

PINE LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin
July 2, 1995

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Vic Burkey, at 1:10 p.m. Also, in attendance were board members Bill Elliott, and Charlie Struebing.

The minutes were read for the 1994 annual meeting. Don Mitton motioned to accept them as read, Rhinie Malzhan seconded. Minutes were accepted.

Additionally minutes of the quarterly meetings were read. Pat Coraggio made a motion to accept, Bob Riemer seconded. Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report was read by Bill Elliott. Bill also explained his difficulty during the borrowing of money for the weed harvester in the clarification of Pine Lake as a Lake District. A motion was made by Don Mitton to accept the treasurer's report, with Bob Riemer seconding. Treasurer's report was accepted.

At this time, Bill Elliott announced his resignation as treasurer. Thanks was given to Bill for his time and commitment as commissioner. Bill mentioned the value we were getting from the weed cutter and with help from everyone on weed clean up everything will go smoothly.

Nominations were opened for treasurer, with Don Mitton nominating Pat Coraggio. Mr. Stover seconded the nomination. Additional nominations were requested. Glenn Votis motioned to close nominations, with Carol Wirth seconding. Pat Coraggio was accepted unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Don Mitton discussed the grant on the study of the lake. Bob Young had requested from Don the previous shoreline to allow him to complete the study. Copies would be distributed as soon as this study is complete.

Vic Burkey read a letter from last year, from Mrs. Zvers thanking all of the people who helped remove the mire of weeds by her shoreline after last year's meeting.

Charlie Struebing said thanks to Larry Handeland and the rest of the weed harvesting crew for the excellent job they did this year.

Vic Burkey was questioned on the effect of the chemical treatment of weeds last year. Vic said he saw little effect and questioned if using chemicals on the weeds is a worthwhile investment and what are the long term effects. The question also arose if the lake will be allowed to continue to use the public boat landing. Larry Handeland talked with the DNR and was told that they were not happy with us using the boat landing, but was

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later told by another DNR official that it would be okay. Additional

gravel was being added to afford our dump truck extra space for loading of weeds.

NEW BUSINESS

Vic Burkey announced anyone with a floating cut weed problem to call him and he will arrange someone to help with removal. Larry Handeland had purchased waders for the weed crew and anyone requiring help could leave weeds on their pier. The harvester could be used in the collection of weeds. This was a group effort to secure the weed harvester and should be a group effort to maintain the harvesting!

A sign-up sheet for this years "stake in the lake", was set out for people who want to help in the lake clean-up this year. The first and third Sat. of each month will be set aside and we can meet at Larry Handeland's house at 9:00 am.

Anyone wanting to ride on the weed harvester and witness the harvesting firsthand should see Larry. Bill Elliot questioned if our insurance would cover this and the board will check into it. Weed harvesting will be curtailed the week of the 4th of July for safety reasons.

The question of the continuance of the news letter came up. There are only 60 members of a 400 member lake district meeting attending meetings and it was felt the news letter is important! Pat Coraggio volunteered to work on it. Vic expressed his concern that again it was the board members that are required to do all the work.

It was brought to Vic's attention that there was a greater amount of dead fish washing ashore this year. The explanation given to Vic by the DNR was the stress caused by above normal lake temperatures and spawning!

Mrs. Mary Bierman of the Forest County Association of Lakes which has been in existence for 3 years, talked about the Association. Presently they are applying for a Lake Planning Grant and requested a donation from us. Don Mitton moved to donate \$200.00, John Klein seconded. The motion passed.

Vic announced the DNR will drop the lake level to the minimum this fall to reduce shoreline damage. Also the DNR planted 85,000 Walleye fingerlings in the lake and more are expected.

Next year's budget will remain at this year's amount of \$27,000.00. The district value is \$13,600,000.00 and we are allowed up to 2.5 mil. Art Schneider moved to accept next year's budget. Don Mitton seconded and the budget was accepted.

Larry Handeland moved to adjourn the meeting, Dorothy Riemer seconded, meeting was adjourned.

Vic Burkey thanks all who attended and we hope to see you at next years meeting!

Respectively submitted
Charlie Struebing

PINE LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin
JULY 13, 1996

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Vic Burkey, at 1:05 p.m. Also, in attendance were board members Pat Coraggio, and Charlie Struebing.

First item of business was the reading of the July 95 annual meeting. Ron Balzer motioned to accept, Norm Schulz seconded, motion passed. Minutes of the auxiliary meetings were also read, Joe Zver motioned to accept, Norm Schulz seconded, motion passed.

Pat Coraggio next distributed copies and read the treasurer's report. He explained that prior to last year the checking account was not interest bearing and the district invested money in CD's whenever possible. Because of the purchase of the weed harvester last year, and the transport this year, he felt the interest bearing checking account would be more suited to our needs. This account pays 4-1/2% interest. Pat has also arranged for a \$30,000.00 loan for the forthcoming weed transport. Bob Riemer inquired about our debt and it was explained that the weed harvester has already been paid for and since tax revenue is expected shortly and along with the reimbursement from the state the loan can possibly be paid off shortly.

Pat also explained the commissioners are required by law to have a CPA audit the books and this report be given at the annual meeting. Braun, Preboske, and Brettingen, SC. of Crandon, Wi. was chosen and although the report was expected in June they were finally received yesterday afternoon. The report states on page 1, paragraph 3, "the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly in all material respects, the financial position of The Pine Lake District as of Dec. 31, 1995, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles". This report is public record and copies are available to anyone that chooses.

Ron Balzer motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Don Metton seconded, motion passed.

The 1996/97 budget was suggested to be left at the \$27,000.00 tax amount levied last year. Vic felt that we did a good job last year on the amount spent towards weed harvesting and we should be able to stay at this budget rate for this year. Tom Wirth asked if the weeds will need cutting this year and Larry Handleland answered saying that the men will start cutting next week. Don Metton felt we should start saving money for a truck purchase and future land and a building for storage of the equipment. It was reported that the district will be renting lake access on Tom Knaus's land. This land will be available this year and possibly next year at a cost of \$450.00 a year. Vic thanked Tom Knaus on behalf of the district for the use of his land. Pat explained to the body that the board

recommended this budget was sufficient. Don Metton motioned to accept this 1996/97 budget, Ron Balzer seconded, motion passed.

Ron Balzer questioned who owns the beach by the dam. Vic explained its privately owned and the owner refuses to sell to the city. Also considering the road right of way, the amount of land is minimum. It was also explained that one of the stipulations in the weed harvester grant with the DNR was that the district is required in the future to provide a building for storage. Vic explained that for the next five years the lake has to follow the regulations regarding where on the lake the weeds are harvested. We are not allowed to disturb the weeds which act as a filter bed on the inlet side of the lake and we cannot cut bulrushes and lily pads.

Larry Handleland was asked the procedure used in the cutting of an area of the lake. Larry explained jugs were set up in a rectangular area and the weed cutter cuts back and forth in this area.

The next item of business was the election of an officer for Vic's term. Joe Zver nominated Vic Burkey, Lynn McHenry seconded, with no other nominations Norm Schulz motioned to close nominations, and seconded by Ron Balzer. Vic Burkey was voted to a third term of office. A meeting will be held after the annual meeting for the board members to decide who will hold what positions. Ron Balzer inquired on how many consecutive terms a board member can serve. Pat confirmed that three are allowed by the by-laws.

Pat asked if everyone got their newsletter, since we are using the town treasurer's mailing list. He also asked if two issues, spring and fall is what the district wants. Ron Balzer moved we continue with the newsletter spring and fall, Joe Zver seconded, motion passed.

Charlie reminded everyone that Pat could use help with additional articles.

Joe Zver questioned the board regarding the boundaries of the lake district. Vic explained them to the people and also informed us that he had requested from the DNR a clarification on these boundaries, but hasn't received an answer back as of yet.

Vic was questioned on who controls the lake levels. Vic explained that the town checks the level every one to three days and keeps a log on these records. The lake is allowed plus or minus one inch above the mark with the gates being opened at 1.3". This height is regulated by the public service commission and recently was discussed in our spring 1996 newsletter. The town is tired of the bickering on the level of the lake and would like to give the dam to the lake district. Of course, along with the dam would be the liability and cost of insurance. Vic doesn't feel that the lake district should control the dam and the level of the lake and that we should remain only as an advisor. Vic also felt the dam was poorly designed and retains silt rather than letting the lake flow through the bottom of the dam. Replacement cost of the dam would probably be \$500,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00. Ron Balzer questioned what pressure

could the district place on the town board for future replacement of the dam like what was done with the mill pond dam. Charlie asked if possibly the DNR and the town could start discussions on future replacement. Vic asked the attenders do they want responsibility of the dam and the consensus was no.

(Vic mentioned that discussion of the dam would have been more effective if the town representative was present at our meeting)

Pat suggested we take a vote on whether the lake should be lowered in the fall to reduce ice damage in the spring or left where it presently is at. Vic made a motion to send a letter to the town board to request the lake be lowered in the fall, Tom Wirth seconded. Pat Balzer questioned with so few in attendance, (24 present) should such a sensitive issue be voted on. Vic mentioned that the meeting was given notice of in our newsletter and the Forest Republican and decisions must be made by those who attend our meeting. The motion failed by a vote of 12 against and 8 in favor. Tom Knaus motioned to send a letter to the town board to request the lake level to be constant all year long. Joe Zver seconded, motion passed (12 for and 7 against). Vic added there has never been a study on the high/low lake levels effect on erosion and fish kill. The DNR reprinted in our spring newsletter was merely an individual's opinion. Vic suggested we petition the DNR for such a lake study. Ron Balzer so moved, Larry Handleland seconded, motion passed unanimously.

Vic reported that the town board and the lake district jointly tackled the beaver problem in the creek. A bounty was paid for pelts to Mike Buchovic. Mike has trapped several beaver, but no figures are available. Now help is required to remove beaver dams, trees and debris. With the help of our transport we will be able to get up the creek and with the help of volunteers improve the water flow into our lake. This will happen during the "Stake in the Lake" which will be held August 17 at 9:00 a.m. A potluck supper will follow the day's work. Vic will arrange.

Tom Knaus made a motion to stock the lake this year with bass and highbred muskies (the type that do not reproduce), in addition to the walleyes which are generally stocked. Ron Balzer seconded, the motion passed.

Tom Knaus asked if there could be set hours for water skiing and personal water craft similar to what we had on the lake years past. Pat added that we could pass any laws we want but the lake would then need to hire personal to enforce these laws! The board will discuss these matters with the DNR and ask for their opinion.

Charlie questioned if there should a limit to the number of boats allowed per 100 feet of shoreline. The DNR will be asked their opinion.

Ron Balzer motioned to adjourn the meeting, Norm Schulz seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Charles Struebing

MEETING OF THE BOARD ...

Pat made a motion that the commissioners remain in their present positions, Charlie seconded, motion passed.

Pat also informed the board that the bylaws require we collect per diem pay.

Pat also informed the board that our insurance company requires this year an employment, sexual discrimination bylaws. Pat was able to secure a appropriate form and Charlie motioned to accept this form, Pat seconded, motion passed.

October 12, 1996, 1:00 p.m. will be the next quarterly meeting.

PINE LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin
JUNE 28, 1997

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Vic Burkey, at 9:05 a.m. Also, in attendance were board members Pat Coraggio, Karl Tauer and Charlie Struebing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

First item of business was the reading of the July 96 annual meeting minutes and the preceding meeting minutes of the board. Ron Balzer motioned to accept, Dorothy Riemer seconded, motion passed. Minutes of the auxiliary meetings were published in the fall and spring publications of the Pine Lakes News and were accepted as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pat Coraggio next distributed copies of the treasurer's report and the annual financial statement and auditor's report prepared by Braun, Preboske and Brettingen, s.c. Pat quoted page 1, paragraph 3, of the report as follows: "In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Pine Lake District as of Dec. 31, 1996, and 1995, and the results of its operations for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles." Pat continued by informing the group that the Weed Harvester, Conveyor, and Transport are all paid for and the district has a current balance of \$24,460.48. Ron Balzer motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Bob Riemer seconded, motion passed.

FCAL REPORT

Vic introduced this new segment of the meeting by explaining FCAL is the Forest County Association of Lakes and is in the process of organizing the lake districts, associations and groups to form a stronger voice for forest county with state government.

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Pat Coraggio has joined FCAL as our Pine Lake representative and was given the floor to discuss their current activities. Pat explained that Mrs. Mary Bierman of FCAL, makes regular trips to Madison, monitoring bills which effect Forest County Lakes, and with the aid of a Lobbyist, communicates our views to our politicians. Pat mentioned his surprise at the number and type of bills presently in Madison and how important this voice is to the lake district.

WEED HARVESTING REPORT

Larry Handeland opened the report by informing the body that since the town have fitted their truck, which we had planned on using this summer, with a sweeper, it would not be available to us this summer. Since then, a used truck was located in Antigo, and after inspecting the vehicle with Vic Burkey it was determined to be ideal for the lakes needs. A \$500.00 deposit was given toward the purchase price of \$12,000.00, with the understanding the lake district would need to approve the purchase. The truck is a 1986 International dump truck, single axle, with a 16 foot by 5 foot high box. The truck has a 113,000 miles, in excellent condition and was formally a DNR vehicle. Larry Handeland made a motion to purchase the truck, Bob Riemer seconded the motion. During discussion of the motion, Ron Balzer asked if the truck had its maintenance log and Vic and Larry believed it did. Vic added that in his years of driving truck the vehicle was in excellent condition and a great buy. Also, it was added that cost of insurance will be forthcoming. The motion to purchase the truck passed unanimously. A check for the balance will be written and Larry will pick it up this afternoon.

NEW BUSINESS

The commissioners offered the following resolutions:

- 1) We resolved that the commissioner's per diem should be increased to \$25.00 per meeting. The current \$15.00 has been in effect since 1976. Jim Krems moved and Bob Riemer seconded with the resolution passing unanimously.

- 2) Let it be resolved that the tax for the District should be reduced by \$2000.00 and the annual budget will be established at \$25,000.00 for the District. Charlie questioned the timing of this action, considering the purchase of the new truck. Ron Balzer suggested we should bank these additional funds for future land and building purchases. Ron Balzer amended resolution #2 back to the current tax per diem to \$27,000.00. Lynn McHenry seconded and the motion, amending the resolution, passed.

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Tom Wirth added that he felt the board members have acted responsibly with the district funds and any additional monies can safely be set aside for the future district needs. Pat Coraggio felt that a \$12,000.00 to \$15,000.00 surplus indicates that we should reduce our tax rate. Pat added that as resolution #3 states, we have to set our goals for the future financial stability of the District.

- 3) Let it be resolved that as the October Board of Commissioners meeting, a separate account will be established by the Lake District which will receive a deposit annually of not less than \$5000.00 per year to be set aside to accomplish the goals set forth in this resolution. This will be known as Tax Freedom Day! Jim Kerns moved to accept this resolution, Ron Balzer seconded. Tom Wirth added we might want to increase this amount to \$7000.00. It was decided to wait and see at our next commissioners meeting to decide if the funds dictated more than \$5000.00. It was added that Tax Freedom Day is of our kids and the future generations of Pine Lake! Resolution #3 passed unanimously.

1997/1998 BUDGET

In light of the passing of the amended resolution #2 and resolution #3 the upcoming budget for 1997/1998 is so resolved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The next item of business was the election of an officer for Charlie's term. Bob Riemer re-nominated Charlie for a second term, Ron Balzer seconded, with no other nominations. Ron Balzer motioned to close the nominations, and this was seconded by Larry Handeland.

Charlie Struebing was voted unanimously to a second term of office.

A meeting will be held after the annual meeting for the board members to decide who will hold what positions.

ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Vic reminded the members that the District is still in need of land on or near the lake for the docking, storage and servicing of the weed cutting equipment. Vic added that our agreement with the DNR is that the District provide land and a building for this equipment!

We did receive a response from our ad in our last newsletter from a Mr. Clement Nitke. Mr Nitke offered to us a .4 acre piece of property, but in checking the property's frontage is too shallow and the lot is too small. Ron Balzer asked about the old dump site? The consensus was that it would not be suitable.

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Mr. Tom Knaus was asked if the District could again rent his land for the docking of the weed harvester and the removal of weeds.

Tom agreed, but questioned if the District's insurance coverage covered his land. He requested a letter on this coverage and Vic promised he would call our insurance and a letter will follow.

Mrs. Kragenbrink again approached the board with the problems

they are having at the boat landing which is adjacent to their property. Vic reminded her that the board does not have jurisdiction over the town's lake access and they will have to seek help from the town and sheriff's department. Karl Tauer added that the town has ordered signs and will install in the next two weeks.

Vic announced that the Fourth of July parade will be 1:00 p.m. and the boats are to meet at the boat landing.

Vic reported that more buoys have been ordered to warn boaters of rocks in shallow areas.

Vic, who is the Hiles Fire Chief and Karl Tauer, who is the Training Chief, brought to the Districts attention the problem with the width of driveways and access roads and the need to keep them cleared of brush and snow. During a recent chimney fire the fire trucks had problems accessing the fire and later turning the fire trucks around to leave the scene. The fire department is requesting all homeowners to have a clearance on their drives 15 foot wide!

Ron Balzer inquired on the stocking of the lake. Pat refereed him to an article in the last Pine Lake News and added that the District is awaiting a study by the DNR.

Ron Balzer motioned to adjourn, Bob Riemer seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Charles Struebing

MEETING OF THE BOARD ...

Pat made a motion that the commissioners remain in their present positions, Vic seconded, motion passed.

Pat reported that he received a phone call from Mr. Jerry Gentz questioning the lakes position on the Crandon Mine. Pat answered that presently the District has not taken a position. Mr. Gentz also asked if the District is considering restricting limiting Jet Skis use from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 P.M.. It was decided to table the Jet Ski issue to the October meeting.

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Vic questioned who would be responsible for the placement and removal of our lake buoys. Charlie suggested that the weed crew be given this job. Larry Handeland agreed to add this to their job function.

The guest seeker for next years annual meeting needs to be decided on and maybe someone from the DNR could be recruited. Vic will check on this and report back.

Next quarterly meeting will be October 11th. (This date was later changed to OCT. 25TH.) 9:00 a.m.

Charlie motioned to adjourn, Pat seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Charlie Struebing

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin
JULY 18, 1998

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Vic Burkey, at 9:05 a.m. Also, in attendance were board members Pat Coraggio, Karl Tauer and Charlie Struebing.

Vic introduced the board and explained to the members that because of the nature of this meeting, the members will be given three minutes of talk time each in the discussion of the land purchase.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

First item of business was the reading of the July 97 annual meeting minutes and the meeting minutes of the board. Ron Balzer motioned to accept, Jim Krems seconded, motion passed. Minutes of the auxiliary meetings were published in the fall and spring publications of the Pine Lake News and were accepted as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pat Coraggio next distributed copies of the treasurer's report and the annual financial statement and auditor's report prepared by Braun, Preboske and Brettingen, s.c. Pat quoted page 3, of the report that the 1996 fund balance was \$136,347.00 and the 1997 balance was \$149,042.00. Pat continued by informing the group that the Weed Harvester, Conveyor, Transport, Trailers, Dump truck, Radios and Marker Buoys are all paid for and the district has a balance, as of June 30th, of \$14,733.25. Tom Knaus motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Ron Balzer seconded, motion passed.

LAND AND BUILDING ACQUISITION

Vic explained to the members that last fall the purchase of a parcel of property, which did not include lake frontage, was voted down. Since that vote, Larry Handeland was approached by Artie Heinzen, who wanted to sell his lake property. The property had approximately 115 foot of frontage by 380 feet of depth. The property included a seasonal home, 1-1/2 car garage, pier, boat and

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motor. The asking price was \$42,000.00. Larry Handeland felt the property would be the district's answer to satisfying the DNR's conditions on the grants used for the purchase of the harvest equipment. Pat Coraggio talked with Ms. Shirley Van Kleve on the lands value, and Pat Coraggio was informed that the land's value exceeds the asking price. Pat Coraggio also walked the land with our zoning administrator Ms. Pat Schmidt, and Ms. Schmidt did not see any problems with the property and the district's use of it. An offer of purchase was written, subject to the district's approval.

Pat added that in his opinion, no tax increase would be required

for the purchase. With this in mind, the meeting was open for discussion on the purchase.

Ron Balzer began asking if the cottage and garage was useable. The home is seasonal, but it could be used as an office or storage. Likewise the garage is a 1-1/2 car and could be used for tool storage. Ron Balzer asked if the lake shoreline was deep enough. Larry Handeland felt that it was. Don Mitton commented that the purchase price was a generous offer considering the property and buildings have a assessed value of \$48,900.00 with a tax loss of \$817.00. Pat Balzer questioned if the vote was for the property purchase only or for the property and a future building? Pat Coraggio answered that the vote is for the property only. Paul Gagon questioned if there was a problem with commercial use of the land. Vic answered that due to the weight of our equipment we are within zoning laws. Paul also asked about any concerns of the neighbors? Pat answered that the board members were not contacted and the meeting was properly announced.

Tom Knaus motioned to purchase the property at the asking price. Ron Balzer seconded. Vic explained to the members the voting rules, and ballots were passed out. There were 46 members in attendance, 44 voted yes, 2 voted no, motion passed. Pat will arrange the purchase with the lawyer, including a survey of the property. A special thanks to Mr. Artie Heinzen for the chance to purchase his land for district needs.

GUEST SPEAKER

Today's guest speaker is Mr. R.T. Krueger of Northern Lakes Management, who will be speaking on lake management. Mr. Krueger was hired several years ago to do our lake study, which was required by the DNR, when we first proposed the purchase of the weed harvester. Mr. Krueger had also been commissioned to do a county wide lake study using the 20 most popular local lakes. His topic contained information shallow lakes problem with the Green House Effect, the importance of inlet vegetation which acts like a sponge absorbing unwanted nutrients, the importance of plant life in the shallows which support the food chain in the lake. Tall grass also acts to buffer the noise of boats and jet skis. Mr. Krueger stressed to re-establish our native soil of the shoreline,

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stating "just let it grow"! He also stressed that septic system maintenance must be taken seriously and the district has the powers to inspect systems around the lake.

FCAL REPORT

Pat Coraggio has now been elected a board member of FCAL. FCAL

has been working through WAL and their lobbyists, in the Madison legislature, on laws affecting our local lakes including Doc-o-minions, which is the practice of purchasing a small piece of lake frontage then developing large parcels off the lake, using the lake frontage to dock multitudes of boats. June 27th was a 1/2 day conference at the Crandon High School and Pat Coraggio took this opportunity to discuss proposed zoning law changes with Ms. Dawn Schmidt, Zoning Commissioner.

WEED HARVESTING REPORT

Larry Handeland had to leave the meeting prior to his report but reported through Pat Coraggio that the weed harvesting was on schedule, but did request that the board solicit the group for additional harvester employees.

1998/1999 BUDGET

Pat Coraggio advised the group that last year's budget of 2.5 mil, worked well and would be appropriate again this year. Ron Balzer motioned that we retain next year's budget, Tom Knaus seconded, motion passed. Don Mitton added that he would like the district to build a larger cash reserve adding that the district have been at the same mil rate for several years. Ron Balzer questioned if the district could adjust the tax levy by the same rate as the growth index changes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The next item of business was the election of an officer for Pat's term. Tom Knaus re-nominated Pat for a second term, Paul Gagon seconded, with no other nominations, Pat Coraggio was voted unanimously to a second term of office. A meeting will be held after the annual meeting for the board members to decide who will hold what positions.

ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Ron Balzer proposed that the district pass a fish size limit as has been done on surrounding lakes. Vic suggested that a committee be formed. Ron Balzer offered to chair this committee along with Tom Knaus.

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Paul Gagon questioned the board if the district can set the hours that Jet Skis can be operated. Vic answered that the board will have to check with the Hiles Town Board, since it falls under their jurisdiction.

Vic thanked audience for their attendance. Ron Balzer motioned

to adjourn, Bob Riemer seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Charles Struebing

MEETING OF THE BOARD ...

Vic made a motion that the commissioners remain in their present positions, Charlie seconded, motion passed.

Pat explained to the board that there was an error in what was being paid to our returning harvesting employees. The correct amount was \$9.00 per hour. The board agreed.

Karl passed out a letter from the DNR expaining the boating law changes.

Charlie reported the concerns expressed by his neighbors, on the amount of travel trailers seen lately around the lake. He questioned if there were any restrictions on their use, how many could be setup on a lot, and septic restrictions. There is also the issue of these neighbors who pay taxes on their cottages and buildings toward the town and district versus the taxes paid by the trailer license.

Vic suggested that Charlie may want to check with the town board and DNR. on the current laws.

Next quarterly meeting will be October 10th. (This date was later changed to Oct. 17th.) 9:00 a.m. Also the next annual meeting was set for July 10th, 1999, 9:00 a.m.

Charlie motioned to adjourn, Pat seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Charlie Struebing

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin
JULY 10, 1999

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Vic Burkey, at 9:07 a.m., following the 8:00 special meeting. Also, in attendance were board members Pat Coraggio, Karl Tauer and Charlie Struebing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

First item of business was the reading of the July 98 Annual Meeting minutes and the meeting minutes of the board. Stan Stanislowski motioned to accept, Roger Bentley seconded, motion passed. Minutes of the auxiliary meetings were published in the fall and spring publications of the Pine Lake News and were accepted as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pat Coraggio next distributed copies of the treasurer's report and the annual financial statement and auditor's report prepared by Braun, Preboske and Brettingen, S.C. Pat read paragraph 2, on page 2, of the report stating the basis for the audit. The 1998 fund balance was \$154,211.00 with the total liabilities and fund balance being \$195,772.00. Pat continued by informing the group that the CPA had transposed the ten year land loan payment schedule instead of the 5 year plan chosen, causing the report to be in error on page 6.

Our biyearly mortgage payments are \$4999.37 plus interest for a period of 5 years. Pat added that the report would be amended. Currently we owe \$37,350.00 on the property. Stan Stanislowski motioned to accept the treasurer's report, Roger Bentley seconded, motion passed.

1999/2000 budget

The 1999/2000 budget is currently slated for 2.5 MIL, relating to \$27,000.00 divided amongst 325 properties. Pat reminded the group that this budget has been in effect for 5 years, and the association was setting aside \$5,000.00 toward tax freedom day. Pat questioned, in light of the property purchase, if we want to suspend this practice? Don Metten reminded the board that earlier this year he had suggested that the board increase the mill rate. Don suggested we look at our tax statements and see how little of those taxes go to the district, and how much this amount has decreased over the years with the increase of members and the building of more expensive homes. John Chaney suggested that the membership should be more uniform including all the people in the town of Hiles. Don Metten motioned to increase the tax rate from \$27,000.00 to \$37,000.00, Stan Stanislowski seconded. Vote was 14 yes, 20 no. Motion defeated. Bill Palmer motioned to raise the rate to \$32,000.00, Jim Krems seconded. Vote was 26 yes, 10 no, motion carries (the vote totals differed due to the fact that not everyone voted and these people were not asked to show their hands).

FCAL REPORT

Pat Coraggio reported that he has applied, thru FCAL, for a grant for surveying Pine Lake for Eurasian Milfoil. He will report back as he hears any further news on this grant. Signs are being made to inform the boaters at the landings about Milfoil and the precautions that need to be taken. FCAL has been in discussion on the new zoning regulations, which they are not in total support. Recently FCAL learned that these regulations have been changed in the areas that FCAL disagreed. Two new meetings have been proposed to allow Forest County residents to voice their opinions to the county. Also, Pat asked the audience if anyone would consider replacing him on the FCAL board, to please contact him. Pat felt his workload made it difficult for him to give the quality of time he feels the position warrants.

LAND AND BUILDINGS REPORT

Vic reported that the district had received one bid for the home and furnishings on our property. The bid was from Tom and Sam Votis for the amount of \$700.00, and included moving the building and the regrading of the property.

Vic added he feels that the building is worth much more than the bid. John Chaney added that he just dug a basement, where another house to be moved, was sold for just one dollar! John Chaney motioned to accept the bid, Paul Marshal seconded, motion passed.

Vic next reported that he we have received 4 bids on the land driveway, proposed from Pine Lake road to the lake. Flannery Trucking presented the low bid at \$5899.00. "For construction of a 16' wide and approximately 740' long road with 2' of fill, mesh and topped with 4" of gravel. Turnaround approximately 25'x20', requiring 2' of fill, mesh and 4" of gravel. Building site adjacent to road approximately 200' x 70' with 2' of fill and mesh. Installation of four 20' culverts with 16" openings and approximately 200' of plastic drain tile." Options included additional fill @ \$2.00/yd. And gravel @ \$6.50/yd. Paul Marshal questioned the cost to add 2 additional inches of gravel. Cliff Flannery adding it would increase the bid to approximately \$6300.00. Don Metten motioned to accept Flannery,s bid with the 6" of gravel at approximately \$6300.00, Paul Marshal seconded, motion passed with a vote of 26 yes and 4 no. Paul Marshal asked if this bid included the building site? Vic answered yes and added that the district had already purchased mesh, culverts and the plastic drain tile required for the site.

John Chaney suggested that we should monitor the size of the truckloads and be sure there is no sod in the fill media. Charlie asked if the district had put a cap on the amount of spending on the materials required? Vic felt the bid covered this spending. Vic asked John Chaney the cost of staking the road height. John quoted approximately \$200.00 but felt it would be best if we would contact Mike Hess. Bob Reimer motioned to hire Mike Hess, Roger Bentley seconded, motion passed. Vic will check with Flannery Trucking if we need to hire Mike Hess or is this part of his bid.

WEED HARVESTING REPORT

Larry Handeland reported that the water level is high which inhibits the growth of Lake Weeds. So far this year we have harvested 97 loads of weeds. Larry was proud to announce that all our employees and their wives have attended the FCAL weed seminars conducted by R. T. Krueger, on good and bad lake weeds, and which areas of our lakes we should be cutting. Information on these meetings will be included in the upcoming Pine Lakes News.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The next item of business was the election of an officer for Vic's term. The gavel was passed to Karl. Stan Stanislawski re-nominated Vic for a second term, Bob Reimer seconded, with no other nominations, Vic Burkey was voted to a third term of office. A meeting will be held after the annual meeting for the board members to decide who will hold what positions.

ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Pat contacted Richard Dzieloski regarding his request for netting blue gills for transplanting in other lakes. After discussing this with Mr. Avalant of the DNR, that the DNR would not support this transplant of fish because history has shown it only works in smaller lakes. Also with the catching of Northern Pike fish with open sores the DNR does not want to chance any spreading of this problem. Also, there is a greater chance of spreading Eurasian Milfoil when these projects are attempted.

Kathy Bruenning questioned the board what we were doing in regards to the policing of septic tanks. Vic answered that Forest County Zoning is currently working on new regulations. Pat added that any house that is ten years or older must be inspected every ten years. Pat said that we are not a sanitary

district and in checking, in 1976 we were given Sanitary District powers, but our request was never filed with Forest County.

Vic informed the audience that once again we have a beaver problem. The district and Town of Hiles would again like to work together and find people we can hire to remove beaver dams, and trap beaver.

Pat reported that one of our buoys broke loose, and due to the water level and cloudiness, we can not find the rock hazard we were marking.

Vic reported that the DNR would be releasing 167,000 walleye fingerlings next June.

Vic thanked audience for their attendance. Joe Zver motioned to adjourn, Bob Riemer seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Charles Struebing

MEETING OF THE BOARD...

Pat made a motion that the commissioners remain in their present positions, Charlie seconded, motion passed.

Pat suggested that board pay Tom Wirth and Roger Bentley \$25.00 each for the use of their boats for the marker buoy servicing and other lake associated use. Pat motioned, Charlie seconded, motion passed.

Karl reported that the town will not build the east landing traction grates, but others have offered to build them for approximately \$100.00. Charlie motioned to spend up to \$400.00, Pat seconded, motion passed.

October 9th, 1999 will be the next quarterly meeting with the annual meeting set at July 8th, 2000.

Karl passed out a letter from the DNR explaining the boating law changes.

Charlie reported the concerns expressed by his neighbors, on the amount of travel trailers seen lately around the lake. He questioned if there were any restrictions on their use, how many could be setup on a lot, and septic restrictions. There is also the issue of these neighbors who pay taxes on their cottages and buildings toward the town and district versus the taxes paid by the trailer license. Vic suggested that Charlie might want to check with the town board and DNR on the current laws.

Next quarterly meeting will be October 9th, 9:00 a.m. (This date was later changed to Oct. 16th.) Also the next annual meeting was set for July 8th, 2000, 9:00 a.m.

Charlie motioned to adjourn, Pat seconded, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Charlie Struebing

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin
JULY 07, 2000

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Vic Burkey, at 9:04 a.m. Also, in attendance were board members Pat Coraggio, Karl Tauer and Charlie Struebing.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

First item of business was the reading of the July 99 Annual Meeting minutes and the meeting minutes of the board. Bob Reimer motioned to accept, Ed Hansen seconded, motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pat Coraggio next distributed copies of the treasurer's report for the period of March 4th thru July 1st. This report showed an ending balance of \$5895.42. Gary Steede questioned the payments made to Charlie, Pat, and Vic on April 8th. Pat explained these payments reflect travel expenses, meals, lodging and per diem, incurred during the WAL convention in Stevens Point, WI. Tom Knaus motioned to accept this report, Larry Handeland seconded, motion passed.

Next, Pat handed out the annual financial statement and auditor's report prepared by Braun, Preboske and Brettingen, S.C. Pat read paragraph 2, on page 2 of the report, stating the basis for the audit. The 1999 fund balance was \$161,716.00 with the total liabilities and fund balance being \$195,144.00. Pat added that our assets this year were down \$628.00 due to equipment depreciation.

2000/2001 budget

The 2000/2001 budget is currently slated for \$32,000.00. Pat approached the board and membership about increasing this amount to \$38,000. The building loan will be \$29,050.00 and when this is combined with the loan of the land, the district will owe \$69,050.00. Additionally, the district has to make the yearly \$5000.00 payment to the Tax Freedom Fund. Pat also reported to the members, that the property owners on each side of the Districts property have threatened the District with legal action on the use of the property's lakefront! This threat happened during a meeting with Pat, Vic and the two DNR representatives. With this in mind, money should be available for a legal fund. After much discussion on the property and the actions of the neighbors, Pat Balzer motioned to increase the budget \$8,000.00 to \$40,000.00, Larry Handeland seconded. Motion passed with 23 votes for, 5 against.

WEED HARVESTING REPORT

Larry Handeland reported that the weed harvesting equipment will be launched this coming Monday, with the DNR offering the District permission to locate the weed conveyor and equipment at the boat landing. Weed harvesting has been on hold until the District could locate a landing for its equipment during a 30-day suspension imposed by the DNR, in response to concerns of the neighbors bordering the District's property.

LAND AND BUILDINGS REPORT

Vic reported that the bank loan was complete, state and county permits were secured and the building is scheduled to be built, between mid August thru mid September.

Jim Krems questioned when is the DNR's 30-day suspension requested by the neighbors of the District's property, for use of the Weed Harvesting equipment at the property. Vic explained that the District was required to post a notice, a total of two times, in the local paper requesting concerns with the Lakes use of Weed Equipment in the bay that our land is located. The 30 days

began June 28th and runs until July 28th.

Ron Balzer questioned if the board intends to keep the existing one car garage on our property. Vic answered it was the boards intention for it to be used as office space and record storage.

Pat Balzer questioned the board if any funding was available to help in the building cost. Vic answered that the board had looked into the availability and could not find any funds available.

FCAL REPORT

Pat explained that there was not a representative from FCAL at our meeting, and Pat has been approached to again become the Lake's representative on the FCAL board or locate another volunteer. Pat explained that FCAL meets the second Friday of every month and informed the members if anyone was interested, to please contact him.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The next item of business was the election of an officer for Charlie's term. Charlie has informed the board that he will not seek a third term. Vic requested nominations from the members. Tom Knaus nominated Bill Ferris. Bill gracefully declined due to his workload. Ron Balzer questioned the board on the eligibility requirements. Vic read the District's bylaws. Tom Knaus nominated Pat Balzor and Vic seconded. Vic asked for any other nominations, and with no response, Pat Coraggio moved to close nominations. Tom Wirth seconded. Pat Coraggio moved that an unanimous vote be cast, Vic seconded, and Pat Blazer's nomination for the Districts' board is unanimous.

Vic offered thanks to Charlie for his six years of service on the board.

ANY OTHER MATTERS WHICH MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD

Vic reported that in the spring newsletter the district mentioned that they were looking for a used pontoon boat. Jim Strike Sr. answered our requested and donated a very nice pontoon boat and 40 hp. motor. The board offers a special thanks to Jim Strike. Vic and Larry Handeland will pick-up the pontoon boat later next week.

Next Vic discussed the problems with Pine Creek. Beavers have again built several dams, which have caused the water level in the creek to raise and become stagnant. Vic suggested that the district and the Hiles Town Board again share the cost of having the beaver trapped. The board was in agreement with Vic, and Karl will report to the Hiles Town board. Tom Knaus asked Vic what could be done. Vic answered that the district could recruit volunteers to clean out branches, trees, and open up beaver dams to improve on water flow. Charlie questioned Vic if we could enlist the help the Forest County WCC with the creek as we have in the past. Vic informed Charlie that the Forest County WCC has been disbanded. Bill Elliot suggested access could be possible thru Federal land that borders his campgrounds.

Tom Wirth asked if the Lake dam could be opened 2-3 inches, to reduce the sediment accumulating in Pine Lake. Vic answered that it could, with the use of wedges to hold the bottom boards off the lake bottom. Vic and Karl will look into Tom's idea.

Vic reported to the district that he had received several calls reporting their neighbors using weed-killing chemicals at their shoreline and pier area.

Vic suggested to the membership to contact the DNR prior to adding any chemicals to the lake to verify the safety of the product, and to keep track of what is being dumped into our lake. Vic added, that if anyone needs the phone number, please contact any of the members of the board. Ed Dancik questioned if the board could pass an ordinance requiring individuals to get approval of the board prior to inducing chemicals into the lake. Vic will check further on this suggestion.

Ron Balzer questioned the board if the District could issue a slot size on Bass fish. Ron had talked with the DNR and was informed that the lake board would have to initiate. Ron Balzer continued by making a motion that the board approach the DNR regarding creating slot sizes for bass and other species such

as crappie, perch, etc. Tom Knaus seconded, motion passed.

Dorothy Bain thanked the board for all the service they perform for the district.

Charlie motioned to adjourn with Bob Reimer seconding, meeting adjourned. (Vic reminded the members that there would be a short meeting of the board following this meeting, to discuss and assign member positions with the election of a new board member.)

Respectfully,

Charles Struebing

P.S. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members, who attend and participate at our meetings regularly, which is the true ingredient for success. Also I would like to single out Vic Burke, Pat Coraggio, Karl Tauer, Larry and Ann Handeland and all of the past and present members of the Weed Harvesting crews for their efforts to create a cleaner, more healthier lake for my children and grandchildren! Thanks to all of you, Charlie.