem but would also be a preventative measure from allowing Starry Stonewort into our lake. Kathy is not sure if there is a cross over chemical. Bob also stated that from

the informational seminar he attended that you could not harvest Starry Stonewort. Kathy said that was correct as the paddle wheels from the harvester just spread this plant. Joyce asked if Clipper was legal. A homeowner asked how long the plants would last out of water. Kathy said it depends on where it is at. On an area with no water 3 days; if it is on the carpeted bunk that stays damp it could be a week or more. Another resident said that someone who was fishing was told to clean his fishing lines and lures as they can be contaminated as well. Kathy was asked what we are doing for next year. She said that we needed to get the water quality monitoring and plant surveys done in order to get a permit for a whole lake treatment. Sonar was brought up and that it seemed to work for a number of years as opposed to treating each spring and fall. Our past Sonar treatment was deemed a failure because it took out native plants as well and the water clarity stayed about the same (even though it controlled the Milfoil problem for several years) Christine asked what steps Little Muskego was doing to control the problem. Kathy said that the community is very divided some think the launches should stay open and that they are doing a good job and the other side says that what is being done is not working because the problem is continuing to get bigger. Looking forward for planning on our lake, we want to apply for a grant for a whole lake treatment. In order to do this we will need to do some of the planning this winter and a survey next summer. Next summer we will maintain our current treatment plan of chemical treatment and harvesting to control the Milfoil. Winter of 2016 2017 we would get the grant application, project planning, and 5 yr plant management into the DNR. The cost of a whole lake treatment was \$20,000 in 2006 when we did the Sonar treatment. The difference in Sonar and 24D is that Sonar stays in the lake at a very low dose for 30 days with the 24D the chemical dissipates in 7 days. There is monitoring that needs to be done to make sure that appropriate levels of Sonar stay in the lake for the recommended period of time. Julie Anderson is from Racine County Public Works and Planning Department and is going to be appointed to the Natural Resource Board. She has been active with lake issues and has been asking a lot about Starry Stonewort. It seems like she may be a good ally.

Barry moved onto the Commissioners Report. No new news was reported. Joyce commented about the large group in attendance and asked if anyone who hasn't been at prior meetings wanted to comment on why they came. One resident stated that they were getting closer to retirement and wanted to take a more active roll in the community as they were planning on making this their full time residence.

Lorene Hirsch reported to the group about this years block party and plans for next year. This year we had a turn out of about 125 and raised \$668 that will go towards next years fireworks. She is planning on doing the event next year as well and is open for suggestions. Lorene asked about inviting the land owners in Miramar to attend next year's event, sign up sheets for volunteers to work the raffles and games, more raffle donations from the property owners. Maybe consider selling beer at next year's event or bring your own?? Also a bags tournament may be in the works. Joyce asked if we obtained a state license for the raffle. Because there were no items over \$500 a license was not needed. A home owner asked what the resistance to beer sales is and noted the past carp outs that sold beer and the money that was raised for the lake. Bob stated that he was ok with the beer sales as long as the appropriate licenses, permits, and insurance were taken out. Next year the date may be moved closer towards the middle of summer so that it would give people a chance who met to still get together in the summer. Lake trivia and old photos were also suggestions for future add-ons.



Barry updated the group on fish stocking. He has been in contact with Luke from the DNR. Historically we have stocked Northern Pike to help control the population of small panfish. We have had stocking in 1999, 2001, 2005 and 2013. We are scheduled this fall for another stocking of Northern Pike according to Luke. The DNR website has information on the fishery for our lake. A constituent asked when the last fish survey had been done. Shocking surveys were done in 2008 and 2011.

A small discussion was had on the website and the importance of keeping it up to date. It was suggested that a link to the site be on our email. Bob commented that the email signature would be updated with a link to our site.

Paul Celley reported on this years harvesting. As of today we have taken out 45 loads with most of it being done in the last 2 weeks. The loads are taken to a local farmer who uses the weeds as fertilizer for his fields. A homeowner asked if the harvester was out enough this year. Paul stated that they went out in July for 8hrs around the whole lake and only got 3 loads. The past couple of weeks they have been out twice and have removed 20 loads each day.

Barry updated the group on the water shed coming across Stone School Rd. The board had worked with Walworth County and the farmer leasing the land to agree to plant that field in hay to help control the runoff into the lake. The hay helps to filter out some of the nutrients and top soil that has entered in the past. The farmer has not billed the lake to date for planting hay in that field. The estimated cost was about \$1,000. He is also supposed to seed the field in wheat this winter as well.

Christine commented on commissioner compensation. Currently the commissioners get \$200 a year for their positions. With the work involved as a board member and the time commitment the board suggested that we look at other lakes to determine a fair compensation level for what we do and bring that information back at the spring meeting. Other lakes that Christine had inquired with paid part salary and part hourly depending on their function. Christine also questioned if the time commitment and compensation were preventing other people from stepping up when a position was open. Bob read the bylaws and compensation would need to be voted on at the annual meeting prior to any change. Joyce proposed maybe making a small change today so that it would be in effect for next year. A constituent proposed to increase the commissioner pay to \$2,000 each. That was rejected by those in attendance who said that the board should do some research and present it at the spring meeting when we may have a higher attendance.

A constituent asked about the assessment and if it would ever be removed. Barry stated that the need for funds for the lake is ongoing and each year there are different needs. This year our harvesting expense was down but we are looking at doing another whole lake treatment in 2017 and we may or may not get grant money. We don't want to put ourselves in a situation where we will need to special assess homeowners. Barry commented about the cost of treatment that Little Muskego has with their current problem.

Barry's term will expire January 1, 2016. He asked for nominations from the floor as he will be stepping down after many years of service. MaryJo Jones stepped forward and has finance and accounting background. MaryJo was unanimously elected as a new

commissioner for 2016—2018. Barry thanked the group for their support and involvement with the lake.

Walworth County Clean Sweep will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> this year. This program gives people the opportunity to dispose of things that cannot be placed in landfills. There were flyers available as well as the email that was sent out to the district members.

Resolutions were presented to the group. A total of six resolutions were reviewed for the year 2016 and approved as presented. The annual meeting for 2016 was set for Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. The spring meeting will be May 7<sup>th</sup> 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Rice  
Secretary

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**Minutes of the 2015 Special Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Monday, November 9th, 2015 at Waukesha DNR Office.**

Present: Commissioners Barry Bonneau, Jerry Kozik, MaryJo Jones, and Robert Rice

Presenters: Kathy Aron and Heidi Bunk

**Chairman Barry Bonneau** called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm

Commissioners gathered with Heidi Bunk and Kathy Aron in Waukesha at the DNR office to go over options for a future whole lake treatment as well as grants that could help us fund the project. Kathy opened the meeting and gave an overview of the condition of the lake and commented on the prior whole lake treatments done in 1997 and 2004 & 2005. The milfoil is again starting to take a strong hold and covering more area of the lake. Next year we will be doing water quality monitoring and another plant survey. The district would like to do another whole lake treatment as we have been doing spot treatments since 2005 and the areas being treated are increasing in size. Kathy proposed doing a whole lake treatment in 2017 and the district would continue its monitoring program along with the Clean Boats Clean Waters. Jerry asked why we would have to wait till 2017. Heidi said that if we did a whole lake treatment the permit would require a year of survey data before we treated and minimize chemical treatments the year before mainly relying on harvesting. Bob asked about grant money and if it is available every year or if this was something that became available for this year. Heidi said that the grants are available each year. The first grant would be a planning grant due Dec 10<sup>th</sup> the next would be an implementation grant due Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. The planning grant would help to cover the cost of the plant survey and planning of a large scale treatment. Heidi stated that the definition of a whole lake treatment now reads 10% or more of the lake size. Bob asked what the difference is in the whole lake treatments we have done in the past and what is being proposed. Our current permit has allowed us to treat milfoil in any area of the lake and treatments of around 50 acres have been approved in recent years. Kathy said what we have been applying for recently has been for management issue and to target the milfoil but essentially we would not be treating the whole lake. Heidi said that she has not treated our issued permits as whole lake treatments and allowed us to manage the problem without going through the protocol of a whole lake treatment. However once you apply for grant assistance you have to follow protocol. Bob asked about the chemical treatments we have been doing each spring and fall and noted the level of success in the Sonar treatments that were done in 1997 and 2004 & 2005. The Sonar treatments seemed to have worked to control the problems for about 3 years. The current 24D that we have been using masks the problem for a few months and then we have to treat again. Currently we have about 50 areas that we treat twice a year that is decaying on the bottom of the lake. If we were able to use Sonar it would cut that matter down to 1/6<sup>th</sup> of what we are currently doing. Heidi commented that when we did the Sonar treatments it also affected other natives on the lake for a period of time. Barry commented that the data shows that the natives we had in the lake are still there and more abundant than they were back then so if you focus on a small time frame the DNR is correct but the bigger picture shows that the natives are better now than they were before the use of Sonar. Heidi commented about the angry calls that their office was receiving from fisherman because of the lack of vegetation in the lake. Barry asked if that was due to Sonar or the whole lake treatment in general. Heidi stated that it was due to the Sonar and dosage. Bob asked if the complaints were coming from lake residence or other people who were using the lake. Heidi commented that they came from fisherman who are a large part of their customer base and guessed that many of them did not live on our lake. The lake is public waters and they manage for all users. DNR will not approve Sonar the way it was used in the past but they may use another formulation of it. There are 4 lakes that they have experimented with and the DNR will analyze the data on those lakes once it becomes available which should be sometime next year. Bob commented on the data from past treatments and our cooperation with the DNR and how could we expect different results from a whole lake treatment than what we have experienced with the 24D being used to spot treat? Heidi said that Kathy could explore

challenge testing which is a way you can test the particular plants in a lab from Potters Lake as there are many different strains of Milfoil. Barry asked if the chemical company's wouldn't have already done that testing and was told not on Potters Lake plants that there are many different plants and not all plants are created equal. Bob asked if there was data available from similar lakes to ours that we could use as a guide. Heidi agreed that the 24D treatments we have done in the spring and fall have not gotten us the long range results that we desire. Heidi said that she is not saying no to a Sonar mix in the future but she needs to see the results of the 4 lakes that used the Sonar mix before allowing other lakes to do the same. Barry asked about the grant money and what the odds are about getting a grant. We are only aware of one other lake in our area that has received grant money with most of the money going to Northern Lakes. The grant can be up to \$150,000 and funds 75% of a project. Heidi sated that it is a competitive program. Kathy said that one of the options is to do business as usual and apply for a planning grant to help with the survey and plan update that we will need for next year anyway and then wait to see what results come in from the other lakes and then determine if we should apply for a invasive species grant. Bob commented on the existing growth of the milfoil that was on the lake in late October and no fall treatment was done. He voiced concerns over being able to control the current growth next year only using a harvester at an estimated cost of \$10,000 per month. He commented on the Clean Boats Clean Waters program and the training to pull the weeds off the trailers to prevent floaters from establishing but what is going to happen to all the floaters when we try and control the milfoil for an entire season without the use for chemicals. Kathy asked if we could do the same amount of treatment next year and still do a whole lake treatment in 2017. Barry pleaded with Heidi to give us the parameters of the program so that we as a board could decide how we would like to move forward. Bob stated that his obligation was to the home owners and the district has spent its own money for the upkeep and maintenance of the lake. Heidi said that there is a lot of competing interests and she has been yelled at by someone for decisions made on the lake. Barry said that the DNR is the gate keeper and that we would like to establish some common ground that we can take back to our constituency. Our responsibility is to be good stewards.

Heidi commented and set some parameters. We have a harvesting permit that expires the end of 2016. We will need to do a plant survey in order to get another multiple year harvesting permit. The best time to do that survey would be summer of 2016. The grant program for planning is due Dec 10<sup>th</sup> and could help with that. We could also do things to help us to do a whole lake proposal in 2017 (more genetic testing, challenge testing, enclosure testing, and spot treatments in the field) this is not required. The planning grant is 67% 33% cost share with up to \$25,000. The last plant survey was done in 2008 and 2013. Natives plants were discussed and we have a healthier does now compared to before the whole lake treatments. Rooting depths were talked about and are not as deep now then they were after the whole lake treatment. Kathy talked about which path might be best, the whole lake with or without the grant. Kathy asked what percentage of the lake we would be able to treat the year prior if we went the grant route. Heidi said it would be limited to less than 10%. Bob commented on the condition of the lake this fall and asked if we could do business as usual next year and treat as we have in the past, wait for the data to come in from the other test lakes and then do a whole lake treatment in 2018. Bob asked if there were any chemicals besides 24D that have been used in other lakes with success that may be a possibility for our lake. Heidi said there are many different formulations that companies have come out with and she is open to looking at them. Kathy asked if we did not use the grant if we would be able to use our current 100+ point survey instead of adopting the new 200 point survey. Bob asked what the cost of the treatment is and how much money we would be leaving on the table if we funded it ourselves as opposed to using the grant and those guidelines. Barry also said we need to factor in that we may not even get grant money. Heidi said that it is her job to help us position for the grant money. We do get points for coming in and meeting with Heidi, for Clean Boats Clean Waters, and past work on watersheds (farmer Ken). Jerry asked what the maximum number of points are for a grant and where we where on the point scale. The maximum number is 36. There are different levels of grants less than \$10,000 and \$10,000 to \$25,000 category. Bob asked Heidi about her willingness to allow us to treat the lake next year as we have in the past...she agreed that we could for next year if we wanted but said that she would like to change it up in the future. Kathy said she wants to move forward with the survey and plan and have the board decide if they want her to use the 100 point or 200 point survey. Bob asked about the cost difference and if we

would be saving any money or if we received the grant would it just be covering the difference in what we needed to do to apply for the grant. Bob asked about Clean Boats Clean Water grant and there are grants available each year up to \$4,000 per launch 75% 25% split.

Barry asked about the problems in Muskego (Starry Stonewart). Heidi said that it is something that they hope to be able to get to a control level that it probably won't be something that can be eradicated. They have been trying different treatments and may approve chemical treatments that are nonselective to try and control it. They have also tried dredging to try and control the problem. Heidi commented that things can be native in areas because they have predators to keep it in check. It becomes a problem when it moves to a area where there is no competition.

Heidi is going to check on a non grant project for our survey and plan. If a smaller size point survey would be ok for the mechanical harvesting permit and is it ok if we wanted to do a whole lake treatment on our own with out any grant assistance. What are the restrictions with and without a grant for a whole lake treatment?

Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C Rice  
Secretary

**Minutes of the 2015 Special Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Monday December 14th, 2015 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.**

Present: Commissioners Barry Bonneau, Jerry Kozik, Christine Celley and Robert Rice. There were also 2 constituents from the district in attendance as well.

**Chairman Bonneau** called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm

Commissioners gathered at the town hall to discuss amending resolution 15-6. The resolution in its current form allows the district to seek grants but the bottom paragraph states "Further resolved, that the final approval of any such grants offered the District shall be made by the Electors at the districts Annual Meeting." This last paragraph limits our ability to accept the grants that we apply for taking us out of the running altogether. After some discussion it was resolved that this last paragraph be eliminated in its entirety. A motion was made and approved by all. Barry will sign the amended resolution and submit to the DNR with our grant application.

Bob reported that the Clean Boats Clean Waters grant that we applied for was granted and will cover 75% of the payroll up to a \$4,000 payout.

There was no further discussion and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C Rice  
Secretary