



PINE LAKE

NEWS

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MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 14, 1995

By: *Charlie Struebing*

In attendance were Board Members, **Vic Burkey, Pat Coraggio** and **Charlie Struebing**.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

First item of business was to review the weed cutting season. A majority of the comments received by board members were extremely favorable, with special thanks given to **Mike Bukovic, Larry Handeland, Lynn McHenry, Bob Riemer** and **Tom Wirth**, all of whom were involved with the weed cutting activities.



It was brought to the boards attention by the weed harvesting crew, that a weed transport/barge would be beneficial to our lake. Because of the limited points for harvested weed removal, the weed harvester spends a majority of its time traveling from the cut area to the removal point. Also, the crew member driving the dump truck has little to do in between loads. The transport would also reduce time on the more costly harvester. It was the consensus of the board to request bids for a transport and approach the district with these prices. It was also noted at the present time that the DNR may pay for half the price of this transport. The members of the weed harvesting crew also suggested this barge be

purchased with paddle wheel versus outboard propulsion.

A special meeting will be called January 20, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss and vote on the purchase of this weed transport.

Vic Burkey reminded the board and the weed cutting crew that one-third of the north end of the lake by the creek should be left uncut to act as a filtration bed for silt. Also, do we want to clean out the creek like we did during "Take a Stake in the Lake" two years ago? We will discuss this at our January meeting and possibly the weed cutter can be used to assist this effort. It was added that a transport, if purchased, would require less depth of water and would help in the removal of logs and branches.

The weed cutting crew asked if walkie-talkies could be purchased next year for communication and safety in the event of storms. **Pat Coraggio** submitted a treasurers report and a weed cutting cost report. The cost of weed cutting this year was just over \$7,800.00 and this was well under the budgeted \$12,500.00. Two years ago, forty hours of weed cutting cost \$10,000.00. Again, thanks to all who have this possible, and the board asked the crew to return again next year.

Pat Coraggio reminded the board members of their articles for the upcoming newsletter. **Larry Handeland** and **Tom Wirth** were also asked to provide some comments regarding their insight on the weed cutting events for the summer of 1995.

With no other questions, **Charlie Struebing** made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by **Pat Coraggio** and the meeting was adjourned.

TREASURER'S REPORT

By: **Patrick J. Coraggio**

At the quarterly meeting of the Board of Commissioners on Saturday, October 14, 1995, the Commissioners had a lot of conversation regarding the weed harvester and the things that we had learned during our first year of operation. As many of you will know who attended the annual meeting, when the budget was presented there were many unknowns about the weed harvester that were



yet to be determined because it was our first year of operation. I am happy to report that our projection for the costs of operating and maintaining the weed harvester were higher than our actual cost. Our initial budget proposal for equipment, maintenance, operating costs, employee expense, insurance and transportation was \$12,500.00. Our actual expenditures for 1995, which are listed below total \$7,801.24, or \$4,698.76 below the budgeted amount. Although this is a positive report, it must be taken in context. The harvester for 1995 was under warranty and there were several major repairs that were made to the harvester which were covered under warranty. This warranty will not be in effect for 1996 so it is prudent for us to maintain a surplus for maintenance and repairs. Unfortunately, Pine Lake has a lot of weeds, but it also has a lot of rocks, several of which our operators located. The bottom line, however, is that it was a very good summer in terms of weed harvesting and the Commissioners received a good deal of positive feedback. This was greatly appreciated, especially by the your treasurer, because we need a cooperative effort on the part of all of us to enhance the beauty and usability of our lake.

Finally, in summary, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many people who volunteered their time and efforts to ride on the weed harvester, as well as offering their suggestions. This is of great importance to the Commissioners. I also want to personally thank **Larry Handeland** and **Tom Wirth**, our co-directors, who supervised, managed, repaired and scheduled the work of the harvester. My heartfelt thanks also go out to all of the other people who worked diligently running the harvester in our first year of operation, **Robert Riemer** and **Lynn McHenry**. We hope that you will all come back to work for us again next year.

1995 AQUATIC PLANT HARVESTER FINANCIAL REPORT

PREPARED BY: **PATRICK J. CORAGGIO, TREASURER**

OCTOBER 1, 1995

EXPENDITURES

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Truck Lease	\$ 225.00
Terry Votis - Welding	\$ 250.00
Al Bukovic - Dumping [\$1 per load]	\$ 197.00
Diesel Fuel	\$ 619.08
D&D Shipping cost	\$ 7.99
Bill Rausch - Bulldozing	\$ 80.00
Bob's Garage - Truck Repair	\$ 110.80
Laub Group - Insurance	\$ 571.00
Repair parts for Harvester	\$ 390.85
Mileage - 800 miles @ .29	\$ 232.00
Wages	\$ 5,117.52

1995 Total Expenditures	\$ 7,801.24
1995 Budgeted for Expenditures	<u>\$12,500.00</u>
1995 Surplus	<u>\$ 4,698.76</u>

CHAIRMAN'S 'BABBLE'

By: **Vic Burkey**

Hi, I'm back !! My wife just told me to go bore someone else, so I guess it's your turn.



I hope everyone has had a healthy and happy summer and that everyone has enjoyed Pine Lake to its fullest.

With winter coming on it's time for the commissioners to prepare for another year of Protection and Rehabilitation for your lake.

Just to review for everyone, our district has applied for and received a grant from the state to purchase a weed harvester. To give everyone a background on points of interest, in the past several years we have contracted for our harvesting to be done by the hour. It was costing the district \$95.00 per hour for 100 hours of cutting (\$9,500.00). Three years ago we cut for a total of 200 hours (\$1,900.00). This year after our capitol

outlay of \$41,275.00 and a DNR grant of \$41,275.00 we received our harvester. It cost the district, after all expenses were paid, \$7,801.24. We cut 200 loads of weeds this year. As all can see by owning our own harvester, we have managed to save money.

After going over all of the fund reports on this years harvesting it has been recommended that we purchase a transporter to carry weeds to shore. In doing this we feel that we can improve on our cutting time and improve the efficiency of the harvesting process. We have also found we can apply for a matching grant from the DNR to help pay for this piece of equipment. The Board of Commissioners are asking for your approval of this purchase. We will be sending out for bids in the next few weeks to find what's available and at what costs. We will be having a special meeting on Saturday, January 20, 1996 at 1:00 p.m. to vote and open bids for a transporter.

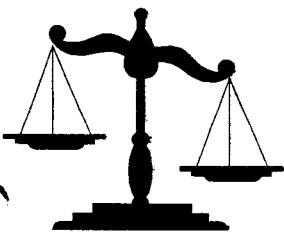
Please try to attend this meeting as we need your input on this matter.

I would also ask that if any of you should run into **Bob Riemer, Lynn McHenry, Larry Handeland, Tom Wirth** or **Mike Bukovic** say thanks for what we feel is a job well done.

Please remember that with winter coming upon us that ice fishing is just around the corner. I would like to ask everyone out on the ice to please try and help keep the waters clean. Whatever is left on the ice will end up floating or sinking as the ice goes out in the spring. Everyone's support on this would be very helpful.

Before I put everyone to sleep, I will end this babble with: *Remember it's up to you to keep it blue.*

BUDGET BILL IS GOOD TO LAKES!



New rules for the state lake management grant program and special funding for large shallow lakes are included in the new state budget.

Despite threats to reduce the annual appropriation for lake protection grants, the final budget signed by

Governor Thompson on July 27th maintained funding for both the planning and protection grant programs at their current levels. In a move supported by the Wisconsin Association of Lakes and the Department of Natural Resources, the budget bill also included changes to state law that will:

- * Make non-profit conservation organizations eligible for receiving planning grants;
- * Increase the state share for protection grants from 50% to 75%;
- * Raise the maximum protection grant award cap from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000.

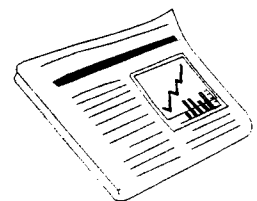
Coupled with recent amendments to the state's Administrative Codes, lake groups should find the already popular grant program even more accessible and flexible to their needs. In the works is another rule change that, if approved early next year, will allow donated labor and services to qualify as the local match for planning grants.

Also included in the biennial budget was what is hoped to become an annual appropriation of \$197,300 earmarked for shallow lake improvement projects. The first two years of the appropriation will go toward restoration activities at Big Muskego Lake in Waukesha County.

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NEWS FROM FOREST COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF LAKES

The Pine Lake PNR District is affiliated with the Forest County Association of Lakes (FCAL). FCAL has been producing a bulletin which has many informative articles and has been section devoted to news from the Forest County Association of Lakes written by **Cliff Haskins**. In this report, there are interesting articles about several of the lakes, in and around Pine Lake. We are sometimes isolated to only hearing or knowing what is going on regarding Pine Lake, but it is interesting to note some of the problems other lakes in our area are



having. For instance, FCAL reports the following:

Silver Lake has had the "swimmer's itch" for several weeks this summer, making the third consecutive summer this condition has been present. Prior to that time it was several years since the "itch" had been present. Part of the problem is felt to be connected to the warm water temperature which aggravated the problem. The main factor is believed to be a yearly increase in the muskrat population living along Silver Lake. Muskrats and their droppings (as well as ducks and other waterfowl) become "carriers" in one of the cycles which produce the small parasites which cause the "itch". Association members are doing a study of the swimmers itch and its causes as well as a study of the muskrat and its living habits. Several residents have reported that the muskrats have been burrowing into their styrofoam rafts.

Lake Lucerne also reports "swimmer's itch" this summer. Connection is being made with the growing number of ducks on the lake which have been regularly fed by lake residents. Association members are attempting to discourage the feeding. Purple Loosestrife, the exotic plant (with an attractive flower) that chokes out all other vegetation, has been found on some of the shoreline area. Association members are working to control the problem. New fire numbers have been assigned around Lake Lucerne, and they will now be used to replace former post office box numbers.

Lake Metonga reports that Eurasian Watermilfoil is continuing to grow in the lake. The most dense area of growth is near the county park boat landing. Special care should be taken by boaters leaving the lake after fishing and should examine their boats, motors and trailers before leaving. Small pieces of the weed can live for an extended time and regenerate again in water even after appearing to be dried out. Once in the water, it takes off and reproduces rapidly. Several lake associations are purchasing pocket sized cards which contain laminated samples of the weed.

Kentuck Lake reports that the Rusty Crawfish left their lake devoid of weeds two years ago, with the exception of the Elodea weed, which is the basic pet store aquarium weed. The weed has grown so fast that it has broken loose and formed major floating weed bogs acres in size. The Kentuck Lake District is con-

sidering the purchase of a weed cutter.

Ground Hemlock Lake also has Rusty Crawfish in their lake, but so far no serious impact has been noticed. Mining impact is the major concern for lake property owners due to Ground Hemlock's proximity to the proposed Crandon Mine, and especially to the Tailings Disposal Area. Association members are working the Lincoln Town Board in hopes of getting a mitigation of mining impact written into the "local agreement" between CMC and the Town of Lincoln.

