

Commissioners:

Roger E. Walsh, Chairperson Christopher C. Genthe, Treasurer Paul Sacotte, Secretary
Mike Burns Frank "Buzz" Carr James McGath Brian Krebs
Daniel W. Carroll, Operations Manager and Water Safety Patrol Chief

**BIG CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT MEETING
June 20, 2018 MINUTES**

PRESENT: Roger E. Walsh, Christopher Genthe, Paul Sacotte, Frank "Buzz" Carr, Brian Krebs, Mike Burns

ABSENT: James McGath

Also present: David Baldus, Doug and Beverly Sturgeon, Bruce Reynolds, and Steve Simon

1. Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call

Roger Walsh led Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance at 6:32 pm. Julie Riley called the roll. Those present and absent are listed above.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the May 16, 2018 Meeting of the Commissioners

Paul Sacotte moved for the approval of the Minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting of the Commissioners. Frank "Buzz" Carr seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

3. Approval of purchases, leases, contracts, work orders or repairs whose cost exceeds \$500 including:

- Waste Management - \$92,956.04 for Garbage Contract amount for the June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019 period.

Brian Krebs asked for clarification in regard to the term for garbage contract and end dates, and collection locations. Discussion took place in regards to renewal of the contract in 2019 when the current 5-year contract expires. Paul Sacotte moved for the approval of \$92,956.04 for the garbage contract with Waste Management from June 1, 2018 through May 31, 2019. Frank "Buzz" Carr seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Approval of Bill and Accounts

- Review of register. Dan Carroll explained entries.

Chris Genthe moved for the approval of checks 8936-8960, and e-checks 2254, 2257-2289, 2293-2310. Mike Burns seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

5. Report on District operations in general, including:

- Report on 2018 Spring and Summer Water Safety Patrol operation and other 2018 Spring and Summer Operations
For the month of June, the PRD has a total of 160 Patrol hours, 12.5 administrative hours, and 19 exempt hours (boater safety) for a total of 191.5 hours through June 20, 2018
19 Patrol citations and 1 written warning were issued.
For 2017, the total hours were 166.5. The weather plays a role in activity.

Annual launch fees collected to date were \$9,280.00 vs. 2017 total of \$9,760.00
Daily launch fees collected to date were \$9836.44 vs. 2017 total of \$8635.64

Big Cedar Lake has not begun weed harvesting, but it is proposed that harvesting will begin the week of July 1, 2018. Harvesting on Little Cedar Lake is proposed to begin during the week of July 16, 2018.

Scheduled pier pickup of weeds will begin the week of July 9, 2018, but residents may call the PRD to request pickup ahead of that date. Pier pickups are planned for Mondays and Fridays (bi-weekly) once harvesting has begun.

Seasonal help has been busy working for Clean Boats Clean Waters with a total just over 90 hours to date for this season so far.

PRD officers are to be deputized in order to issue parking citations in addition to launch fee citations and other current duties. Further discussion under Items 7 and 8.

6. Update on the Sale of the 1979 Chevrolet Weed Truck and the purchase and delivery of the dump trailer

The 1979 Weed Truck has been placed for sale on a few different local buy, sell, trade, sites for \$5,000. Suggestion to list the truck on WI Surplus which is an auction site for older equipment was made by Brian Krebs. Dan Carroll to update commissioners on the sale of the truck at next month's meeting on July 11, 2018.

The delivery of the dump trailer has been made and the additional improvements to the trailer have been made. Also, the total weight of the truck and trailer while loaded made it necessary for the supervisor to complete a WI CDL Certificate for operation. The supervisor will be testing and should be ready for harvesting operation for early July.

7. Update on placing "No Parking" signs on roads near the lake.

Dan Carroll explained that the state approved placement of signs on Hwy 144, and the town has installed the signs. Further discussion of parking activity on and near Hwy 144, Hwy K, and other areas near the lake will take place at the July meeting. The PRD would like confirmation of actual signage on Hacker Drive, Boettcher Drive, Trackett Drive and Schneider Court. Some of those present from the POA are concerned with all of the vehicle parking on County Rd K on the west side of Big Cedar Lake.

Roger Walsh explained how Administrative Code Section NR 1.91(4)(d) determines how the maximum number of access vehicle trailer units can be allowed to be launched onto the lake. The number is based on the size of the lake, i.e., 932 acres divided by 25 = 37 vehicle trailer units to have access. The PRD has the maximum number of spaces allowed. The commissioners along with Dan Carroll would like to be included in a County meeting to discuss the safety and parking concerns on Hwy K. Brian Krebs and Dan Carroll will follow up. There was also concern expressed from the POA about a property on North Lake Drive that is allowing for parking on their property. Dan Carroll will be investigating what is happening in

regards to this additional parking and whether or not there is a violation of the Town's zoning ordinance. Parking enforcement and deputizing of BCLPRD officers were also discussed. Brian Krebs is to contact the County in regards to the parking situation on Hwy K.

8. Discussion and possible action relating to closing the Gonring Drive launch when the District's vehicle and trailer parking lots off of Gonring Drive are full

The POA had presented information from research done on other southeastern WI lakes in regards to operation of launching sites. Roger Walsh explained that the information is helpful, but it does not take into account that the information supplied is for lakes that have only one launch site, while Big Cedar Lake has three (3). To adequately enforce restriction of boats launching, we need to collect information from Big Cedar Lake launching sites, and how the area parking situation is affected. Manpower to enforce the closing of the three launch sites when parking spaces are full is also going to need to be considered.

Additional boats entering the lake from the Cedar Lake Hills subdivision, the Yacht Club, individual property owners that are renting pier spaces, etc. were also been brought to the Commissioner's attention.

The POA would like to see a gate at the Gonring Launch closed when lot spaces are full. The idea presented is to place posts on either side of the launch locations with a large link chain and a keyed lock to gain entry when launch is "open". They would like to see the launch sites other than the Gonring Drive launch "closed" on weekend days, to drive the users of those launches to the main Gonring Drive launch where admittance can be monitored. They feel that this may help in regards to the necessary manpower and cost of opening/closing/monitoring all launch locations.

The POA questioned when the DNR Administrative Code Section NR 1.91(4)(d) (the administrative code Section that allows a certain number of additional boats per acre in addition to lake residents) was established and the growth of boat traffic since it was established. Dave Baldus of the POA suggested that since this number was last arrived at quite a few years ago, and that a new study should be done.

Launch fee collection at a higher rate was considered due to the revenue of daily boat launches going down. A system using credit/debit cards was also suggested. Roger Walsh suggested that during the month of July, the PRD collect information at the launch. A policy may need to be drawn up covering all possible scenarios that changing launch guidelines can bring up. The residents on the lake also need to be informed that the launching site guidelines would be changing.

Dan Carroll brought up that additional staffing to enforce the opening/closing of the launches could be difficult. Uniformed officers at the launch were suggested during the transitioning period to keep order at the sites, as people will most likely be upset with the changes. With the hours available of the current employed officers, additional hiring may be required to staff for a short period of time.

Bev Sturgeon will be forwarding contact information to Roger Walsh to collect information from other lakes that enforce closing launch sites.

Roger Walsh will be putting together the start of a plan for the remainder of July as to how to proceed with the possible "opening/closing" of the Gonring Drive launch. An update on the findings will be presented at the July 11, 2018 meeting of the PRD commissioners.

9. Appoint Randy Boudry as a Water Safety Patrol Officer, with a starting wage of \$20 per hour, \$3 over the normal starting rate. Randy is a retired Washington County Deputy Sheriff with 30 years of service including several years on the County's water patrol.

Frank "Buzz" Carr made a motion to approve the appointing of Randy Boudry as a Water Safety Patrol Officer, with a starting wage of \$20 per hour. Paul Sacotte seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

10. Discussion and approval of District activity in a project of placing monitors in wells to measure and monitor aquifer

Bruce Reynolds presented a report to the PRD on the groundwater issues. He is seeking monetary contributions along with the Property Owners Association, CLCF, and many more entities for participation. Discussion of benefits of the collection of data and what will happen with the findings was brought up. The Commissioners would like to know more about possible well locations around the lake. Brian Krebs brought up contacting the DNR as there have already been studies done on the water aquifer in our area that may have data of interest. Reynolds explained that he has a contact that has information with Richfield being a model that he can forward to Roger. Roger Walsh requested that Bruce Reynolds forward contact and research information via email for further review, and to possibly make contact with more of the local governing entities. Further discussion in regards to the PRD possibly contributing will be updated at the July 11, 2018 meeting.

11. Other Business.

Dan Carroll updated commissioners that he is working on getting a quote for an Aquatic Plant Management plan as the previous company used is no longer in business.

12. Adjourn

Paul Sacotte made a motion to adjourn. Frank "Buzz" Carr seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Prepared and submitted by Julie Riley on behalf of Paul Sacotte, Secretary.