

## Steering Council Meeting Minutes March 29, 2007

### Meeting Called to Order 6:58PM

#### Roll Call

Members in Attendance – Robert Livingston, Tom Porps, Corinne Krebs, Vytas Barcas

Members not in Attendance – Jamie Smith, Bryan Neal, Tony Migon

Others in Attendance – Trustee Mike Moran

#### Minutes:

Minutes from 1/4/07, 1/17/07, 2/22/07, and 3/1/07 were read and approved.

*Motion to approve all meeting minutes:* Corinne Krebs

*Second:* Tom Porps

*Approved unanimously*

#### Old Business:

Robert started the meeting discussing the buoy boat. Tom presented the committee members with photos of the boat and stated that the boat is finished except for some wiring which he has to complete. He has two location options for completing this work, and he wanted to make sure that all members would be comfortable with either place. The wiring involves safety shut offs to ensure motors do not burn out and the boom has enough power/speed for the work it needs to do. He reported that the boat will be going in Brown's Lake for its initial field trial April 2, 2007. He explained that the boat is reaching maximum size for hauling, but doesn't believe it will cause any problems. The worst thing that could happen would be that it would need to be hauled by a CDL driver.

Corinne reported that the Communication Committee made on-site visits of the Publicly Owned Parcels at their last meeting. She explained that most of the sites were pump stations that offered little beyond overflow parking. She briefly explained options that the committee felt would be worth pursuing. Bob asked that each committee address the parcels and evaluate them for potential future use.

Tom asked if the dam was still in place. Bob stated that he had been down to the channel and stated that "it's (the water level) a little higher than it should be", everyone chuckled because as Tom stated the water level is approximately 9" higher than it should be.

Bob asked to move item A under Old Business and discuss that with item F under New Business.

#### New Business:

Bob explained that the WAL Conference is coming up and encouraged anyone to attend. He asked the chairs to inform their committee members that the District has set aside funds to assist anyone in financing the registration fee for attending the conference.

Corinne reported that the Shoreline Committee would like funding approved to obtain an additional cadastral map #0119204; that it be purchased and laminated to match the maps we already have. This map would provide a greater look at Bayview Channel. All members agreed to approve the funding.

*Approve funds for the acquisition of cadastral map #0119204, lamination, and mounting of the map to add to current map inventory.*

*Motion:* Tom

*Second:* Corinne

*Approved Unanimously*

Corinne talked about some new ideas for the Annual Meeting. All other members seemed receptive to the idea of inviting other parties to post a booth at the meeting (i.e. Wisconsin-DNR, UW-Extension,

Wisconsin Wetland and Woodland Owners Associations, etc.). This would help disseminate educational information and provide access to experts in their fields. Corinne also presented her committee's concern for moving the Annual Meeting to Wilmot High School. All members discussed the pros and cons of moving the meeting, but felt that putting community members in an environment where they will be more physically comfortable will outweigh any obstacles in moving the meeting to a new location. *To proceed with securing Wilmot High School for this year's Annual Meeting and invite everyone willing to set up a booth at the meeting to attend.*

*Motion:* Vytou

*Second:* Bob

*Approved Unanimously*

Corinne also asked that the committees evaluate their past meetings for newspaper bashing. She stated that if people are concerned about statements in the paper, they should write a letter to the paper to correct information they feel is reported incorrectly.

Bob had Vytou report on the water quality testing being done by his committee. He stated that areas usually producing high levels of E.coli readings have been surprisingly low in the most recent tests. They will continue to monitor water quality through testing. Bob asked that Vytou extend his testing to include Phosphorus levels for grant application purposes.

Corinne presented Tony's information about the Eurasian Milfoil beds. Since Tony was not at the meeting members were a little hesitant to proceed, but Tony has always expressed satisfaction with Biological Services' work.

*To approve funding necessary for early treatment of Eurasian Milfoil beds by Biological Services.*

*Motion:* Bob

*Second:* Tom

*Approved Unanimously*

Bob brought the letter from Northern Environmental explaining that the District's chances of obtaining grant funding this year for the Esch Road project is slim. Bob believes that we should look into reapplying for the grants by revising the application in house. All members agreed not to spend any more money with Northern Environmental to apply for the grants this year. He also explained an alternate source (a stormwater utility) for funding such projects. The idea suggests that a stormwater fee be implemented on new development to be used in land acquisition (for future stormwater management), stormwater protection projects, and the like. Council members discussed potentially raising the mill rate slightly to increase the district budget to accommodate future project implementation. Finally, Bob talked about having stiffer fines for violators of erosion control ordinances and stormwater regulations. Council members feel that obtaining funds from several places would not over tax a particular group of people in the community but would provide the much needed funding to get projects completed.

*Ask Village and Planning Commission to raise their building permit fees by \$1,000.00 per building permit (flat rate) to be deposited into a dedicated account for future projects where the Lake District would support in design and engineering of stormwater projects.*

*Motion:* Bob

*Second:* Tom

*Approved Unanimously*

The next meeting date is set for May 3, 2007 at 7:00PM in the Twin Lakes Village Hall

**Meeting Adjourned 9:08PM**