

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held January 17, 2008 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.**

Present: Commissioners Barry Bonneau, Jana Charvat, Bob Rice and Joyce Ketchpaw

Chairman Bonneau called the meeting to order shortly after 6:30pm. It was decided to follow the same format as last year for the agenda for the Special Meeting to be held on May 10.

1. Call To Order.
2. Sign-In/Introductions.
3. District Reports (Report on water clarity ; talk about invasive plants and last years treatment; talk about position of buoys and protection of shallow water by shoreline; rain garden to be planted by water on vacant lot on Shorewood Drive to demonstrate natural shorelines)

4. Lake Projects

Report by Kathy Aron  
(Kathy will be at meeting by 9:00am)  
(ask Kathy to address the possibility of planting natural vegetation)

5. Speakers

Audry Green, Walworth County Lake Specialist, will be speaking. She will be addressing Aquatic Invasive Species and will plan a Clean Waters Clean Boats training for anyone who is interested in attending.

6. Old Business.

(Proposed speed limit change on Hwy L to 45mph from storage shed to Town of Beulah)

7. New Business.

Commissioners confirmed their roles going forward Barry Bonneau Chairman, Jana Charvat Treasurer, Bob Rice Secretary Investigating new sign at boat launch; hire summer help for Clean Boats program; discuss carp out or bounty for taken carp; talk about goose problems; board is working with the town to get the appropriate ordinance to make our buoys legal; feasibility review of bonding treasurer; discuss any issues brought up by residents.

8. Upcoming Meetings/Events:

- A. Boat Parade – either Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> or Saturday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm
- B. Lighting of the Lake – Same day as parade at 9:00pm
- C. Annual Meeting – September 6, 2008  
Budget Meeting:10:00am  
Annual Meeting:10:30am
- D. District Picnic – after meeting

(Bob Rice will sell flares; discuss and decide on theme for boat parade)

Bob will call the East Troy Town Hall and reserve the room for May 10. Jana will bring coffee. Barry will bring paper goods. Bob will bring snacks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Rice  
Secretary



**Minutes of the 2008 Special Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, May 10, 2008 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.**

Present: Commissioners Barry Bonneau, Jana Charvat, Robert Rice, Joyce Ketchpaw and Robert Mueller

Also Present: 19 Electors, Kathy Aron and Audry Green

**Chairman Bonneau** called the meeting to order at 8:35am.

Our aquatic consultant, **Kathy Aron**, from Aron & Associates, reported on the condition of Potter's Lake. Our shoreline treatment will be completed in the next few weeks and we have been granted permits for chemical treatment and weed harvesting for this year in order to maintain the quality of our lake. Milfoil has been found in the lake and treatment along the shoreline and targeted areas will be done in two weeks. The clarity of the lake is better than it has been in prior years and Kathy doesn't foresee having to use the harvester this year. She also gave a solution to the goose problem and it was voted for the board move forward with testing some geese to see if they are diseased and any would need to be removed. Jana also brought up a solution of a natural shoreline and home owners would need to let the buffer area grow over the height of the geese's head. Also addressed was the issue of the floating bog and that the sooner the better for removal before it takes root.

Audry Green spoke about control of invasive species. Once one is in a lake the only option is control. She spoke about the clean boats clean waters program and offered to come and train the group working the launch this year. She also stated that fisherman may be on 4 different lakes by noon and the threat that this poses to our lakes. VHS is a disease that is coming closer to our waters and is very bad for the fish population. This is not known to be harmful to humans. She also left handouts for people to take.

Commissioner **Barry Bonneau** gave information on the dam and passed out photos so that people were aware of what it looked like. Let people know that the board has hired someone to maintain the dam year round. He also asked that the board be able to make the recommendation to the town to enact the slow-no-wake rule when the dam was in the range between 8.6 and 8.8. Barry also fielded questions about the flow of the dam and reconstruction to allow the lake to draw down quicker. The people were informed that the dam was controlled by the DNR and new construction would probably not be allowed and if so it would be very costly.

The board recommended that the old fire lane on Shorewood Drive be used as an example of a natural shoreline and funds be allocated to this. Commissioner **Jana Charvat** had this project quoted at an expense of \$2000 for the entire project. This shoreline has rotting timbers that also need to be removed. A resident had concerns about the cost and upkeep of the project and made the motion to table this for the fall.

**Independence Day Celebrations** – the boat parade to be held on Friday July 4th at 7:30pm and will begin at the boat launch. A vote was taken to choose the theme for the Boat Parade and the winner was Pirates again but it was agreed that traditional patriotic decorations were also welcome and whenever possible we would honor our military forces. Commissioner **Bob Rice** will sell flares for the Lighting of the Lake. Flares are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. The lighting of the lake will follow the boat parade at 9:00pm.

Commissioner **Jana Charvat** is working on improved signage for the boat launch to display boating rules and Clean Boats/Clean Waters information. The new sign will be erected in a more noticeable area. Jana is also working on signs that would be posted in strategic areas around the lake for the slow no wake rule when water levels are high.

Commissioner **Bob Mueller** addressed the issue of patrol on our lake and agreed to more patrol this year. He also stated that due to the small size of the lake that it is hard to patrol because of the fact that people know right away

when they are out. He also addressed the new pier planner rules made by the DNR and said that the town has adapted those new rules.

Commissioner **Barry Bonneau** handed out pier planner and shoreline information to those who attended. He also asked that the board be able to hire help this summer for the clean boats clean waters program.

**Meetings** –the annual meeting and picnic will be held Saturday September 6, 2008.

There being no further business, on proper **MOTION**, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 10:55AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C Rice  
Secretary

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held August 13, 2008 at Town Hall, N9330 Stewart School Road, East Troy, Wisconsin.**

Present: Commissioners Barry Bonneau, Jana Charvat, and Bob Rice

Chairman Bonneau called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00pm. It was decided to follow the same format as last year for the agenda for the Annual Meeting to be held on September 6, 2008.

1. Approval of Minutes – 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes submitted for approval at the 2008 annual meeting
2. Treasurer's Report:

Jana will print a new budget and email it for the notice. Additional funds are needed to purchase a different truck for the district. Annual budget was reviewed and funds will be allocated from Reserve for Special Purposes, Lake Projects, and Maintenance. Jana will make adjustments and email. An audit of our books is being done and will be complete by the annual meeting.
3. Commissioners' Report:

Discussion of a solution to the run off problem from the farmland off of Stone School Rd. Brian from Walworth County has been contacted and is trying to get cooperation from the land owner. Barry and Bob are remaining in contact with Brian as a solution is needed. We are looking at spring for an answer or to take additional measures. Kathy Aron will speak at the meeting on the overall health of the lake and general issues pertaining to dam and water levels. We will be applying for permits to treat the lake again for next season. It is unlikely that a whole lake treatment can be done again but we anticipate we will be able to spot treat again and harvest if needed.
4. Old Business:

Signs were done for the slow no wake and placed at various locations this year to inform people of high water. We were unable to collect the 7 needed adult geese for testing and will try again next year. Patrol was spotted on the lake this year checking boat registrations and overseeing lake activity in July. Shorewood Dr lot that was tabled for this fall will be tabled for next year due to expenses incurred in buying a newer truck.
5. New Business
  - A. The board will seek approval to spend up to \$18,000 to replace the old truck that was used for harvesting.
  - B. Election of One Commissioner - The term of Jana Charvat will expire December 31, 2008. An election will be held to fill this three-year term. Christine Celley has expressed interest and additional nominations will be taken from the floor on the day of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert C Rice  
Secretary

**Minutes of the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, September 6, 2008 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.**

Present: Commissioners Barry Bonneau, Jana Charvat, Bob Rice and Joyce Ketchpaw

Also Present: 25 Electors. Guests: Kathy Aron

Chairman Bonneau called the Annual Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

On proper **MOTION** Minutes of the 2007 Annual Meeting were approved as presented.

The Treasurer reported that the District has assets of \$280,887.21 in certificates of deposit, savings, and checking. The District has no outstanding liabilities. Net income for the year to date is \$24,696.65. At the Budget Hearing prior to the Annual Meeting the Treasurer (Jana) proposed the budget for the 2009 fiscal year. In anticipation of needing a new dump truck next year it was voted on and funds were set aside in the (Equipment, Tools & Vehicles) fund for this purpose. Jana also reported that due to declining interest rates that our interest on deposits is expected to be down for next year. An audit was done on our books this year and we were told that we were ok and a final report will be issued September 12<sup>th</sup>. We have also taken the necessary precautions to have the treasurer bonded as of this year.

On proper **MOTION**, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

The Commissioners welcomed **Kathy Aron**, from Aron & Associates, to provide an update regarding the whole-lake treatment, water quality, and other lake-related matters. Kathy reported that this year was a very hard year for predictions due to all the rain and high water we have had. The level of the lake made it impossible to treat until later in the year. There were 2 treatments done with the first being May 20<sup>th</sup> and the second July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The drainage this year brought more nutrients into the lake than usual and is why we were seeing some increase algae growth. Curly Leaf Pondweed and Milfoil are both back and present in our lake with the main areas of concern being the bay by the boat launch and the south and east shorelines in that area. She is working on updating our lake management plan to submit to the DNR and will also be applying for a new 5yr permit. Her hope is to do an early spring treatment for our lake with auqithal K which if done early will treat not only the Curly Leaf Pondweed but the Milfoil as well. She also noted that property owners are able to manually clear 30ft of their frontage by hand and as far out as they like. This must be done in the same area year after year. Meaning you cannot alternate areas you clear each year to get a wider path. Barry asked about the effect of high water and boat traffic on the lake and Kathy replied by saying that it does negatively impact our wetlands and shorelines. Keeping boat traffic to a minimum during times of high water is good for the lake and is safer for boaters as you cannot always see the floating wood adrift.

Barry asked about the stance of the DNR on Dams because of the high water issue. Kathy replied by saying that the DNR would rather not have dams in general because of all the confusion of ownership and liability issues. If we did want to change anything with our dam it would have to be brought up to current standards and is something that she would not recommend doing.

**Commissioners' Report:**

Barry addressed the concern of the bogs that broke loose this year. We worked with the town and Greg's pier service to have them removed from the lake. It was determined that they came loose due to the unusually high water and the active beavers. We do not expect this to be an ongoing problem.

There has been continued runoff from the farm field off Stone School Rd. Bob and Barry have been in contact with Brian from Walworth County as to what can be done. As of now the farmer has not been cooperative with Brian and we are considering options to correct the runoff problem. It was noted by one of our constituents that we should check our by-laws so we know what we can and cannot do to remedy this problem. Joyce reviewed our by laws and it appears that we would have options available to us.

Barry addressed the slow no wake issue again sighting that last fall the board was given the authority to recommend to the town slow no wake when the water level reached the range between 8.6"—8.8". Unfortunately we were under slow no wake for most of the summer. Barry left this open for discussion. There were several people who commented both for and against this rule. Things that were talked about were shoreline protection, floating piers, bogs drifting, and gathering more scientific information to support an agreed upon level. It was decided that a group of individuals would research this further and report back to the board at the spring meeting. A list of lake emails will be forwarded to Bernadette Mullins Miller who will be the contact for this group.

A **MOTION** was made to keep the existing slow-no-wake policy the way it currently is and table this to the spring meeting at which time we will review new information.

The spring meeting is scheduled for Saturday May 9, 2009.

**Election of Commissioner** – Christine Celley was nominated to replace Commissioner Jana, as Jana will be leaving after her term. Christine accepted the nomination and on proper **MOTION** was unanimously elected to a three-year term as a Commissioner (2009-2011).

The Commissioners presented the following:

Resolution 08-1, designating September 5, 2009 as the date for the 2009 Annual Meeting, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 08-2, designating Citizens Bank of Mukwonago (or its successor) as the depository of the District, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 08-3, pertaining to the operating budget (\$38,750.00) and a tax levy (\$11,250.00) for the District for 2009, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 08-4, pertaining to the lake projects and the weed-harvesting budget (\$27,250.00) of the District for 2009, was presented, and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 08-5, authorizing the District to borrow up to \$10,000.00 for operating expenses only, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 08-6, authorizing the Commissioners to seek any grants available to the District, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

There being no further business, on proper **MOTION**, the Annual Meeting was adjourned at 12:10pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Bob Rice  
Secretary