

Minutes of the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Potters Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, September 9, 2000 at the Town Hall, Town of East Troy, Wisconsin.

Present: Commissioners Karen Winkelman, Tom Jordens, and Jeff Beiriger.

Also Present: 25 Electors

Chairman Karen Winkelman called the 2000 Annual Meeting of the Potters Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District to order at 8:31 a.m.

A **MOTION** was made, seconded and approved to approve the Minutes of the 1999 Annual Meeting as presented.

The Commissioners reported that:

- The District currently has more than \$87,000 in an interest-bearing money market account and more than \$400 in checking. For the year, expenses will be approximately \$12,000. The balance accumulated by the District is in anticipation of several lake projects, including the purchase of a piece of property that affects the lake's watershed.
- The District Commissioner recently received a summary of the homeowner survey (the results of which will be presented later in this newsletter).
- The District now owns the Love and Torpe properties, approximately 31 marshy acres on the west side of the lake. The properties were to be surveyed this summer, but will be done this winter instead, as the ice on the lake provides greater access to the area.
- The parking lot for the public launch has been striped for 8 parking spaces. Signage has been requested to indicate that the spaces are only for vehicles with trailers and that boaters should seek another lake when the spots are filled. No parking signs will be requested for the grass and other areas around the launch and the District is exploring no parking signs along Highway L.
- The ramp at the public launch is in bad shape and will be replaced in either 2002 or 2003. In the interim, the DNR is looking for spare ramps to hold us over. Gravel has already been added to the area to try to improve the launch.
- Water clarity is below average – in part due to the rains, in part due to the lack of filtering weeds, in part due to boat traffic, in part due to the very nature of Potters Lake. The current depth readings are between 2.5 and 3.0 feet. We continue to monitor clarity and other aspects of water quality on a regular basis.

- Despite predictions for a dry summer, the lake level was higher than average, especially late in the season, in large part to do increased rainfall. Most residents indicated that the lake level this year was ideal. Another reason for higher levels - - there was no vandalism on the dam. The District owns the dam property and the dam will be repaired – again – later this year.
- The District is still seeking to purchase a property in the watershed that adversely affects the water quality because of silt and fertilizers that run off into the lake. If and when we purchase the property, the District would need to do some remedial work to redirect the water flow away from the lake.
- Although not yet known to be on the lake, residents were reminded to contact any Commissioner in the event they discover zebra mussels when removing piers this fall. If possible, keep a sample of the zebra mussels.
- By almost all measures, the buoys were a success. A couple of the buoys have been damaged by boaters who have – either accidentally or intentionally – struck buoys with their boats. Anyone known to vandalize a buoy will be asked to replace or repair the buoy. No additional buoys are planned for 2001.
- The Town of East Troy promised more frequent patrols on the lake this summer and delivered on that promise. More than 25 hours were spent patrolling Potter Lake. 29 warnings and 6 citations were issued. Boaters also report that the police also provided information about lake rules without issuing either warnings or citations.
- The weed survey had both good news and bad. The good news? The “good” or native weeds are coming back. The bad? So is the milfoil – at least in one, 300-foot, isolated area near Lake Lane. A permit to treat the area with 2-4-D was requested and the affected area has probably already been treated.

The Commissioner presented the following:

Resolution 00-1, designating August 25, 2000 as the date for the 2000 Annual Meeting, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 00-2, designating F & M Bank of East Troy (or its successor) as the depository of the District, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 00-3, pertaining to the operating budget (\$11,250.00) of the District for 2000, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 00-4, pertaining to the lake projects and the weed-harvesting budget (\$38,750.00) of the District for 2000, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 00-5, authorizing the District to borrow up to \$10,000.00 for operating expenses only, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Resolution 00-6, authorizing the Commissioners to seek any grants available to the District, was presented and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously approved.

Tom Jordens was nominated and, on proper **MOTION**, unanimously reelected to a three-year term as a Commissioner.

At 9:44 a.m., a proper **MOTION** was made and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey J. Beiriger  
Secretary