

Minutes of the 2018 Budget Meeting of the Potter's Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held Saturday, September 8th, 2018 at Town Hall, East Troy, Wisconsin.

Present: Commissioners Christine Celley, MaryJo Jones, Bob Rice, and Rosemary Badame

Also Present: 32 Electors.

Chairman Christine Celley called the Budget Meeting to order at 9:07a.m.

MaryJo had handouts for the group that showed the actual budget from year 2013 through current 2018 as well as the proposed budget for 2019. A comparison of the 2018 budget to the 2019 proposed budget is basically flat with a slight increase of \$256. We do not foresee any inflated expenses coming through or large projects that would warrant the need to increase the budget over last year. MaryJo commented on projects over \$10,000 which are Lake Projects (these include permits, plant studies and chemical treatments) and Payroll (which includes \$20,000 of direct labor and \$10,000 for Clean Boats Clean Waters). Christine stated that the payroll is budgeted for worst case scenario. We need to set the budget high in the event we need to harvest so that labor costs are covered. This year we didn't come close to that amount. The same held true with Lake Projects, we budgeted for treatments in the event they were needed but didn't spend anywhere near the approved amount because we didn't need a treatment this year. Bob asked about the computer and web expenses staying the same in the budget. Christine responded that the amount was just carried over from last year and that we anticipate about the same expenses from the web as what we had this past year. Another constituent asked about the amount budgeted for Reserve for Special Projects. The board commented that we have used those funds when the engine blew, when the bogs broke loose and needed to be removed from the lake, and the siphon tubes. Christine said that this is important so that the board can act quickly when an emergency arises. The budget item is a catchall so that we can act instead of having to call a special meeting to do things that need to be done. Carol Cole asked if we had resolved the issue of tax collection and were now collecting for all lake properties. MaryJo said that it had been resolved 2 years ago and the people who were not taxed have paid and are current. Christine stated that part of the problem came when the town changed trash companies and there was a computer situation. MaryJo has gone through the property list and things have been fixed. Carol also asked if we receive notification when property is sold so that we can update. Bob stated that the district tax and weed assessment is tied to the tax key so it would automatically change to the new owner. Carol Cole made a motion to approve the 2019 budget as presented and Jon Voss seconded. All were in favor and the budget for 2019 was approved. Budget meeting was adjourned at 9:16

POTTER'S LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>2018 Proposed Budget</u>	<u>2018 Actual Budget ytd 8/31/18</u>	<u>2019 Proposed Budget</u>
Receipts:			
District Tax	11,250.00	11,250.00	11,250.00
Special Tax	39,700.00	39,517.00	39,700.00
Interest on Savings	2,800.00	1,743.00	2,850.00
Grant	4,000.00	1,000.00	4,000.00
Special Events	1,050.00	2,065.00	1,140.00
Transfer from Savings	64,082.00	0.00	64,198.00
TOTAL	122,882.00	55,575.00	123,138.00
Expenditures:			
Office, Advertising, Mtgs	1,561.00	528.00	1,500.00
Dues and Subscriptions	510.00	425.00	500.00
Legal	1,530.00	0.00	1,500.00
Equipment, Tools & Vehicles	9,999.00	218.00	9,999.00
Computer & Web Expenses	4,080.00	300.00	4,080.00
Lake Functions (flares/Blake Party)	2,081.00	970.00	2,100.00
Utilities	525.00	250.00	525.00
Reserve for Special Projects	9,999.00	0.00	9,999.00
Lake Projects (plant eradication)	47,530.00	13,384.00	47,530.00
Insurance	4,700.00	4,239.00	4,700.00
Banking	80.00	40.00	70.00
Fuel	3,060.00	0.00	3,060.00
Maintenance	4,322.00	411.00	4,325.00
Payroll Expenses	30,000.00	9,280.00	30,000.00
Misc Expenses	655.00	115.00	1,000.00
Officer Compensation	2,250.00	0.00	2,250.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	122,802.00	30,160.00	123,138.00

ASSETS: 8/31/18

Citizens Bank of Mukwonago

Checking Account	31,164
Certificates of Deposit	163,585

Landmark Credit Union

Certificates of Deposit	107,751
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Total Banking & Investments	302,500
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Christine called the annual meeting to order at 9:16am. She introduced the current board, MaryJo Jones treasurer, Bob Rice secretary and Clean Boats Clean Waters, Rosemary Badame our Walworth County appointed board member, and Christine Celley our Chairman. Rosemary talked to the group about her background. She is from Genoa City area and was involved in starting the Benedict Lake District. She has served on both the town and county board as well as worked for Les Aspin. This summer she had a chance to get out on the lake so she is familiar with what our lake offers.

Christine asked for approval of the minutes from the spring meeting as presented. Annette Larson made a motion to approve the minutes. Dale Marciniak seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion was approved.

MaryJo gave the treasurer's report. Part of our bylaws is to talk about our annual audit. We did the audit on February 18th for the 2017 books. Christine Celley, Bob Rice, and Jon Voss were auditors. It was found that the books were in good standings and we were compliant with everything. There will be another audit in early 2019 for the 2018 books. It is expected that we will receive a little more interest on our deposits this year. There will be another check coming from the Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant later this year for the remaining \$3,000. Expenses are pretty much the same. Lake projects will have another bill coming later this fall for water quality testing for around \$6,000. There will be one more payroll to finish up from CBCW. MaryJo said that it looks like we will end up around \$13,000 net income for this year. That is up from the last 2 years. Jon Voss asked what made up the payroll. Christine and Bob responded that it was made up from CBCW which most is funded from our DNR grant and then Elroy who does the maintenance and repair for the district.

Kathy Aron spoke to the group about the health of the lake. A year ago this spring we did a whole lake Sonar treatment targeting Milfoil. This is something we did twice in the past with good success. There was different formulation used this time and we treated at 4 parts per billion and maintained 2 parts per billion through summer. When the ice came off this spring we were just under 2 parts per billion, so the chemical seemed to work well. A few small plants of Milfoil were found last fall and we did a bump treatment this spring to take care of any plants that may have survived last year. The plant survey this summer showed no signs

of Milfoil and only small amounts of Curly Leaf. We had 9 native plants in the lake prior to our whole lake treatment. After the treatment we now have 10 native plants. The plan going forward to keep the Milfoil out of the lake is to do spot treatments if found. Kathy does not expect this to be a problem for this year or next. Jon Voss asked Kathy about the algae that looked like jelly fish that were found in our lake this year. It's called Filamentous Algae, you usually only see it in early spring but this year we had the perfect scenario for it with a lot of rain and warm weather. If it becomes a problem, it can be treated. This is an example of why it is important to apply for a chemical treatment permit each year. A constituent asked what makes a plant a native plant? A native plant is something that has been identified in a region for many years. Many invasive plants came in through the St Lawrence Seaway. They tend to be more aggressive and choke out the native plants in a system. Native plants have local controls and invasive plants do not, so they tend to thrive. Starry Stonewort has now been found in 2 more lakes in Wisconsin, Lake Geneva and Little Cedar Lake. A constituent commented on how clear the water was late into the summer. Kathy said that she hopes we can keep the clear water and the native plants definitely help with that. Kathy addressed a question about beaches. Sand in the lake will not stay there because it is so fine. Pea gravel is a little bigger and still good to walk on and will tend to stay where you put it. As far as if it's legal to do it you would have to check. The DNR is responsible for anything below the ordinary high-water mark and the county is responsible for anything above. Sand or pea gravel would require a permit. Bob asked Kathy what the plan was going forward as far as maintaining a level of Sonar. Kathy said that the treatments were done and what's left in the lake will dissipate over time. She hopes that the treatment will give us relief for another 3 to 4 years. Bob commented on a boat that goes back and forth between Potters and Little Muskego and asked if there was anything we could do. Kathy said that there is nothing we can do as long as they don't have weeds on their boat or trailer. Christine asked how Little Muskego Lake fared with their treatment last year when they lowered the lake level. Kathy didn't know. Bob asked if it were possible to purchase the launch from the DNR. Kathy responded that the DNR would not allow that. Christine asked, if the weeds became a problem in 4 years would we reapply for a full lake Sonar treatment? Kathy responded that in her opinion we would be 8-10 years off for a whole lake treatment but would recommend spot treatments as necessary. Bob asked what the harm would be in maintaining the 2 parts per billion instead of waiting until the weed growth comes back. Kathy said that if you use it all the time the plants may become resistant to the treatments. Barry asked if there was any way of controlling the Starry Stone Wort. Kathy said that on Wind Lake they have had success in some areas with the spot treatments and other areas with the same treatments there didn't have any results. She estimates that it is just a matter of time before it enters most of the lakes and treatments are expensive. Each treatment is about \$1,000 per acre. Harvesting is not effective as the plant grows faster than you can harvest. A constituent asked if we were able to harvest native plants. Kathy responded that you can, but it is very limited to navigational channels. Kathy suggested that we continue to file for the goose round up permit because you never know when they may become a problem. Christine informed the group that if they hadn't signed a form to allow us access that Bob would email them out after the meeting and they could be returned to us.

Christine updated the group on the lake directory. She thanked Cindy Gill for all her hard work in selling advertising. MaryJo asked how they would be passed out. Christine said that they would be mailed out. Bob offered to send out an email prior to the mailing to confirm

what address people want their directory mailed to. Christine said that the directory would be alphabetical and by lot number so it would be easy to find new friends and neighbors.

Jon Voss talked to the group about the carp out. Last year we removed about 50 carp. Next year he suggested that we contact the Wisconsin Bow Fishing Association. They have been here in the past but it's been about 10 years. We would post the carp out on their Facebook page to draw attention to our carp out. One boat can fill a 55gal drum of carp in a night. In the spring they congregate by the dam and that would be a good opportunity to net or spear them. Next year we will plan on the same weekend which is the first weekend in June because it is a free fishing weekend and no license is needed. None of the tagged fish were caught. Jon said that he had a flyer with some tips on how to fish for carp. A constituent asked if we were allowed to net them during spawning season. The DNR is willing to assist with this. Christine said that maybe the farmer we take our weeds to would be willing to take the carp for fertilizer. Bob commented that we need to be careful about netting as it does not decipher between game fish and carp and we do have a good population of bass and northern in the lake. Jon clarified that we would only be doing this between the cattails and the dam during spawning season and not on the main lake.

Annette Larson spoke to the constituents about the issue of motorcycles on the lake. She is a member of the committee that did research on the issue. She noted that Big Cedar Lake had winter rules and an ordinance for motorcycles and noise. The ordinance was sent to Chief Jensen for review. A constituent was concerned that another ordinance would open up a can of worms. What would be the next thing to be banned? Christine commented that there was concern voiced at the spring meeting as a committee was formed to come up with solutions. The committee met with Chief Jensen and reviewed the ordinance that was in place on Big Cedar Lake. The town attorney was consulted as well. Chief Jensen came and spoke to the group about the issue at hand. He brought along a copy of our town ordinance and said that dirt bikes and motorcycles are considered motor vehicles and are not allowed to operate on a frozen lake. The ordinance reads: No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon an ice bound lake situated wholly within the Town of East Troy. The definition of motor vehicle contained in Wis. Stat. 340.01 is incorporated herein by reference. The prohibition shall not affect snowmobiles, all terrain vehicles, or any other recreational vehicle under 1,000 pounds in weight. This is already in place therefore no additional ordinance would be needed. Chief Jensen said that this was a problem with just a few homeowners. Bob questioned if dirt bikes would fall under a recreational vehicle under 1,000 pounds because they are not able to be licensed for road use. Chief Jensen and the town's attorney said their view is that it is not allowed. Lou Ferruzza voiced concern over what is being proposed. The discussion is taking place over concern from the noise. He noted that during the summer there is a lot of noise from the boats and wave runners. The purpose of the lake is for people to enjoy the lake and he was concerned over what else might come from this. Jon Voss commented that it is ok to enjoy the lake but not at the expense of your neighbors. Christine reiterated that nothing new is being put in place and that the ordinance already exists. Bob read from the DNR hand book of rules and regulations no person may operate a limited use off highway motorcycle in such a manner that noise emitted from the machine is louder than 96 decibels. This applies to ATV's and snowmobiles as well. Bob said that he was aware of what was being discussed as his neighbor raced dirt bikes on the lake as well for the past 3 years. Barry commented that the issue of the dirt bikes and noise are already on the books and if the people wanted to continue to ride they would have to change the current laws. Christine

addressed the group and said that we need to figure out the best way to enforce the ordinance. As residences of the lake we need to reach out to the nonemergency police number 262-642-3700 if you see someone accessing the lake from one of the district lots, riding dirt bikes or other violations. It is up to us to let the police know what is going on in regards to our lake. Bob commented that he knew the person who rode the motorcycles and that he has access to quads, ATV's and snowmobiles. When he decides to use these, to race around the lake, how have we solved the issue of the noise by eliminating the dirt bikes? Chief Jensen said that there are altered exhaust statues that the town adheres to and those would be enforced. Annette Larson commented that she can't even hear her TV when this is going on. Bob suggested maybe we look at winter rules for activities like we have in the summer. There was no further discussion and it was recommended to take the good neighbor approach and if that didn't work to call the police especially if people are using the district property for access.

MaryJo's term will be up at the end of 2018 and Jon Voss expressed an interest as MaryJo will not seek reelection. Nominations were taken from the floor and no one came forward. Annette Larson made the motion to have Jon Voss fill the open position starting January 1, 2019 for a three-year term. Dympna Purvis seconded and a vote was taken from the floor. All were in favor and Jon will be a member of the board.

Christine talked to the group about communication with the district. A resident of the district started a Facebook page for community events. This past summer the page was used to report things that should have been reported to the district. Our district does not have any control over Facebook nor is it how we communicate to our constituents. If there is anything that should be directed to the district the way to contact us is PottersLake@gmail.com. Please also make sure to secure your water toys or put them away. With the higher water this year there have been several reports of missing items. This can be dangerous to boaters.

Bob went over resolutions. This year's resolutions are the same as last years. Next year's annual meeting will be on September 7, 2019. The budget meeting will start at 9:00am and the annual meeting will follow. Fran made a motion to approve the resolutions as presented. A vote was taken and was approved.

The spring meeting will be held on May 4, 2019 starting at 9:00am.

A constituent commented that there is a missing buoy in front of his home and he caught a cable in his prop. Christine said that we would look into it. It may be possible that it came from an old raft or boat anchor. She also commented that the buoys should not be used to tie up to.

The annual meeting came to a close at 10:46am

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Rice
Secretary