

Minutes of the District of Powers Lake Quarterly Meeting, June 12, 2015

Chairman Neal Kuhn called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and all said Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present were Neal Kuhn, Judy Jooss, Deron Johnson, Brooke Jensen, Mary Adams Mark Halvey and Jim Michels.

Recording Secretary: Discussion for consideration and compensation for hiring Susan Bernstein as recording secretary. Agreed compensation of \$100.00 per meeting attendance plus \$100.00 for transcribing minutes. Motion by Neal Kuhn, second by Jim Michels: Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes:

**June 13, 2014;* Discussion of spelling corrections. Motion by Mary Adams, second by Judy Jooss to accept minutes with corrections. Motion carried.

**September 5, 2014;* Discussion on proper recording of citizen comment. Judy Jooss suggested limitation of citizen comments in minutes unless directed for inclusion into record. Motion to accept minutes by Judy Jooss, second by Brooke Jensen. Motion carried.

**October 3, 2014;* Motion by Mark Halvey, second by Mary Adams to accept minutes as recorded. Motion carried.

**January 9, 2015;* Motion by Jim Michels, second by Deron Johnson to accept minutes as recorded. Motion carried.

**April 17, 2015;* Motion by Judy Jooss, second by Mark Halvey to accept minutes as recorded. Motion carried.

*Neal Kuhn requested the addition of the minutes be submitted within 2 weeks of meeting
Website discussion: Regarded as a work in progress. Judy Jooss suggested the Official Secretary submit an unofficial short synopsis of each meeting for inclusion on website.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer reported the District is in a good financial position and could possibly add additional project expenses. Full Operating District Funds Journal and proposed 2016 Budget on file with the Treasurer. Per Journal: current general cash; \$35,726.29, earmarked funds; \$66,357.25. Motion by Jim Michels, second by Deron Johnson to approve Treasurer's report. Motion carried

Discussion to increase 2016 legal budget will be addressed later under budget expense items.

Motion by Neal Kuhn, second by Jim Michels to approve all pending expenses as listed in journal with the additional expense of recording secretary, Sue Bernstein. Motion carried.

Municipality Issues:

Town of Randall: Mark Halvey reported Randall Chapter 20 update is almost complete. A public hearing date has not yet been set. The boat launch rates have increased from \$7.00 to \$8.00. Mary Adams asked for an indemnification clause be added to the ordinance for an additional layer of protection.

Village of Bloomfield liaison, Deron Johnson stated the Village showed signs of establishing a more positive working relationship with the District and has notified the District that the \$29,000.00 Honey Bear Bay landscaping restoration has begun.

Kenosha County: Judy Jooss noted the county is waiting to see the outcome of the shoreline zoning bill. Judy Jooss made a motion, second by Mary Adams to have the District sign the Wisconsin Lakes Action Alert Letter in support of defeating this bill and asking Gov. Walker to veto it if it passes. Motion carried with Neal Kuhn and Jim Michels abstaining.

Judy Jooss shared general information on new invasive species of Zebra Mussels, the Asian Clam and Starry Stone Wart found in a few Wisconsin Lakes.

Discussion of Retention of Legal Counsel: Mary Adams suggested the District raise the budget for possibility of increased legal defense. The need to retain legal counsel at this time is not evident. Deron Johnson suggested legal review of proposed ordinances. No action taken.

Watershed Management:

Water testing: Thank you to Nancy Kemp for taking on task of water testing.

Water level: Mark Halvey volunteered to monitor weekly water levels from culvert south of Uncle Ed's and the head wall at boat launch. Comparisons of previous years' records indicate the water level is somewhat lower than in years past. Citizen and Commissioner comments range from slight to high concern over lake level and "dam" conditions.

Weather Station: Neal Kuhn, Jim Michels, and Mary Adams, projected \$8,500.00 + for a limited weather station. For \$2,500.00, Hey and Associates, will scope out the project after which the District would accept bids for the project. Judy Jooss made a motion, second by Jim Michels to hire Hay and Ass. to research a monitoring system that will do both lake level and rain fall levels and record data which will interface with the District website. Motion carried. Judy Jooss noted if project falls at or under \$10,000.00 the weather station could be considered the Lake project for 2015, or District could possibly do a re-allocation of funds at the 2015 annual meeting. Additional information such as water temperature should be included.

Aquatic Plant Management: Stantac was hired to do post treatment survey on success of herbicide treatment of invasive species. This updated survey is needed every five years. Details should be incorporated into the website. There will be post season samples taken to identify the species of milfoil.

Annual Meeting:

Election: Date of Annual Meeting changed to Friday, August 21, 7pm at Randall Town Hall. Two positions, Mary Adams and Brooke Jensen, are up for election. Notifications and postings to all concerned per state statute will be done.

Budget: Per Judy Jooss, the 2016 Budget Draft as presented is not in complete format, needs further discussion of options and adjustments. After review, Judy Jooss made motion to accept 2016 Operating Budget of \$51,000.00 as discussed and modified and a proposed tax levy of \$28,000.00. Deron Johnson second. Motion carried.

Citizen and/or Commissioner Comments:

Deron Johnson commented on the positive response by all those in attendance at the 1st Annual Power's Lake Clean Up at Honey Bear Bay. All ages were in attendance and it was a wonderful way to kick off the 2015 summer season.

Mark Halvey reported that Randall will be putting up new green and white address signage.

Adjournment:

Motion by Judy Jooss, second by Mark Halvey to adjourn at 8pm. Motion carried.

Revisions and Corrections:

Recording Secretary,
Susan Bernstein,
Submitted to Secretary,
Deron Johnson