

Minutes of the 2016 Special Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday March 12th, 2016 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.

Present: Commissioners Christine Celley, MaryJo Jones, Bob Rice, Joyce Reed, and Jerry Kozik. No constituents from the district were in attendance.

Chairman Christine Celley called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM

Commissioners gathered at the town hall to discuss the agenda for the upcoming spring meeting and to go over the comparisons from other districts of commissioner compensation. The spring meeting will be held on Saturday May 7th at 8:30. Mary Jo will do a treasurer's update.

Jerry asked about district funds on hand. MaryJo replied that we currently have about \$300,000 in the bank. Jerry asked if we could do better elsewhere for interest. Christine explained that we have to have money in the bank and different banks for FDIC insurance and some of the money is in CDs in order to get better interest. Discussion was had about different banks and interest rates. Christine explained that we did shop the CDs around when we took them out.

Kathy Aron will talk about lake projects, Paul will update on harvesting. Bob will update on Clean Boats Clean Waters. He also explained that this year as a condition of our grant employees will be required to attend training in order to work. Christine commented if there are any expenses related to the Clean Boats Clean Waters program to make sure and hand them in. Joyce asked if Audrey Green will be doing the training and she will. Bob asked about a small raise for the people coming back this year. We also talked about a few 2 hr shifts during the week. Jerry asked about the current hours of operation. Bob commented that they are Fridays 7-11am and 3-7pm and on Saturday and Sunday from 7-7. Christine asked about how we bump up the payroll. Bob said that it was just a recommendation and would be subject to board approval. Bob commented that Lake Beulah pay rates ranged from \$9.44-\$15 per hour. Last year our pay rates ranged from \$8.50 to \$11 and Bob suggested a raise of \$0.50 across the board. Total payroll last year for Clean Boats Clean Waters was \$6,632. Last year there was a \$0.25 increase. Christine said that she was looking for my recommendation as to what is fair based on what I researched. She also noted that I was not taking a fee for management of the launch. Bob commented that he didn't track hours for management only what he worked on the shifts. This year will be different because of how we need to track for the grants. There will be data entry of all the sheets that need to be done to comply with the grant we received and those hours will be billed. Joyce asked how much the grant saved us for the labor this coming year. Bob stated that the grant funding is limited to 75% of the total project cost not to exceed \$4,000 per launch and also noted requirements of the grant and the training needed to comply. He anticipates that we could get this grant each year. A management fee was suggested for the manager who runs the program. Bob said that he would prefer an hourly rate as opposed to a management fee as it is fairer to the district.

Christine said that we need to keep an eye on the geese to see if we want to participate in the round up this year. Some have been seen on the lake already but it is too early to make a decision.

We moved onto discussion of commissioner compensation. Christine provided research from multiple lakes. Last year at the annual meeting someone from the floor was surprised at the compensation amount for the commissioners. Christine did some research and found that there are different ways that lakes compensate their commissioners. Honey Lake gets paid \$175-\$200 per meeting and meet every month and also farm out some of the work. Lake Beulah doesn't compensate their commissioners but they farm out all the work. Camp Lake farms out some of the services and the Treasure gets just under \$4,000 and

the President and Secretary were at \$3,000 a piece. Little Muskego pays a small stipend but also farms out all the work. Walworth County Land Conservation Committee did a survey and shared their findings with us as well. Joyce and Christine commented that it is all over the board. Joyce stressed that we are all public servants and we can't get paid like we are on a board of directors. Joyce noted different committees that she serves on and stated that we are here because we care but should get a little something. Christine talked about the time commitment of the Treasures job and not paying for an accountant. Bob asked how many checks we wrote a month. We write 50 or 60 checks a year. Christine commented about replying to the mail, answering questions, and checking the PO Box. Bob said that he could check the mail if MaryJo was unable to for some reason. The time commitment was stressed as the positions require more than just a few meetings per year. Joyce commented that being on a board involves a lot of personal time. Bob had broken down the information prior to the meeting and found that the majority of the things being hired out were of the accounting nature. Christine commented that there are also attorney fees. Bob suggested that we should write job descriptions as to what we are each responsible for as there are things that are asked of each of us that are borderline out of the scope of what we should be doing. Bob commented about an email we received asking us about when our district was formed. He had searched records as well as Town of East Troy, Walworth County, and the DNR and couldn't find an answer. Joyce said that \$200 was not a fair amount for the work we do. Bob said that each of us will put a different value on our time that we donate and how do you come up with a fair amount for the time spent over that. Christine suggested an hourly rate and a not to exceed amount. Bob and Joyce suggested a flat rate. Jerry suggested that we hand out the information on what we found and make a suggestion as to what we feel we should get paid. Joyce asked if we should hire an outside accountant. MaryJo said she doesn't feel so at this point. Jerry asked if Christine had an amount in mind. She said she didn't and was mostly concerned about the Treasures position. She said that \$3,000 to \$4,000 range is reasonable. Bob asked about the cost of the payroll service we hire which was \$800 last year. After stripping that out and based on what other lakes were paying he thought that \$3,000 was fair for the Treasurer. Mary Jo has kept track of her hours and since January she has put in about 18hrs. She has 15yrs in finance and feels comfortable with the roll. Joyce asked the best way to pay and suggested monthly. Jerry said do it annually or quarterly instead of processing it so many times. Bob commented on the quarterly and thought that was good so we didn't have to pay a processing fee so many times during months where there was only one check being cut. MaryJo said quarterly would be fine. Christine suggested that we propose the increase and make it retroactive for this year at the annual meeting. Joyce asked about the Secretary position. Bob commented that the Secretary and Chairman position is hard to put a number on because it is not as easy to show what other lakes are paying for the services we provide. For the Secretary some lakes pay a transcriber for meeting minutes. Bob commented that he is not looking at it as a job but as a service. He would like a job description for what we are responsible for and if we work outside those responsibilities we should be compensated for that. Bob said that the most he would be comfortable getting would be \$2,000 and would be alright with \$500 to \$1,000 as well. Christine asked about attending the annual Lakes Association Meeting in Steven Point and thought that it would be good for us to attend but asked about how we would be fairly compensated for the time there. Bob commented that if we were going to propose an increase to our stipend that things like this would be part of what we were already getting aside from our expenses. She said in years to come but what about the one this year and we would have to take time off work if we wanted to go. Bob said that in proposing an increase we should be required to attend the local lakes meetings so that we stay visible with Walworth County and the DNR. Christine thought this would be good but as schedules allow. Jerry said that \$2,000 seemed rich for the Chairman and Secretary positions. Bob clarified that it was not his suggestion but the most he felt comfortable receiving. Joyce commented that some of the things we do go above and beyond what we should be doing. Joyce recommended that we propose increases of \$2,000, \$2,000, and \$3,000. Jerry suggested that we estimate the number of hours to present. Christine said that it could also be reassessed annually. The board members agreed to write up job descriptions for their positions and estimate the number of hours they worked.

Bob suggested for the spring agenda that we propose to add a mid summer meeting after the 4th of July. This would enable us to table things to the next meeting instead of having all the emails back and forth as things come up in the summer. Christine said she would be in favor of that but not on a weekend. Bob said it should be an open meeting to address concerns that come up during the summer

Bob commented about the special assessment list that the Town of East Troy asked him to verify. He had to go through each property to see who has paid and who hasn't along with their frontage. Some of the fees didn't seem to add up and we have to ask Kim to see how the amounts are determined. Christine commented that if you had a property division or a merge the tax number falls off and assessments need to be added back on. Christine asked about people who hadn't paid for a period of time and our ability to go back and collect. Bob commented that it's not negligence on the property owners as they paid their taxes but not everything was included. His feeling is that to back charge the home owners who have paid what they were billed would be more detrimental to the relationship with the board. We are in good financial standing and should correct it going forward for 2016. All agreed that it is fair to add it on moving forward for 2016. Joyce asked how much we spend each year as to what we collect. Christine commented that we get about \$46,000 and depending on the amount of harvesting that we do we have to use CDs to pay wages. We have accumulated funds in years when we didn't need to harvest as often.

The next item discussed was the Blake Party for 2016. Lorene Hirsh had submitted a proposal of what they would like to do for this year. Last year was a success and they would like to build on that by including the sale of beer through the Mukwonago Lions Club. Joyce asked why they want to include alcohol. Christine said that they felt that they could raise more money and help benefit the Lions Club as well. They checked with the Town and the Lions Club would need to buy a special events permit and obtain a temporary class B liquor license and any liability insurance that would be associated with it would be provided by the Lions Club. Joyce stated that anything we give money to we are responsible for. If there is an incident we could be held responsible. Bob commented that we are funding the majority of the cost for this and the party is held on district owned property and we would be responsible. He thought that the party last year was great and would like to see it continue but if it is hosted on district property then no alcohol should be involved. He said that if the party were to be held on the Shorewood Drive peninsula and they secured special event insurance then Bob as a home owner on Shorewood would be alright with it. You would still need approval from the other homes on Shorewood but many of the people on the road are the organizers of the event. Bob said based on the small amount of revenue generated from the event that it is not worth the risk to the district should anything go wrong. Our responsibility is to the district and to protect that. He recommended that maybe we make a donation to the fireworks fund. Last year the profit of \$668 was donated. It was decided that we would not allow for the sale of alcohol on district property. Joyce stated that even if they moved the party she would not be in favor of donating money if it contained alcohol. Joyce said just give them the \$1,000 for fireworks and be done with it and they could do what they want. Jerry said that we couldn't do that because we set the precedence that we will give money to fund private picnics. Christine thought that we would have more liability with a firework donation. All agreed that the party was a good thing as a community function for the lake residences but decided it should move forward without alcohol. Christine commented about extending the invitation to the Miramar Association. Joyce said that the purpose of the event was to get the lake residences together. Bob stated that Elroy and Karen were invited last year as a comment was made that they weren't there at a prior meeting. The group had discussion. Bob asked the question if we were doing this as a district event or a community event. He said that if people wanted to bring friends or neighbors that it shouldn't be a problem but thought that the invite group should consist of our constituents.

Christine talked about 4th of July events and the planning would be done at the spring meeting. Christine suggested for the annual meeting that we should have the budget meeting and then go right into the annual meeting without a break and the bylaws allowed for this. This would help to keep things moving. Bob proposed to add to the spring agenda: Review of resolutions and changes, add a summer meeting, and to

maybe have someone from Walworth County come in and talk about shore land zoning. Christine thought that we would be opening a can of worms doing this. She said that people should be going through the process with the Town of East Troy, DNR, and Walworth County that we were not advisors on this. Joyce agreed that we should not get involved and that Walworth County probably would not do it. Bob also asked about proposing a lake directory that we could give out that would enable members to contact each other. This would be done by sending a questionnaire to each home and then publishing the information on those who returned it. Christine suggested a Facebook page for the lake. It would be easier to update and it doesn't involve a lot of time once it's set up. This would be a great thing as it is timely.

Bob talked to Al Sikora about tracking our website visits and the first year would be free and then a small fee of about \$24 for additional years. He thought that this was a good idea to know what our usage is before spending money to rebuild our website. Christine and MaryJo agreed that we should do that. Christine talked to Al as well about ideas on what we could be doing with our website. She also said that she would like to get a newsletter going again and that is something that could be posted on the website.

Joyce asked about the conversation we had with Attorney Linda Grey advising on the change in resolutions and if we should have a listed attorney that we work with when or if the need arises. Bob commented that she did not bill us and was very helpful. He also stated that if we were to get an attorney it would be important they have experience with lakes and the DNR. Christine said that if the need arises we could call other lake districts to see who they have used for similar situations.

Christine talked about posting meeting requirements. For the annual meeting we are required to publish it in the newspaper, also on our website, Town of East Troy website, email to the constituents, and post on the bulletin board at the town hall two weeks prior to the meeting. Any other meeting we are required to publish on the website, the Town of East Troy bulletin board, and email the constituents. We have as little as 48hrs prior to the meeting to post the notice and are not required to publish in the newspaper. Joyce confirmed the above through open records on page 13. Christine said that phone calls and emails need to be responded to directly and not discuss with other board members where there could be influence. She also gave a few examples. Joyce said that the county will invite all lake district board members to the same meeting they have for county board members after the spring election to go over the open records rules.

Christine said that she would like to make the change at meetings so that people with comments or questions would get up and use the microphone. This would help to better identify who had the questions and also help to eliminate side conversations. All thought this would be a good idea.

An email was sent to the district from a graduate student looking for information from home owners on how they use the lake and their shoreline. It was decided that we would forward the link to the home owners to participate if they wanted to.

MaryJo said that she received information from the US Department of Commerce that they are going to be doing a census for 2017. It is voluntary and wanted to know if we should participate. Christine said that she and MaryJo should get together and discuss. She thought it was designed more for individuals.

Jerry asked about the meeting with the DNR from last year and the proposed whole lake treatment. Bob commented that we were going to do a whole lake survey this year and we received some grant money for it. The reason we decided not to do a whole lake treatment for this year is because you can't chemically treat within so many months prior and we would have had to have gone a year and a half without any chemical treatment because we didn't treat last fall. The weeds were bad at the end of last year and it wouldn't be fair to the home owners to go that long without treatment. The other thing was that the DNR wanted us to use 24D for the treatment which is the same chemical that we use for our current approved

treatments. Bob questioned how the results of the whole lake treatment would be different when using the same chemical. When we used Sonar we had 3 to 4 years of control. The DNR did issue some Sonar permits and we are waiting on the final studies from those lakes to see if they will allow more Sonar treatments. Bob said that currently we have been treating areas large enough to constitute a whole lake treatment but the DNR has allowed us to do so without filing for a whole lake treatment permit. Once you file for a whole lake treatment permit it can incur other study costs. Heidi Bunk had also made comments about complaints from fisherman after we did the whole lake treatment. Bob pointed out that even though we don't own the lake the district is supporting the weed control entirely from the fees we collect each year from the home owners. If we were to stop collecting the fees and rely on the DNR for treatment he said that the lake would be completely weeded over in 4 to 5 years. His believe is that we should have some more say than those who launch and leave. Christine pointed out that her job is political and she needs to represent both sides and make everyone happy. There is more than just the district. Bob suggested we ask if we could use clipper in the boat launch bay. This would take care of the weeds in the bay but would also help to prevent invasive species from spreading into the lake. It would be a good way to monitor the bay area and you would be able to catch things quicker if they were to enter into the lake. It seems like this would be a more proactive stance to take. Christine asked if Kathy was a good advocate for the lake. Bob commented that she represented our lake and what we wanted well with the DNR at the fall meeting. Christine commented that she was in contact with one of the members of Little Muskego and they had put buoys out to try and limit the traffic in certain areas and they were getting push back on that as well. It is a difficult balance when dealing with weed control as far as harvesting and chemicals.

Christine asked if we heard anything about the water testing. We had approved the testing for this year. She talked about individuals doing the tests as opposed to having them in a controlled setting and the value that has on the DNR for allowing treatments or grants. Bob commented that Kathy had stated that the cost of some of the research in order to apply for grants can sometimes be almost as much as the grant itself and we need to weigh out the cost associated with applying for grants to make sure in the end there is a benefit.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:45am

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C Rice
Secretary

Minutes of the 2016 Special Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.

Present: Commissioners Christine Celley (Chairman), Bob Rice (Secretary), MaryJo Jones (Treasurer), Jerry Kozik (Town of East Troy Appointed Representative), and Joyce Reed (Walworth County Appointed Representative)

Also Present: 23 Electors and Kathy Aron

Christine called the meeting to order at 8:30am. The commissioners introduced themselves and their roll on the board.

Kathy Aron reported to the district on the condition of the lake. This year we have to update the plant management plan in order to get the harvesting permit. This is a 5 year permit and that work will start this summer. About 300 sample points will be recorded and that information will be used along with prior surveys to come up with a treatment plan that the DNR will approve as well as be acceptable to the district so that we can all enjoy the lake. Kathy was out on the lake this week and there is a lot of Milfoil in the boat launch bay and on the West end of the lake. The shallower waters have heated up quickly this spring and that is why we are seeing the plant growth in those areas. Currently the water temp is about 55 degrees. We have a treatment planned for Wednesday for the infected areas. It is important that the weeds are growing when the treatment is done otherwise the plants won't take in the herbicide. The long range plan is to have a draft plan back to the board for review sometime at the end of December or beginning of January. Christine asked Kathy to comment on the use of the harvester for this year to help control the problem. Kathy said that we need to focus on herbicide treatments in the areas where we are permitted and in the deeper parts use the harvester to help control the issue. We have a fair amount of Elodea in the lake which is native and will help to control our Milfoil problem. Bob asked if we applied to treat the whole lake or just the shoreline areas. Kathy said that we have asked to treat about 45 acres for the up coming treatment. Bob asked if we were not granted permission to treat the entire 45 acres could we ask that the treatment be split into 2 separate treatments. Kathy thought that we would be able to treat the entire area based on being able to treat larger areas in the past. In the deeper part of the lake we just need to make sure that the plants are growing so the treatment is effective. Weather and water temperatures right now are favorable for treatment. Bob asked about last year when we met with the DNR in the fall a chemical called "Clipper" was mentioned as something that was effective for Starry Stonewart. Is it possible to treat just the bay with this so that if invasives do enter the lake it would be easier to spot them? Kathy replied that Clipper was \$1,000 an acre to use as apposed to \$350 for 24D. She said that in the bay we should maintain natives in order to help prevent invasives from settling in and establishing. Kathy commented about Starry Stonewart that there are 260 plus acres of it in Michigan, 10 acres in Indiana, 1 lake in Minnesota, and 5 lakes in Wisconsin that are impacted by it. You need a balance. If you have a yard with no grass the first thing that establishes are the weeds. Like wise if you can keep the natives in a lake they will help to prevent the invasives from coming in. If it does get into a lake it can become a problem quickly. Bob asked about the results of the Sonar treatments on the experimental lakes. Silver Lake used Sonar and Kathy does not know if the reports are in yet. They did a 24D treatment the prior year and it was not successful. The community was happy with the Sonar treatment but they are still waiting to see what the DNR thought of the treatment. The DNR is getting tighter on their requirements for whole lake treatments; the number of years of water monitoring, plant monitoring, and residual testing. If we can keep it under control by continuing to do what we have been in the past it may be our best option. A constituent asked about the water clarity, Kathy stated that it may be due to the amount of plant growth in the lake as it holds the sediment down on the bottom of the lake as well as using the nutrients that causes algae. We have Kara and Elodea growing in 6 feet of water. Christine asked about the planned treatment and it is planned for this coming Wednesday.

Paul Celley commented about the harvesting. Elroy has returned and is getting the harvester ready and conveyors set up. There is thicker growth on the flat areas off the West end of the lake. They are poised and ready to start if and when conditions warrant. Christine had maps that were passed around that showed the proposed areas for harvesting and treatment.

Bob discussed the goose round up forms that were in the back of the room. He keeps them on file from year to year as the district needs them in order to be able to enter onto a property to remove geese. The geese that are captured are used for food pantries or animal shelters. Christine explained that if enough geese are present a round up would be conducted. She said that she counted 70 birds one night on the lake. Round ups are done in the spring because the mature geese are not able to fly. A constituent asked who did the round ups and we explained that they were conducted by the USDA.

Bob will be running the Clean Boats Clean Waters program again this year. The same crew from last year is coming back to work again for 2016. This year we received a grant for \$4,000 to help fund the program. There will be a little more work involved as the data from the survey sheets will need to be entered into the SWIMS system. Bob proposed a pay increase for the workers who are coming back as well as funds for new shirts for them. A proposal was made and vote was taken to approve the increase in wages as proposed and the motion was passed. Flares will be sold again at the boat launch for the 4th of July as well as at the home of Karen Winkleman starting Saturday June 18. Paul Celley asked if we could print and hand out lake rules to those who are launching. Bob stated that we did have those available. Also when boats pull in, it is expected that those working the launch inform them of the slow no wake hours and counter clockwise direction.

Christine commented that this will be a big year for us as there is a lot of survey work that needs to be done in order to get our permits for a whole lake treatment. We are counting on Kathy and her team to get that done. Kathy commented that we received a grant to help with the survey work that she is doing. Christine thanked Bob for the work he did to get the Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant as well. She asked if we were going to increase the hours at the launch this year. Bob commented that our current schedule meets the 200hr min requirements but would be willing to schedule a few hours during the week sporadically in the mornings or evenings. Christine suggested maybe the mornings. Bob commented that working the launch he sees a lot of the same people weekend after weekend. A constituent asked when the launch was staffed. Clean Boats Clean Waters currently works Fridays 7-11am & 3-7pm and Saturdays and Sundays from 7am-7pm. Bob explained the balance of the program and the harvesting and treatments. There is definitely a benefit from the program but it is not a silver bullet to the problems.

MaryJo went over the hand outs of the budget. 2015 was on the left hand side and we ended up the year \$9,000 under budget. 2016 we increased the budget by 3% to keep up with inflation. We have 90% of our tax settlements in as well as some of the money from the grants that will help us out this year. Currently we are on schedule with expenses but payroll and lake projects will be starting soon. We currently have CD's at Citizens Bank of Mukwonago and Landmark Credit Union as well as a money market and checking account. We do monitor them as they renew to get the best rates available in the area. Carol Cole asked if the increase in the income came from the money we received in grant this year and MaryJo verified that to be true. She also asked about the increase in cash. Christine went on to explain that the money is there because we get our disbursements prior to us incurring the expenses and our expenses don't come until later in the year. Also with the weed growth that appears to be out there it may not be hard to get to the \$45,000 set aside for payroll depending on the amount of harvesting.

Christine presented to the group the boards findings on commissioner compensation from other lakes in the area. The constituents asked the board at last year's annual meeting to research this and report back. Joyce was able to get a report from the county on what other Walworth County Lakes were paying their commissioners and Christine did some research online as reports are public information. From the

information that was gathered there is no right or wrong way to do this. Some lakes pay their commissioners several thousand per year and other lake districts contract that work out. Some hire accounting services, consultants for presentations, and transcribers for minutes. Honey Lake pays similar to how we are but they hire out their services. We are not able to vote on this at this meeting but we need to talk about it so that a recommendation can be made and voted on at our annual meeting. The change if any would take effect next year unless a motion from the floor was made to start the approved compensation after the annual meeting on a prorated basis. A constituent asked if the bylaws would need to be changed for us to do this. The current bylaws state that we can raise them if there is money left over after actual and necessary expenses. There was discussion of the by laws and questions on if the board would be able to receive a regulated stated salary. The current bylaws would need to be changed. Section 7 article 5 was referenced. Currently the Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary are receiving \$200 per year. Kathy Aron recommended that we look at state statute 33 as it always takes precedence and our bylaws cannot be in competition. Bob was asked to read article 5 section 7 of our current bylaws which he did. There was further discussion and Christine commented that we are still in the fact finding stage and not voting on this today. Joyce commented that she is compensated \$50 from the county for each meeting that she attends. She commented on several other lakes that do not compensate their commissioners at all. Honey Lake meets every month and receives \$2,600 for the Chairman and \$2,275 for the Secretary and Treasurer. Delavan Lake is managed by the sanitary district and a board. They also meet monthly and receive \$80 per meeting. Kathy Aron commented that when you have a sanitary district that runs the lake you have a staff that prepares all the information for the meeting. There is some prep from the board members but the staff does most of the work. Without that staff, the work is being done by the board members. Christine commented we are doing all the work and some of the other lakes have staff that prepares all the information for their meetings. Christine commented that if we hired out, \$35-\$75 an hour is not uncommon for professional services not including legal services. Christine has been on the board for 8 years now and spends an average of 3-5 hours per week working on lake items. Based on that even at \$2,000 we are being compensated less than \$25 an hour. Christine commented about the amount of work involved with her past treasurer's position and she had to take days off to do some of the work. With a new treasurer coming on board last year she wanted to see how other districts were compensating or farming out the work. A constituent asked what kind of money the board was thinking and Christine replied between \$2,000 and \$3,000 per year per commissioner. This amount was based off of what was brought up at the annual meeting last fall and the special meeting from this spring. There was discussion and the thought was that compensation would be even across the board. Bob went over the handout that was provided with what other lakes paid commissioners as well as what they paid to farm out. He noted that many of the other lakes paid for accounting services. The accounting is over and above the day to day things that all of us are involved in and we would be consistent with other districts if we compensated for this. Bob stated that he looks at this as a volunteer elected position. He stated that in years we harvest we are using more than what we collect. He thinks that if we are going to talk about board increases that we also need to talk about tax increases so that we are not dipping into reserves to pay board members. Bob said that we would need to collect an additional \$6.90 per household for every \$1,000 of additional board salary. A constituent asked if it would be less expensive to farm out the services than it would be to increase the salaries of the board. This would not be the case and others commented that they would prefer to continue to see board members doing the work as they have an interest in the lake. Christine commented about our bylaws and the statute that this is something that would be reviewed on an annual basis at the annual meeting. If we discover that we don't have a lot going on and are able to simplify things through other means then we are going to adjust that. Likewise if we have a lot going on and there is not money left over for compensation then we will have to adjust for that in the budget. Joyce commented that it is time to change the \$200 a year which has been in place for sometime now. Christine will talk to the town attorney about any changes that may need to be made in our current bylaws. Barry comment that he feels that it is time to review and make changes so that it is relevant to our current situation going forward. We have key people who have the best interest of the lake in mind and live here and have skin in the game. As for farming out services, as long as we have qualified people who are willing to do the work he thinks it is in the best interest of the lake that we do the work instead of hiring outside sources. If there are specialized needs beyond what a board member may be qualified for it is then we should seek help for those particular instances.

Carol Cole updated the group on the new website redevelopment. A few years ago we approved funds for redeveloping our website. Our current site has been around since 2006 and needs updating. Three proposals were received and Waterford Design is the one that is recommended. There was one other company that came in similar but with our current working relationship with Waterford Design we feel that would be the best fit for our district. The goal is to make the site more user friendly, add more information about our lake and add pictures of the lake. They are open to suggestions if anyone has anything else they would like to see. The current proposal is \$2500 and hosting would be about \$120 a year. It would take about 2 to 3 months to get the new site up and running. Carol asked for the group's permission to continue moving forward. One of the members asked if we would have administrative right to the new site. The answer to this question is yes. Christine commented that Waterford Design has done our updates in the past and they charge about \$70 hr to update. Christine also commented that the old site was designed with 2006 technology and it is more cost effective to redo the site rather than try to work around the old technology. The new site would be mobile friendly. There could possibly be additional charges if we have to hire them to take photos. The photos do need to be a certain quality and if we can get some one to do it for us that would be great but if not we would have to hire out for that at a cost of \$10 per picture. The \$2500 covers concept development, page layout, formatting and style guidance for the home page the second and third tier pages, navigation, slide shows, contact forms, and mobile friendly form. It will show events, commissioners, calendars, and useful links. A motion was made to proceed to move forward with the new site a vote was taken and the motion was passed.

Lorene Hirsch updated the group on the plans for this years Blake Party. The party will be on Sat July 30th with the fishing contest in the morning and weigh in at 10:00am at the boat launch and then remaining activities will be from 11-3pm at the district property on hwy L (the pole barn where we keep the harvesting equipment). New this year will be a kayak event in the morning for kids and adults. Many fun games will be played including Frisbee kayak, capture the flag, and find your name in floating bottles. Lorene will be accepting donations for prizes for the fishing tournament, kid's games, and raffle. They are also looking for volunteers to help with the set up & clean up, sign in, kid's games, raffle tickets, ect. Sign in sheets were in the back of the room for 2hr shifts and Lorene can be contacted as well. Beer sales were proposed for this year's event. Lorene found from the Town of East Troy that you would need an organization to do the beer sales. She has contacts with the Mukwonago Lions Club and if approved by the constituents she could reach out to them to see if a few of their vendors would be interested if we shared profits with them. The East Troy Fireman would also be a possibility. We would still need a permit if we had beer sales. There was discussion amongst the group. Family environment was a concern but it was noted that some people last year brought their own. The group also mentioned that they wanted to open up the party to the whole Miramar Association. Their motto is the more the merrier. There was discussion about this. Joyce commented that according to our bylaws funding parties is not part of what we do. She personally thought that the alcohol gives mixed messages to a family friendly party. Lorene said that if the group felt strongly against it then they would not pursue it. Bob stated that the commissioners voted for no alcohol during the special meeting based on our liability. A letter of opinion was received from an attorney who was asked to review this and we further found that our liability was very limited. Based on this he felt that this needs to be reconsidered. Christine stated that we are not only obligated to the board but to the constituents as well. We need to make sure that we have the right information when making a decision. She checked with the Town of East Troy and they didn't foresee a problem but said we should check with Attorney Jim Mills. The board did contact Attorney Mills who supplied us with a letter of opinion. Jerry asked if the objective was for camaraderie or to raise money. Lorene said it was about 50/50. The money that was raised last year was used for the fireworks. This originally was going to go back to the Lake District but Bob suggested last year that the profits be given to the folks to help support the fireworks. The group is seeking \$1,000 to help with the cost of the event. Last year this was used for the dumpster, DJ, port-a-potty's, and some raffle prizes. Barry commented that last years effort was worthy and helped to build camaraderie around the lake. The decision point is how to structure this going forward in relation to serving alcohol. Jerry commented that those who want to drink will bring their own and even though it wasn't served last year people still brought their own. A motion was made to stay the way it was last year. Bob commented that he was fine either way with relation to the alcohol but

he would like to keep it limited to the lake residences. He stated that if you wanted to bring your friends or had people at your house it's not meant to exclude them but he is against the more the merrier and sending invites out outside the district. The Winkelmans were brought up as having not attended last year. Bob stated that they were on the email list that went out and they were definitely not to have been excluded. There was discussion and it was decided that Miramar does contribute to the district and have deeded access so they should be included. A motion was made and a vote was taken to keep the alcohol the same way it was last year and was passed to do so. A vote was taken to include Miramar Association at the event and the motion passed to do so.

Christine went over the July 4th celebration. The boat parade will start by the boat launch at 7:00pm. Ideas were given for this year's theme. Carol Cole suggested the 50 states and to decorate your boat like one of the states. Bob Rice suggested Jimmy Buffett or Parrot Heads theme. A vote was taken and it was a tie so it was decided that we would do both.

A motion was made to have the budget meeting at 9:00am and the annual meeting immediately after. This would help with the lag time in between the meetings. Motion was passed and then budget meeting will start at 9:00 and the annual meeting will follow.

Bob read the results of the 2016 fish survey. The DNR was out on the lake this year and reported that they captured 50 large mouth bass during the survey with the average size of 15.4" and max size of 20" catch rates were in line with what they would expect to see in a lake like Potters. Results were consistent with the 2008 and 2011 results with an improved size structure. The Bluegills were undersized with an average size of 4.9" and a max size of 6.7". This is not uncommon for smaller lakes when people fish and remove the larger pan fish from the population.

The annual meeting is set for September 10, 2016 at 9:00am

There being no further business, on proper Motion, the Special Meeting was adjourned at 10:13am.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert C Rice
Secretary

Minutes of the 2016 Special Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday June 4th, 2016 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.

Present: Commissioners Christine Celley, Bob Rice, Joyce Reed, and Jerry Kozik.

10 constituents from the district were also in attendance.

Chairman Christine Celley called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

Commissioners gathered at the town hall to discuss the needed repairs for the harvester and where the funds would come from. Christine informed the group that the harvester was out last weekend and broke down. Upon further inspection it was determined that the engine had failed and needs to be replaced. Elroy has been in contact with 2 companies' who are providing quotes to the district. D&D Marine and Inland Harvester are bidding for the job. The estimated cost is going to be about \$15,000. The Town of East Troy was able to assist us in taking off the old engine with the use of their backhoe. The original engine is about 32yrs old and is a 2 cylinder diesel. Because of emission standards we will need to move up to a larger 3 cyl engine in order to get comparable power to what we have now. It was proposed that we use \$10,000 from special projects and \$10,000 from tools & equipment. A motion was made to authorize the use of funds in the amount of \$15,200 from the 2016 Budget, lines; Reserve for Special Projects \$10,000 and Equipment, Tools & Vehicles \$10,000 toward replacement of the harvester engine, necessary parts and labor. Motion was approved

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45am

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C Rice
Secretary

**Minutes of the 2016 Special Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held
Wednesday October 26th 2016 at Waukesha DNR Office**

Present: Commissioners Christine Celley, Jerry Kozik, and Robert Rice

Presenters: Kathy Aron and Heidi Bunk

Heidi Bunk called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm

Commissioners gathered with Heidi Bunk and Kathy Aron in Waukesha at the DNR office to go over fall treatments, options for a future whole lake treatment, and the Aquatic Plant Management Plan for 2017. Heidi commented that the DNR has had a change in policy on fall treatments. In the past Heidi has allowed some fall treatments but they are now going toward a model of study area for a period of time and possibly resume fall treatments at a later date. Bob asked about the fall treatment and Heidi responded that the proposed treatment would be classified as a whole lake treatment. Kathy commented that there is a difference in opinion on the South East region and the Northern region of the state in effectiveness of fall treatments.

Heidi clarified our wish is to peruse a whole lake treatment in 2017. Kathy confirmed we would like to do a Sonar treatment in 2017 based off Silver Lakes experience with 24d and Sonar, as well as, what worked in the past on Potters Lake. Kathy's thoughts are that the 24d is not working as well as we hoped and we need to shift it up and hit it with the Sonar. Kathy commented that the manufacture does not have any pretreatment requirements for the year prior and the fact that we didn't do a fall treatment we would like to apply for the whole lake treatment in 2017 rather than allowing the problem to continue to expand. Jerry asked what Heidi's reservations were with the proposal. Heidi stated that the newer formulation of Sonar even though it has been used on 4 lakes is still in the experimental stage and they are waiting for the results from those lakes to come back. Those lakes were treated a year or two ago and the DNR wants to see what happens in years 2 and 3 after the treatment. Christine asked if there was a deadline for that data to be collected. Jerry asked what formulation of Sonar could be used and suggested what we had used before based on the effectiveness. Heidi was open and Kathy said that we would work alongside of the company and go with their recommendation. Heidi commented that when we did the treatment in 2004 and 2005 the plant community went down dramatically and the fisherman that were using the lake were complaining to the DNR that they allowed the district to destroy the lake. Bob said that neighbors had commented that years before the lake was so weeded over that it made it difficult to use the lake for recreation. When the district was formed a weed harvester was purchased and treatments were started to try and maintain a quality lake for everyone to enjoy. The bulk of this cost is being funded by the district. If you took the district participation away, within 3 years it would be difficult to get a boat out of the launch area and other areas of the lake would be choked out as well. Heidi said point well taken but we have to make sure to balance everyone's wishes. Jerry commented that it shouldn't be an equal balance when you have the home owners picking up the cost for studies and treatments. Christine commented that we are getting pressure from the constituents wanting to know what we are doing about the weed problem and why we aren't seeing any results. They are starting to ask who they need to call or write to in order to get results. Christine said we need to be mindful of the residences that have concerns. Heidi said that she would be happy to set up a meeting with the home owners if it would help to take some of the pressure off of us. She also said there are many things that have to be taken into consideration when treating the lake, it's not just the weeds. Fisheries, wildlife habitat, and algae levels also play a big part. Christine commented that there was no treatment this fall and the algae was the worst it has been since she bought her home in 2005. When she skied last week the algae was not just on the top of the water but extended down several inches. It was concerning that when we treated the fisherman complained about the algae and no treatment was done this fall and the algae was worse than it had been for years in spite of no fall treatment. Jerry commented about the floating weeds that occur after harvesting and the multiple

complaints we get from home owners who have to rake their shoreline. Bob commented on the fisheries and the importance the DNR places on them. He commented that the last 2 times the lake was to be stocked the DNR did not stock it due to lack of funds. The last stocking of fish was coordinated and paid for by the district. Bob said he feels the district is doing everything it is being asked to do but we are still being denied treatments. While stocking fish is the right thing to do for the lake it seems to be a double edge sword because it brings the fishermen and then the DNR weighs in on their complaints about the lake. Bob said if the district stopped collecting fees, within 3 years the lake would be weeded over beyond the ability to boat. Heidi commented that if you talked to any fishery biologist they are concerned they don't have the funds to stock fish like they used to. Because of budget cuts some of these items unfortunately get cut out. Bob commented that he has no problem paying to stock the lake but if we do the fishermen come. If we don't stock after awhile they stop coming and complaints go down. Christine commented to Heidi that she hoped when the DNR gets the complaints they also let the person who is calling know all the things the district does to ensure the public can enjoy the lake. Heidi offered to set up another meeting with the members of the district this fall or winter to take some of the heat off the board and explain the matters to them. Christine commented that Kathy attends our spring and annual meetings to address the constituents about the lake conditions and she does an amazing job.

We are on a timeline for getting items to the DNR. The Plant Management Plan needs to be in by Dec 1st, the grant application needs to be in by Feb 1st and the Harvesting and Chemical Treatment plan needs to be in after the 1st of the year. Kathy asked Heidi once she reviewed the Plant Management Plan if she would inform us if we are ok to move forward prior to the grant application deadline. Kathy commented that the district has talked about doing this with or without a grant and wanted to make sure the approved treatment plan once approved would be the same with or without a grant. Heidi suggested that Kathy submit a draft of the grant application so that she can help us to present it in the best light. In the past Heidi would rank the grants from her district. The new process has teams of 3 that rank the grants that are not in their territory. It is important to state your case clearly even things that may be obvious to Heidi because she won't be the one to make a decision on our grant. If the grant is approved we would be required to do pre and post monitoring. If we don't get the grant Heidi would have discretion over requiring pre and post monitoring. The district did GS monitoring last year and is going to be doing it again in 2017. Kathy asked if that could be part of the grant. Heidi said it could be included in the grant and if approved there would be a 75% / 25 % cost share.

Christine asked about when Kathy and Brian went to the DNR with our fall treatment plans if the decision was made locally. Heidi stated that the plan didn't meet the criteria for a fall treatment and that the area requested was too expansive. Christine asked if she suggested to Brian or Kathy that we cut down on the size of the area to be treated. Heidi said she didn't as the areas requested were not sheltered and the chemical would dissipate outside the intended area. Kathy commented that this year would have been ideal as water temperatures and levels were ideal for what needed to be done. She also commented about the success of the fall treatments on Potters Lake and the need to separate the state as conditions vary. Bob commented that the district has complied with the DNR and has done all the testing that has been asked for out of its own pocket and when we do that it takes away from money that could have been spent on spot treatments and harvesting. There needs to be some kind of parameters set so we know that we are getting a return for these tests and not just collecting data and being denied treatments. Heidi said that all the data that we've collected will be valuable in determining a whole lake treatment for next year. Jerry asked if the fall treatment could have been modified and Heidi stated that the large open areas did not meet the criteria for a treatment. Christine commented on the lack of snow cover last year and low water levels in the lake this year. There has been no water flowing out of the dam for quite sometime so if we would have done a fall treatment we wouldn't have had flow through out of the dam. Heidi said that the lack of ice and snow cover over the past few years has contributed to the problem. A spring treatment is usually done by May 1st depending on water temp and conditions. Heidi stated that an ideal time to treat is when tips of 2" to 4" of vibrant growth can be seen. Bob asked what the probabilities of the untreated areas expanding are. Both Kathy and Heidi agreed that it is likely that those areas will be larger in the

spring. Christine expressed concern over what we will be dealing with next year. Kathy was able to have Heidi commit to have a decision in early January on if the plan meets the grant requirements and if we will be able to move forward with the Sonar treatments. Kathy asked what the next steps would be if the DNR rejected the proposed Sonar treatment. Heidi said that we would have another meeting to figure out what they would approve. Kathy said that our current plan will have to change because of the new stance on no fall treatments. Bob asked what determined a fall treatment and Heidi responded the end of August on is considered fall treatments. Heidi went back to if the department denied our request for a Sonar treatment that we would have to get together with the Madison group to plan what we could do to move forward with other options. Heidi said that in making the decision they will compare the data from our Sonar treatment to those they just conducted to determine what we would need to do to get the best outcome. Not only to control the invasive plants but to also have minimal impact on the natives. Kathy commented that the current data shows that the Sonar treatment did not have a long term effect on the natives as we have more now than what we did prior to treatment. Heidi said that the year of treatment and the year after there was a lack of natives in the lake. Kathy commented that you have to look back at the 1997 treatment and the survey that was taken after showing the growth of natives. Heidi suggested taking the data from 1997 and comparing what was done different in 2004 and 2005 so that we would maybe be able to get better results if a treatment were approved. Christine asked if we were being compared to other lakes of our size when considering treatment options. Jerry commented about the extensive data that we have on file for our lake and that we would be the perfect lake to do a whole lake treatment because of how closely we monitor. Heidi commented about keeping tabs on harvesting and taking note of the plants being harvested. We also have to make sure that we don't over harvest. Kathy stated that in the past after the treatment the district hasn't had to harvest. Christine said that the harvesting is costing the district significant dollars not just in labor but also in maintenance. She also commented on the benefits of treatment. Not only is it more cost effective to the district but we are also not running the machine disturbing the habitat and fish. We are conscientious about the fish and turtles and remove them from the harvester when we can but it still affects them. Heidi commented that she will help Kathy tweak her plan so it will present in the best light for those who will make the decisions. Bob recalled last year's meeting and asked if it was still true that in the event we were not able to get a Sonar treatment that we would be able to continue as we have been with harvesting and treatment areas. Heidi confirmed with the exception of fall treatments. Kathy asked what we would have to do to have the DNR reconsider the fall treatments. Heidi said that the decision comes down from Scott Provost on the fall treatment. Kathy asked if the DRN would consider fall treatments if the Sonar treatment is denied with DNR approved studies. Heidi said that she would ask Scott what he would want. Bob commented about the cost of the studies and how much the lake is spending to allow us to do what we have been doing all along. The money that is being spent on studies takes away from the money on hand for harvesting and treatments. Bob stated that we need to achieve some results in getting treatment if we continue to spend on research. The areas notes from the proposed fall treatment map have expanded greatly since then. Kathy stated that the treatment should be done during the last 2 weeks of April maybe the first week of May assuming the weather cooperates. Jerry said that we are already behind the eight ball for next year seeing there was no fall treatment. Heidi asked when the treatments were done this year. Kathy stated that treatments were done on May 11th and July 20th. The July treatment was a very small area and the May treatment was our typical size. Christine stated that the May treatment didn't seem to have the same impact as it had in the past. Bob commented that the July area was expanded before treatment because milfoil was continuing to grow in other areas. Jerry asked why Scott Provost all of a sudden had a change in opinion on the fall treatments. Heidi commented that they are trying to be consistent and that she and Craig were doing some things that were inconsistent with what the rest of the state was doing. Jerry asked why the issues were different in the North and South. It was explained that weather plays a big part in it as well. Heidi said that her opinions in the matter don't really matter and that she needs to be consistent with what the rest of the team is doing. Heidi said the DNR is heading in a direction where everything should be treated the same.

Heidi commented again on the grant application process and gave us guidance on what the teams will be looking for. Point one is to highlight the long rich history of data and we can show trends over time in the plant community and water chemistry. The next message is we have done a couple rounds of treatments and the outcomes were different. Explain the difference between the two treatments. Let them know there are two outcomes with the treatment being considered (the success on treating the milfoil and the impact on the natives). With the current proposal we are anticipating a good outcome for the native plants and will be adjusting other activities such as harvesting. It may be good to also include the watershed issues that we have worked with in the past. This would help with other management actions that have benefited the lake. Also note any partnerships that we may have with the county. She also suggested we don't stress the reason we need a whole lake treatment is in part because the fall treatment was denied. It is better to note that we have been using 24D over the past several years and are in need of a larger scale treatment as the areas keep expanding. Christine also commented on how agile the board is and our ability to get things done. So if something comes up please don't count us out because of time frames as we are willing to work with Kathy to get things done. Heidi also suggested that we list what the realistic outcomes of the treatment would be. Kathy commented that she is very cautious on how she writes her project goals. The main reason is because in the past when she wrote goals for a treatment and sat with the DNR the goals were written for what she hoped for outcome of the treatment would be. Sometimes those goals are not met but that doesn't mean that the treatment as a whole wasn't successful and it seems to be a pass fail system. That had happened prior to Heidi. It was noted that there needs to be a sliding scale. Heidi said to just make sure that we put forth a goal that we feel is achievable.

Meeting adjourned at 3:38pm

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C Rice
Secretary

Potter Lake

September 10, 2016 Budget / Annual Meeting Minutes

Present: Commissioners Christine Celley (Chairman), Bob Rice (Secretary), MaryJo Jones (Treasurer), and Joyce Reed (Walworth County Appointed Representative)

Also Present: 25 Electors and Kathy Aron

9:04am Christine Celley calls meeting to order

First order of business Budget Meeting

Treasury Report

Mary Jo reported on the 2016 estimated full year budget and stated income was a little more than last year at \$58,000 for 2016. Some of the income is from the grant we are going to be receiving from clean boats/clean waters. The rest is as it's been for past 5 years. Expenses a little higher than expected and this was due to harvesting and payroll for weed control and treatments. The biggest hit we had for expense was the harvester engine; that put us out \$15,000. Computer and website is \$2500.

The proposed budget is pretty much the same as 2016 with an increase of 2% to allow for inflation. The levy is the same and the weed control tax will remain the same as it has for over 10 years. We will apply for the clean boats clean waters grant again for the 2017-year. It has been decided we will maintain the harvester versus buying a new one. In 2017 the hydraulics will need replacing; these funds have been allocated for 2017. We will also combine Projects and Payroll, however each line item will be broke down. This will omit having to have a special meeting every time we need payroll or lake treatment.

Banking and investments are at \$304,024.

Budget approved for 2017 acceptance: Voted for approval by Dale Marciniak and second by Rick Witt, all were in favor, vote passed

Approval for special meeting minutes: Motion by Paul Celley, second by Dale Marciniak, all were in favor. Minutes were approved.

Report by Kathy Aron-

Kathy reported she is working on the 5 year plan based on the survey that was taken. The information is being input now for this.

She reported that NO Starry Stonewort was found in out lake, but to keep eye for it. It was found in Waukesha county, Racine County and Washington County lakes, also in Sturgeon Bay Lake Michigan. It was introduced to the lakes via St. Lawrence

Seaway shipping lanes. New York was hit, it appears Lake Michigan was hit the worst. It is definitely moving. Photos will be uploaded to the website.

Watching the boats at the launches or move your boats, it's very important to make sure you boats are clean. It's very expensive to try and remove. (Remove this)

Kathy reported there is a lot of Elodea. It was eliminated 15 years ago when we had the whole lake treatment, but is coming back, and a lot of it. It is causing access problems. However, Elodea does tie up the sediments in the lake and gives us better clarity. The lake treatments prime focus has been the Milfoil and proves very effective for the treated areas. However, now there is a hybrid milfoil and it is hit or miss on which treatment will work.

Kathy is working on applying for a whole lake treatment with Sonar. Originally the DNR felt it was ineffective, now things and people have changed they are re-looking at it. Also, originally, they had said no treatment could be done the year prior to Sonar; now that too has changed. The DNR will allow if the manufacture agrees its ok to treat the lake the year before.

Silver Lake did a whole lake treatment with 24D and it failed, the following year they did Sonar and it was successful.

There is no effect on sigh or sighing with the sonar, however there is a 24 hour restriction put into place so people are aware the water has been treated. Notices will be put out. (doesn't make sense remove)

Sonar is approximately \$30,000 and is in the budget for 2017. However, Sonar will help with saving money as we will not have to harvest or payroll or 24D treatments for 4-6 years (based on the last Sonar treatment)

We will also apply for a grant for help with the treatment plan.

The pre-treatment survey has already been done and we will know more after her meeting with Heidi.

Kathy handed out information regarding an update on plant management plan and what our options are. This will be put on the website.

A question was asked regarding Suction Harvesting. It seems Little Muskego did this and paid \$50,000 for one acre and it was a logistical nightmare. Kathy does not recommend this.

Kathy reminded us to do a goose roundup for next year.

Block / Lake Party Report

Lorraine reported it was a successful event, even though attendance was down, more money was earned from the raffles. There was good help setting up and taking down the event. Next year's date will be July 29, 2017. She will send out information, as we get closer for help and volunteers.

On a side note, someone mentioned the annoying carp fishing boat. Even though the lights are annoying, they are managing to take out 2 – 55 gallon drums of carp when they fish. So, please be patient when you see them as they are helping the lake. This is a sport and it helps.

Old Business

Happy to report there is a committee working on the new website. We have had three meetings and the 3rd is scheduled for October. This meeting will be with the web developer. We will be making it more user friendly and easier to access information. If anyone has historical information, pictures, anything, please contact Christine as we are planning on a historical page for Potters Lake, We are hoping to have it up by Spring Meeting.

New Business

Weed cutting – we lost a couple weeks due to the harvester being down. Last year we had 88 loads out, this year so far 65. We plan on one more cutting this week before our fall treatment. The treatment is scheduled for the week of the 19th. We know some areas are bad, but we are regulated and restricted on where and when we can harvest. If you know of a really bad area, please contact us and let us know the area so we can see what can be done.

Uncollected Weed Tax – The uncollected weed tax is \$1400 in total, this is for the 2 years we are allowed to go back. There are four properties. We will be sending out letters asking that they pay. We will report back at next meeting results.

If you want to know what your weed tax is, it is the feet of your shoreline times \$3.79

Election of Commissioner – Bob Rice's term will expire Dec 31, 2016. He has volunteered to run again. Nominations were asked, none. A motion was made by Dave Bradley to nominate Bob for another term. This was second by Dale Marciniak. All were in favor and the motion carried. Bob Rice will be on Board for 3 more years.

Walworth County Clean Sweep – This is a program to get rid of hazardous waste. It will be held October 7 & 8, 2016. Visit: <http://www.co.walworth.wi.us/public%20works/public%20works%20-%20solid%20waste%20division/publicserviceprograms.aspx> for more information.

FYI – there is a yard waste / compost pit on County Road L

Resolutions – Resolutions are the same as last year except a change to number 6.

Resolutions:

1. Annual Meeting

2. Depository
3. Annual Budget - Operations
4. Annual Budget - Weed Control
5. Authorization to Borrow Funds
6. Authorization to Seek Grants – the wording was changed that the Board can act on our behalf and apply and accept grants without a meeting and then report back to us at the annual meeting.

Motion to authorize the change was called by Dave Bradley and second by Dennis Moeller. All were in favor; motion was carried to change the resolution.

7. Grant Agreement for DNR

Spring Meeting – Spring meeting will be May 13, 2017. Motion by Dave Bradley For the date was called and second by Dympna Purvis All were in favor. Motion carried.

Someone reported their fishing net was stolen from their boat at the pier. No one else had knowledge of this or any other thefts.

10:26 motion to close the meeting Paul Celley and Second by Dale Marciniak. All were in favor.