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MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin April 10, 1999

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

Charlie read the minutes of the January 16th quarterly meeting. Pat motioned to accept these minutes. Karl seconded it, motioned passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pat distributed out the treasurer's report from Jan. 1st,

to April 6th, 1999. Current balance is \$21,933.47. Charlie motioned to accept this report, Karl seconded and treasurer's report was accepted. Pat also informed the board that the district's Certificate of Deposit comes due April 26th. With this year's contribution, the C.D. value will be increased to \$11,000.00, Pat added, that he would arrange for its renewal to

be Feb. 1st, coinciding with incoming tax revenues.

WEED HARVESTING REPORT

Larry Handeland reported that within the next two weeks the equipment would be ready for weed harvesting. The conveyor is still scheduled for a needed four-foot extension pending receipt of a second quote. We are awaiting a visit from Larry Colburn, for a competitive quotation. Charlie suggested we agree on an amount that Larry could spend on the conveyor without the need for board approval. Pat motioned that the board authorizes up to \$5000.00, Charlie seconded, motion passed.

Larry informed the board that this year Dick Hermans

offered to allow the district to dump the harvested weeds on his property without cost to the district. Dick plans to use these weeds to improve his soil conditions saving the district the usual dumping costs.

Larry reported that with the recent hiring of two new employees to fill last year's vacancies, the district now have five employees. Larry added that he would still like to add another employee to reduce the amount of hours he is required to work.

Pat informed the board that we have received an unemployment claim from Tom Votis, who was a crew member last year.

FCAL REPORT

Pat reported that R.T. Krueger, of Northern Lakes Management, would be conducting a seminar on native, wanted and unwanted lake and shoreline vegetation. This seminar will be held on three different occasions, June 26th, June 30th and July 5th, at the north side of Lake Metonga.

Dawn Schmidt released the new proposed zoning changes for Forest County. Pat has a copy and will

distribute additional copies among the board members and also publish them in our newsletter. There will be a public meeting in May and a vote is scheduled in June. Vic questioned FCAL's feeling on these changes. Pat answered that the FCAL board discussed these



changes, but no formal motion was made awaiting comment from the FCAL and Forest County zoning committees.

WAL REPORT

Vic and Charlie attended this year's WAL convention in Stevens Point with their wives. There seemed to be considerable discussion regarding the pollution prob-

lems the cranberry marshes are creating. Lake Representatives are requesting additional controls on pesticides; fertilizers and water control of these marshes. Other popular topics were on Lake Development and developers, natural shoreline landscaping and Lake District dam rebuilding.

UPDATE ON LAND ACQUISITION

Pat and Larry walked the land with the DNR representative and were assured the proposed plan looked okay. Mike Bukovic logged and cleared the land for the planned drive and building.

Vic reported that he had not yet applied for the DNR



permit for the driveway and building site on the lake property, but preliminary driveway costs seemed to approach \$15,000.00. Vic felt that further discussion was needed and offered the option of developing only the

shoreline quarter of the property using the current road reducing the initial cost. These permits require a summary of building costs along with the names of the contractors involved. Vic preferred that the board have additional discussion. The board decided that we need to step back and create a structured game plan and secure competitive bids on materials and labor. Also, we will need to have the neighbor's input, and research the liabilities and legalities of the road and total estimated cost.

Karl questioned what is going to be done at the site besides the construction of a road. Does the board have an idea of what the building site will consist? Karl questioned if we decided on what was to be done with the current house and single car garage? Vic replied that the district has current plans to store in these buildings, the boxes of district documents, presently at board members homes and supplies for the harvesting equipment currently in Larry Handeland's garage. Also, a small office or meeting area is envisioned in the house. The district is required to submit this information to the DNR, for a permit and the final decision is that of the Core of Engineers. Pat motioned we prepare some long term plans and present them to the district. Charlie seconded the motion and it passed.

Steve Steede, an immediate neighbor of the land, complained about not being informed of what we are planing on the site. Charlie suggested the board make a concerted effort to involve these neighbors and asked if a list could be established for the members located on the existing access road and visit or call each of these members to discuss their concerns and suggestions. Terry Gantner another immediate neigh-

bor, asked if the property survey markings are correct? Vic informed him that the property was surveyed a one of the existing property's stake position is recorded as being incorrect. Mr. Gantner also asked for the name of the individual who had logged the land to inform him that he had erroneously staked logs on his land.

NEW BUSINESS

Vic participated in a phone survey on the shoreline of Wolf River Basin. He has since received a hard copy of this survey and may report on it at the annual meeting. Pat requested the lake meeting minutes and articles for the newsletter as soon as possible to facilitate it's printing.

Bob Klein announced that there should be better control of the lake level. Charlie answered that the DNR had sent the district copies of documents listing the lake levels throughout the years and would be happy to share them with the district. Charlie requested copies from Karl, which the town board has recorded, on current lake levels.

Bob Klein would like the board to comment on the letter from the DNR regarding the mine permit and what happens to the sulfite. Vic asked to allow the board to have copies of this letter and we will comment at our next meeting.

Bob Reimer wanted to know about the walley fingerlings. Again this year the DNR has promised 80,000 fingerlings, but Vic added that in the past survival is only in the hundreds. Vic did discuss this with the DNR at the WAL convention last month but was told we could only get fingerlings.

Karl reported to the board about a letter received from the DNR regarding the condition of the Pine Lake dam/bridge in that its rating has dropped three points to 82! At 80 points the town is required to make repairs at their expense. When the rating drops to 60 points, money becomes available from the federal and state government. Karl added, the town checks the dam/bridge yearly and makes repairs as necessary. Charlie asked Karl about the statement made during the last meeting where Dave Stover commented that the board years back had voted to set aside monies for dam/bridge replacement. Karl commented that money had not been set aside and he could not find any record of the vote authorizing it.

Karl also reported that Forest County had questioned why there wasn't a boat-landing pier? Pat offered to research who will supply, service and insure the pier, if the district decides to approve.

Karl commented on a letter sent out by the Town of Hiles on the bulkhead shoreline markers. The tow has informed the landowners that they will be required

to replace these markers and their shorelines adhere to them.

Karl continued that the Town has approved the fabrication, installation and maintenance of boat launch pads at their easement at Coves Landing, if the Lake District pays for the cost of material. Vic requested that the town forward a quote on this cost. Vic also requested "No Parking" signs be posted to eliminate the problems we have seen the last several years. Karl clarified to the board that the landing will be just for launching and removal of boats and parking will not be allowed.

Vic reported that the DNR has set new laws on the ice shanties. On March 15th, we had a situation where a fisherman broke apart a shanty to get it off the lake. The remaining base of the shanty, which was frozen in the ice, was left to either sink or wash ashore. These new laws will help in the policing of ice shanties. Pat added that if the district wants to pursue it, we can pass a resolution governing ice shanties but then the board needs to enforce these rules.

Pat stated that the lake marker buoys would be placed in the next couple of weeks.

Next meeting will be the annual meeting on July 10, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. at the town hall. (A special meeting was called in the weeks that followed, for a June 12th special commissioners meeting, to allow for additional planning on the property, prior to this summers Annual Meeting)

Charlie motioned to adjourn, Pat seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully, Charles Struebing

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin June 12, 1999

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 began the meeting by explaining to the whole that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss plans for the district's lake property and its existing buildings as follows:

LAND PREPARATION

First it is necessary to establish land layout and determine the amount of fill required. Also we need to establish the correct location of culverts and ditches. Location and width of driveway is also important.

DNR AND TOWN OF HILES REQUIREMENTS

Pat and Vic have already been in contact with Dawn Schmidt and the DNR to discuss our thoughts and

requirements in regards to site requirements and restrictions. Vic, Pat and Larry Handeland will have additional conversations prior to the annual meeting.

COST OF SITE PREPARATION

Larry Handeland will be meeting with a contractor to establish driveway mesh and base gravel requirements, and furnish the board with an approximate cost figure to report to the district. Also, these figures can help in the writing of specifications when it comes time to release this segment for bids. The board and members decided to start with a driveway 16' wide.

UTILITIES

Pat will contact the utilities to establish placement and cost of electric and gas.

EXISTING BUILDINGS

The board decided that it was in the districts best interest to sell the existing house, demolish it, or allow

the Hiles Fire Department to have a practice burn. The consensus of the board and district members present was that they would offer for sale, by sealed bid, the house with furnishings. It will be placed in the two local papers. Vic made a motion



that the boards meet at 8:00a.m, instead of the original meeting time of 9:00a.m, to open the bids for further discussion at the annual meeting. The cost of removal will also be bore by the party, who buys the house.

Next meeting will be the annual meeting on July 10, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. at the town hall, with the opening of bids at 8:00 a.m. prior to the meeting.

Charlie motioned to adjourn, Karl seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully, Charles Struebing

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

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Vic Burkey, at 8:07 a.m., prior to the Annual Meeting. Also, in attendance, were board members Pat Coraggio, Karl Tauer and Charlie Struebing. The purpose of this special meeting was for the opening and reviewing of sealed bids for the construction of a driveway on our lake property and the sealed bids for the sale of the home on the property including furnishings and including removal and clearing of the land. Driveway bids were as follows:

- A. Flannery Trucking....\$5,899.00
- B. Phalen Trucking.....\$9,950.00

C. Chaney Trucking....\$9,450.00

D. Kevilus Trucking...\$16,285.00

In attendance were Cliff Flannery, Mike Phalen and John Chaney. Each bidder present was allowed to discuss their bids (see attached). Discussions covered the amount of fill required, width of road and side ditches and the layout of the road. Karl motioned were approve Flannery Trucking's bid, Pat seconded, motion approved. It was noted that the cost of additional gravel was noted on the quote. John Chaney questioned if the board had considered monitoring the amount of gravel being actually supplied to the roadsite? The board agreed to look into it. Charlie questioned if the board had the site surveyed and staked?

The board had received only one bid for the house on the property. Tony and Sam Votis bid \$700.00 for the home and furnishings, including the clearing and cleaning up of the house site. Pat motioned to accept the bid pending the house would be removed within 60 days or the money would be forfeited. Charlie seconded, motion passed to accept the bid. Vic offered to contact Tony and Sam Votis.

Vic motioned to adjourn the special meeting; 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 Stanislawski 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 la 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 Stanislawski 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 among 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 ra from \$27,000.00 to \$37,000.00, Stan Stanislawski 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 work-

load 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 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 if this is 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 BE-FORE THE BOARD

Pat contacted Richard Dziewskoski regarding his request for netting blue gills for transplanting in other lakes. After discussing this with Mr. Avalant of the DNR, 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 JULY 10, 1999

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 handed out a letter from the DNR explaining the boating law changes.

Charlie reported the concerns expressed by his neigh-

bors, 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 QUARTERLY MEETING Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin October 16, 1999

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

Charlie read the minutes of the April 10th quarterly meeting. Pat motioned to accept these minutes. Karl seconded it, motioned passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pat passed out the treasurer's report from July 1st, to October 7th, 1999. Current balance is \$9606.27. Pat added that the major expense is of course the weed harvesting wages. Pat also reported to the members that the district recently received a \$3000.00 gift from the estate of the late Janet Wirth, nee Larson. The board extends their sympathy to her family and thanks them for her generous gift. This quarter's expenses also included \$1700.00 for parts for the weed harvester

for end of the season repairs. The board was also reminded of the mistake on this year's audit repulsive where our loan was shown as a 10-year instead of the 5-year repayment plan. Corrected page inserts were given the board for their annual reports. Charlie motioned to accept this report, Karl seconded and treasurer's report was accepted.

Pat also informed the board that the district's Certificate of Deposit is coming due, and Pat suggested that the board round up the minimum payment of \$5000.00 to an amount to reach a \$17,000.00 total. Vic motioned to allow the treasurer to increase this payment, Pat seconded, motion passed.

Pat's last order of business was to report that the district was required by the DNR to relocate the line of pine trees to the north edge of the property at a cost of \$577.50. Peterson Tree Service was contracted and the trees were moved.

FCAL REPORT

Vic reported that he attended the annual FCAL dinner and was able to learn from Mr. R.T. Krueger that the DNR has established our milfoil weed in Pine Lake is just North American Milfoil and we should not be concerned. Vic also reported that there was discussion at the meeting on the new zoning laws and there had been very few problems since their enactment.

WEED HARVESTING REPORT

Larry Handeland reported that 251 loads of weeds were harvested this year. All necessary maintenance and repairs were made to the harvester, transport and conveyor and they are ready for next year. Charlie asked Larry if the conveyor had been modified with a four-foot extension? Larry answered they had come-up with a solution to double load the dump truck without this extension and next year the truck will be hauling double loads.

PROPERTY UPDATE

Vic reported that the district was originally denied a road permit by the DNR even after the preliminary approval following discussions and on site "walkovers". The district's plan was then modified from the building of a driveway from Pine Lake Road to the lake, to the widening of the existing road and some additional site clearing at the curve for safety. Along with the road changes, relocating of the line of evergreen trees to the northern property boundary was required. The permit was granted. The existing road changes were discussed with the owners of the land affected and permission was granted. The district also promised to help maintain this part of the road due to the districts' truck usage.

In checking the financial records Pat discovered the the district had overlooked the 1998 and 1999 rent

payment on Larry Handeland's land that has been used for harvesting equipment storage and repair. Charlie motioned that the district pay Larry the two payments of \$500.00 each, which were voted on in 1998, Vic seconded. Pat suggested that we amend this motion for payment of the 1998 payment now and the 1999 payment after the tax revenue has been received, motion passed as amended.

Vic asked Larry Handeland if he would contact Flannery Contracting and question if their quote would still be valid and if so, proceed with the fill and gravel work on the building driveway, lake access driveway and the existing road. The grade on the lake driveway will be at 2" below road grade and a culvert will not be required. The district has already purchased all necessary culverts and road mesh for installation.

Charlie questioned what the board has for a timetable on the building. Vic answered that the board should release bids prior to the Annual meeting for district member vote. This would require the January 2000 quarterly meeting for board planing and discussion and the April quarterly meeting for bid writing.

ANY OTHER MATTERS

Pat reported that he received notice on this spring's WHAL convention in Stevens Point. Members will need to check their calendars and let Pat know who will be attending to facilitate reservations.

Pat also released the Core of Engineers report on the property. Gary Steede and Terry Gantner, the adjacent owners to the property, requested copies. Charlie sent copies as requested.

Charlie announced that he will not be seeking a third



term on the board and questioned what the board plans on doing with the boxes of documents which pass on from board member to board member. Many of these documents are valuable for legal and historical reasons, but many are just sales brochures and pamphlets. Charlie suggested that the board sort through these documents, deciding which

are important and which are not. Charlie continued that the board may consider computer scanning the important documents and meeting minutes for easier retrieval and to allow them to be safely stored in the safety deposit box. Pat asked Karl if the town of Hiles has a procedure to determine what documents should be kept and for how long. Karl mentioned that the town board was given guidelines and will obtain of copy for

the board to consider. Pat also added his company has the equipment to scan these documents if the board would reimburse him for the cost of the labor and supplies.

Next meeting will be the quarterly meeting on January 15th, 2000, at 9:00 a.m. at the town hall. Pat motioned to adjourn, Charlie seconded, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully, Charles Struebing

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The next quarterly meeting of the Pine Lake Recreation & Rehabilitation District will be on:

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2000 AT 9:00AM AT THE HILES TOWN HALL



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