

Beecher and Upper Lakes Rehabilitation District
2006 Annual Meeting Minutes

The annual meeting of the Beecher and Upper Lakes Rehabilitation District held at Beecher Lake Park was called to order at 10:15am on Saturday September 4 by President Joe Siudzinski. There were approximately 60 members present at the start of the meeting.

President Siudzinski welcomed everyone.

Members introduced themselves.

Steve Dill, District Commissioner, Town Chairman of Pembine and Marinette County Supervisor was present at the meeting. He answered members' questions concerning;

- ❖ Emerald Ash Borer: This is a serious problem in the Southern part of the state. Mr. Dill cautioned not to bring in fire wood, which may be infected, from other areas as this will quickly spread the disease.
- ❖ Gypsy moth infestation: We have money held in reserve to do this spraying, as needed. **Motion was made by Fran Siudzinski** to spend \$20 to have the gypsy moth egg masses counted this year. This data would be compared to previous years' numbers; the decision would be made then whether to spray in Spring 2007. The motion was seconded by JoAnn Jacobson. **Motion carried.** Fran volunteered to take the required training as the "on ground" person, if the spraying is needed in Spring 2007.
- ❖ Ordinances in Beecher Township: Several members expressed concern about numerous vehicles/junk cars parked on nearby properties and vehicles parked in the right of way along Dam Road. Some expressed that complaints to the Town Board had not been acted upon. Mr. Dill explained the procedure that the Town of Pembine follows when a complaint is received. The complaint must be a written and signed document. Then an official must act on the complaint. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Town Chairman will go to the residence with a county officer to cite the property owner. This procedure must be followed in filing a complaint.

The minutes from last year's annual meeting had been printed in the August newsletter and were accepted as printed.

The budget was reviewed by President Siudzinski and approved by meeting attendees with the addition of an expense of \$2,000 to improve the weed cutter launch site as described in the following minutes.

Randy Stradal, Chairperson of the Aquatic Plant Committee, thanked Bob and Pearl Warner for the use of their property to launch and remove the harvesting equipment, Marcia (Ito) Miracle for allowing the use of her property to load the harvested weeds onto the dump truck, Paul Lasee for offering a site to dump the harvested weeds.

Stradal indicated that a harvesting permit was applied for and issued for 2006 and 2007 seasons. After 2007, the plan will need to be updated per the DNR Harvesting Aquatic Plants Management Plan. This process will cost about \$9000. There are grants available to help cover this cost. The grant application must be in by February 2007 – Stradal will make the necessary application.

Mr. Stradal explained that due to low water level, Midwest Aquatics was unable to launch the harvester and harvest the Lake weeds as contracted for the third week in July. Dave Felzer, owner of Midwest Aquatics, has billed the District \$2275 for travel, time and labor, though he

was unable to provide the harvesting service. Much discussion followed. **A motion was made by Glenn Schilling to have the Board make the decision with bargaining power up to \$1,000 including the \$875 deposit already paid Mr. Felzer to return to the Lake and harvest weeds by the end of September for \$3500. Motion seconded by Randy Olson. Motion Carried.**

Discussion followed on improving the Warner launching site. Bob and Mike Warner will contact the DNR, contractors, and landscapers about improving the site. Warners indicated that they would be willing to give the District a "permanent easement" for this launch site. This will be handled legally.

Motion was made by Howard Richie, seconded by Jerry Stern to spend \$2000 to establish a reserve account to improve the Warner site. Taxes will be levied to cover this cost. Motion carried. This is the estimated cost that will include the DNR permit, the contractor's cost and the legal easement.

Fish stocking discussion: The stocking committee would like to spend \$500 per year which is included in the annual budget on feed stock (fathead minnows). Meeting attendees were in agreement with the recommendation. No motion needed.

Joe Siudzinski's term as President will be completed in December 2006. Fritz Schmeisser volunteered to take the position. **The motion was made by Marcia (Ito) Miracle and seconded by Glenn Schilling to nominate Mr. Schmeisser for President. The Motion carried.**

Helen Hohl has volunteered to do the Lake Newsletter.

President Siudzinski was thanked for the hard work and fine job he has done while serving as President. Thanks, Joe!

Motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am.

The picnic, raffle and auction followed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wickman, Secretary