

Commissioners:

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Christopher C. Genthe, Treasurer
Joseph W. Spaeth

Paul Sacotte, Secretary
John W. Stern

Daniel W. Carroll, Operations Manager and Water Safety Patrol Chief

**BIG CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MEETING April 7, 2011 7:00PM
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Roger Walsh, Chairman; Paul Sacotte, Secretary; Chris Genthe, Treasurer; John Stern, Jim McGath, Daniel Carroll; Operations Manager and Water Safety Patrol Chief

ABSENT: Mike Burns, excused; Joe Spaeth, absent

1. Pledge of allegiance and Roll Call

Chairman Roger Walsh led Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance. Paul Sacotte called the roll. Those present and absent were as listed above.

2. Public Hearing on Ordinance 2011-1, Which revises, repeals, repeals and recreates several sections of Ordinance 93.1, as amended and which creates several new sections of Ordinance 93.1 as amended. Ordinance 93.1, as amended, relates to regulations of boating and other activities in and on the waters of Big Cedar Lake, Gilbert Lake and the channel connecting Big Cedar Lake and Gilbert Lake. The revisions relate to definitions, water skiing, tubing and swimming. Operation of personal watercraft by minors is repealed and the high water emergency provisions are repealed and recreated. The creation of several new sections in Ordinance 93.1, as amended, relate to prohibiting power launching and retrieving and disorderly conduct, adopting state underage alcohol provisions and establishing penalties for violating the prohibitions on power launching and retrieving and for violating the state underage alcohol provisions.

The meeting was opened for the public hearing on Ordinance 2011-1. The issue was presented that due to power launching large rocks and sediment have left huge holes at the end of the concrete slabs. Due to this fact the slab can slide down causing huge issues. The District is researching repair options; therefore the damage from power launching can be corrected. The new ordinance will state that one must have their motor in neutral when exiting and entering one's boat trailer.

Bill Doll of 5425 West Lake Drive was the first to speak. His first concern is will he be able to throttle up his engine while in neutral while his boat is on his trailer out of the water to properly warm up the engine, so when he enters the water in neutral the engine will run smoothly. The Commissioners agreed that this is possible.

Bill also stated that he is an engineering contractor and would like to submit to the District plans and specifications that would work for the slabs. Roger encouraged him to submit these plans and that Roger would forward them to the DNR, but that the DNR would have to approve the plans before they could be incorporated.

Next John Stern of 5824 West Lake Drive questioned that having a pontoon boat in neutral while positioning it on the trailer is difficult. He asked if he was able to keep it in gear so the operator can keep it straight while driving onto

the trailer, due to the fact that many factors such as wind and currents, make it difficult to keep a pontoon boat straight while returning to the trailer.

The following residents attended the meeting with the concern that the hours that boaters can ski or tube be extended:

1. Susan Bellehumeur
2. Dave Webster – 5712 West Lake Drive
3. Matt Robrahn – 4786 North Merten Drive
4. Todd Bence – 4630 Cedar Park Drive

Currently the ordinance on Big Cedar Lake states that one can drive a boat 35 mph from 8:00am until 8:00pm or sundown; except they cannot ski or tube before 10:00am. The residents requested that a change be made that they are able to ski or tube before the 10:00am start time, because they are able to drive at 35 mph as early as 8:00am. Their desire is to be able to start earlier before the lake becomes too congested, especially on weekends. Their concerns were noted and will be voted on at later meeting.

John Stern also discussed that clarification be made on the ordinance that only one tow line is allowed behind a boat. A tube that is able to carry more passengers is fine as long as only one tow line is coming from the boat. If this ordinance is not being followed the driver will receive the citation.

John Stern asked if in the ordinance a definition of anchoring should be added for clarity. His main concern was for unity in language so that all of the officers understand what exactly is required for proper anchoring.

John Stern raised the question of the ordinance of having a fully submerged propeller on Gilbert Lake; what is the definition of fully submerged? What are they exactly trying to regulate? Personal water craft are required to stay out of Gilbert Lake without a permit. The District tries to be more restrictive in this bay, out of respect for the spawning beds, shallow depth and vegetation.

Brett Weir stated there are five delegates, him being one of them, whom belong to the Conservation Congress. Anyone is welcome to contact him and to attend a meeting of the Conservation Congress for further information concerning Big Cedar Lake or Gilbert Lake.

Roger Walsh closed the public hearing at 8:00pm.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the 2/10/11 and the 4/15/10 Meetings of the Commissioners and the 3/14/11 Meeting of the Finance Committee

Three amendments to the 2/10/11 minutes are necessary. The first is in section #3; it will now state that Chris Genthe moved to ratify the actions of the finance committee taken at its 1/13/11 meeting. Two amendments will be made in section #10, the year will be changed to 2011 and Mike Carney's wage is \$17.69, not \$16.69. Section #16 of the 4/15/10 minutes will be revised to read as follows, since some of the wages were entered incorrectly in the original minutes but were entered correctly in the system and paid out properly for the 2010 work year:

“Mike Burns moved, Jim McGath seconded, to approve the following District Employee pay increases for 2010, effective January 1, 2010: Scott Schultz - \$17.00, Jeff Rollins - \$19.00, Mike Hersh - \$19.00, Mike Lane - \$19.00, Dave Darin - \$23.00, Steve Brown - \$25.00, Mark Riley - \$25.34 with a \$.50/hr. bonus, Jay Zautner - \$25.34 with a \$.50/hr. bonus, Dennis Hensler - \$21.32 with a \$.40/hr. bonus, Ed Begalke - \$13.79 with a \$.25/hr. bonus, Tom Poker - \$18.20 with a \$.35/hr. bonus, Mike Carney \$17.69, Sue Schmidt \$11.91 and Dan Carroll - \$30.50 (adjusted as in the past to factor in the payment by the District to the Wisconsin

Retirement System). A roll call vote was taken. Paul Sacotte, Mike Burns, Jim McGath, Chris Genthe and Roger Walsh voted aye. John Stern and Joe Spaeth voted nay. Motion carried.”

Paul Sacotte moved to approve the amended minutes of the 2/10/11 and the 4/15/10 meeting of the Commissioners and the 3/14/11 Meeting of the Finance Committee. Mike Burns seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Ratification of the Actions of the Finance Committee Taken at its 3/14/11 Meeting

John Stern moved to ratify the actions of the finance committee taken at its 3/14/11 meeting. Paul Sacotte seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Approval of Bills and Accounts and Approval of Purchases, Leases, Contracts, Work Orders or Repairs Whose Cost Exceeds \$500 including:

Jim McGath moved for the approval of checks #7706 through #7720, and #229, #231- #239 to the IRS. Paul Sacotte seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

6. Report on District Operations in General, Including:

- **Final Report on the 2011 Winter Safety Patrol and other Winter Operations**

For the Month of March 2011 there were 11.5 winter patrol hours, 10 administrative hours, for a total of 21.5 hours. No citations or written warning were issued. For the entire 2011 winter operation there was a total of 201.5 hours. Compared to March 2010 there were 24 winter patrol hours, 2.5 administrative hours, for a total of 26.5 hours. No citations and 1 written warning were issued.

Ed Begalke has decided to retire from the District. The district’s current accountant Chris Aagerup was let go. A new accountant, Angie Jackson, has been hired.

The Patrol costs for 2010 totaled \$53,760.23. The DNR reimbursement percentage was 69.3% for a total reimbursement amount of \$37,242.46.

Dan is receiving bids for the repairs to the building exterior. Dan inquired about fixing the launch areas. Due to power launching there is erosion and large rocks under the pad. There are huge holes at the end of the concrete slabs which can cause the slabs to slide down creating huge issues. Dan was instructed to receive bids for the launch repairs. Roger is waiting to hear from Paul Sebo concerning the ponds project on the former Zuern property.

7. Discussion and Action on 2009 Audit from Baker Tilly

Roger noted that a couple of years ago he received quotes from other auditors and found that Baker Tilly fees are still the most reasonable. Not many audit companies will do Municipal government audits.

John Stern moved to approve the audit from Baker Tilly. Chris Genthe seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

8. Approval of Liability, Auto and Workers Compensation Insurance Package for the Period of 5/10/11 to 5/10/12

Roger mentioned that he tried to get an insurance company in addition to the Horton Group (through the Arthur Gallagher Agency) to quote on the liability package for the District, but was informed early this week that that company, EMC, would not bid on the coverage because we hired law enforcement employees who had the power of arrest and who carried weapons.

John Stern moved to approve the liability, auto and workers compensation insurance package from the Horton Group for the period of 5/10/11 to 5/10/12. Jim McGath seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

9. Approval of Property Insurance Package for the Period of 5/10/11 to 5/10/12 with the Local Government Property Insurance Group

Jim McGath moved to approve the property insurance package with the Local Government Property Insurance Group for the period of 5/10/11 to 5/10/12. Chris Genthe seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

10. Approval of Equipment and User Agreements with Washington County relating to the District's Mobile and Portable Radios

The approval to sign the equipment agreements is subject to clearing up any issues and questions that the Commissioners have relating to the user agreements with Washington County relating to the District's mobile and portable radios.

Johns Stern moved to approve the equipment and user agreements with Washington County relating to the District's mobile and portable radios, subject to clearing up several issues and questions that the Commissioners raised on these agreements. Chris Genthe seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

11. Other Business

There was none.

12. Adjourn

Paul Sacotte moved to adjourn. Chris Genthe seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Prepared and submitted by

Paul Sacotte, Secretary