

**Lower Spring Lake Protection and
Rehabilitation District Annual Budget Meeting Minutes
August 28th, 2010**

Call Meeting to Order: Ed called the meeting to order at 11:05 A.M. on August 28th, 2010. Present-Ed Shields, Mark Ley, Linda Plennes, Tim Gorsegner. Invited guest Ryan Ellifson-DNR, Jan Roou-County Supervisor, Patricia Cicero-Jefferson Co, Ken Hops-Pres. and Larry Clark from Rock Lake

Read and approve minutes: of last meeting held on May 22, 2010, correction to minutes was made to change association to district, motion to accept minutes made by Jim Dixon and 2nd by Helene Coletto.

Nominations and Vote for Lake District President: Allen Fehrmann was nominated by Carol Dixon, Mr. Fehrmann accepted the nomination and the voting ballots were given out, voting results were counted and verified the results: 24 in favor and zero opposed – Allen Fehrmann is our new president.

Awards Presentation:

Steve Schneiger- Chemical Treatment Coordinator & Lake Sampling

Greg Smith, Dave Henrichon-Water Monitoring & Testing

Bill & Beth Alveshire- Geese Depredation

Carol Dixon-Picnic & Food

Helene Coletto-Clerk of Elections Coordinator

Al Fehrmann, Dennis and Pat Schloerke – Harvester Compliance Team

Bob Ingle-Lake Monitoring & Harvester Management

NOTE; Jim Dixon accepted the position of Lake Monitoring for 2011.

Acknowledgments of Service: to Ed & Deb Shields, Mark Ley, and Linda Plennes

Harvester Operations Report: Bob Ingle submitted a reported 50 hours of operation were logged and 11 loads were removed this resulted in 49,000 pounds of vegetation as of August 23, 2010. Truck service, prep of harvester etc. Comparison of vegetation removed to previous years:

2010 - 49,000 pounds

2009 - 461,610 pounds

2008 - 499,000 pounds

2007 - 756,000 pounds

2006 - 396,000 pounds

2005 - 810,000 pounds

Ed informed us of the Army Corp of Engineers request to take specific water samplings from 8 designated locations repeatedly 11 times on a

weekly time table. These areas are from the test plot to monitor the results and watch for specific growth patterns.

Chemical Permit Grant Status: Steve stated that the grant request application was submitted August 1st for a full lake treatment; Patricia Cicero stated the decision would be made by September 20th and we should know by the beginning of October if we were accepted. If we do not receive the grant we could and will re- apply on February 1st, 2011.

The actual flow of the water will be determined and the lake treatment for 2011 will be determined dependant on the water sampling results.

Other water samplings were taken from the bay near Dixon's property and Robert Wielepski's property to determine if filamentous green algae is present in this area. The very warm weather and heavy rains are causes for this algae to grow. Many lakes have this algae this year. Suggestions were made to contact non-lake owners to assist in keeping harmful chemicals from entering into the sewers and lake. Jerry will return with the harvester to this bay area to remove allowed vegetation as discussed.

A reminder that the harvester can not operate in 3 feet of water or less was made by Patricia Cicero. Back paddling the harvester can cause more issues and create more issues in these shallow areas, disturbing the sediment causes more issues also. Suggestions made to have lake members request a meeting with Susan Graham to discuss these issues.

Water Clarity Report: Greg Smith reported clarity of water at 5 feet at best, but this has varied with harvesting, and vegetation dying to a few inches. But much clearer than last year. The owners of Upper Spring Lake have completed the draining and fill testing required; this does explain our water levels changing over the summer.

Annual Budget Report and Vote: Mark Ley explained the Budget-Calendar Year 2011. This was explained in detail, motion made to accept the new budget by Jim Dixon and 2nd by Deb Shields, all in favor 24, opposed zero. Attempting to keep our tax levy the same as last year. Harvester Operation budget has changed with funds being transferred over to Herbicide budget. Waiting for the Village to contribute \$4,000 as in the past, we are making a \$100 contribution as a thank you for managing the website so effectively. Estimated cost to treat Curly-leaf Pondweed \$34,000, estimated cost to treat Eurasian Water Milfoil whole lake treatment \$40,000. Budget approved as is.

Open Forum: DNR Rep Ryan Ellifson (Game Warden) shared some news regarding the Mute Swans, they have been removed, the DNR will shoot these swans they are a hybrid swan and not good for any lake. They drive out the Trumpeter and Tundra swans. They have an S to the neck line and a hump on their bill. If you want more information see the DNR website regarding this subject matter. Muskrats still a problem; we have local trappers call Ryan for the names of these trappers. Boating violations need to be reported, take a photo, get a description, date and time, and send to Ryan or to the DNR hotline. Also noted by Ryan that all ATV; s and Snowmobiles, Personal Water Craft, must have their numbers displayed. The rules apply to all lake users; it's your responsibility to know the rules before you get on the water to ensure the safety of all parties. We must self police this lake. Questions regarding late night fishing with generators for bright lights on board. Concerns are about the loud noise of the generators during the night. Ryan said that Madison is currently working on some regulations regarding the noise ordinance. Ryan gave us several complaints regarding our lake district and its members. Praised Scott and Josh for their quick action to save our lake the morning the Upper Spring lake let go. They saved our dam from destruction. Lake weeds were found in the trees 12 feet up when the water broke that morning. We should see fewer muskrats now with Upper Spring Lake repaired. Maney's is a new bait dealer in town. If you like to fish, be sure that you also know the Wisconsin Fishing Regulations. Concerns regarding the lack of local police coverage on 3rd shift was made; we were encouraged to all write the chief with our concerns and comments.

Set Next Meeting Date: January 29, 2011 Saturday, at the Village Hall
At 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn meeting was made by Deb Shields and 2nd by Helene Coletto at 1:30 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Plennes (Secretary)
September 29, 2010