



The Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Annual Meeting  
August 29, 2015

Opening remarks were given by Gary Ovick and included explanation of lake district and handout of map showing lake district parcels. Gary Ovick introduced each Board Member. Board Members in attendance were Gary Ovick, Jerry Tack, Mike Reiter, Beth Hartman, Helen Johnson and Ann Layton.

Secretary's Report: Minutes for the August 23, 2014 Annual meeting were presented. Dave Larson motioned to waive reading of the minutes, seconded by Mike Reiter. Gary Ovick moved to approve minutes. Seconded by Mike Reiter. Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Aquatic Plant Management Committee: Mike Reiter presented information on the 2015 accomplishments noting that the 2011 grant was completed. Work continues on the 2014 grant which included the herbicide treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP). Results have been very positive. Active CLP sites on the lakes have been significantly reduced. Graphs showing herbicide concentration rates in 24 hours following treatment were presented which show the very quick drop off rate for herbicide used. Mike presented information on aquatic invasive species (AIS) to be on the lookout for and noted recent identification of AIS including Eurasian Watermilfoil and zebra mussels in area lakes. AIS on our lakes that have been targeted for removal include purple loosestrife and Japanese Knotweed. Identification material was presented and additional cards and posters for AIS identification were available during the break and following the meeting. Work continues on the Aquatic Plant Management Plan which is the starting point for future grant requests. There have been several meetings with volunteer participation resulting in a draft which is available for review on the website. The plan is awaiting DNR approval.

The new grant for Healthy Lakes Initiative was covered by Beth Hartman. Work has begun on a few of the sites on Big Lake. Ours is one of the first lake districts to begin work on this grant. As this will be a continuing grant with additional funds available in the future a form is included in the handouts, "Shoreline Habitat Improvements", seeking property owners interested in various projects to improve water quality.

Kel Kobernick covered a new grant that was secured to study Water Quality and the Internal Load of phosphorus in Big Lake. Initially project was to start this year however the project has been delayed until 2016 so a complete years data, beginning after ice out, can be obtained.

CBCW Committee: Jerry Tack presented, noting that we have already met our targets for hours worked at the boat landings. Inspectors have concentrated on live wells and bait buckets this year in addition to the looking for weeds. The importance of this program in light of the AIS found in surrounding lakes was highlighted.

Dams Committee: Jerry Tack presented photos showing work that has been done to repair the dam and detailed additional work needed to prevent further damage.

Navigation Committee: Jerry Tack presented highlighting buoy placement and no wake regulations.

Fish Stocking Committee: Gary Ovick presented for Bob Meyer. Handout was provided showing fish stocking numbers from 1997 to 2016, with budget numbers for 2015 and 2016. Permits and contracts are in place for budgeted stocking of walleye in the amount of \$5700 for 2015.

Social Committee: David Zanick highlighted the events held in 2015 including the Social Dinner and 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Attendance was up at both events and plans are already underway for next year. The social dinner will be at UW Wanderoos again and is scheduled for June 18, 2016. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade will be on Big Lake

Water Patrol Committee: Jerry Tack presented. Designation of a full time sheriff's deputy for the patrol of all Polk County lakes resulted in change to our local boat patrol. Overall the patrol hours on our lake went from 34 hours in 2014 to 17.5 hours in 2015. There were 14 contacts vs, 32 last year and 2 citations vs 4.5. There was some debate as to the real impact of reduction in patrol. Those concerned about the reduction in patrol hours were encouraged to call the Sheriff's department at 715-485-8300.

Web Site Committee: Presented by Jim Anderson. Based on the survey responses received at the Spring Meeting additional information has been included on the web page and use of the site has increased significantly. Work is being done to improve electronic notification beginning with obtaining email addresses from property owners.

\*Break\*

Grant Status: Gary Ovick presented summary of grants from 1996 to present. Current grant summary with dollars and volunteer hours was presented. Importance of volunteer hours in grant reimbursement was emphasized.

2014 Annual Audit: Jerry Tack provided a summary of audit noting that no irregularities were found and "financial documents are in very good order" according to auditor Joel Hazzard. Letter from the Board of Commissioners regarding the audit was provided to membership as a handout.

Treasurers Report: Jerry Tack presented the Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for 2014 Year End and Year to Date 07/31/2015 and 2016 Budget proposals and the Non-Lapsing Funds summaries (NLF) for the same periods. The 2016 Budget calls for the levy to remain the same for 2016. Motion to approve the 2016 budget was made by

Ann Wasescha and seconded by David Zanick. Motion passed.

Election of Commissioners: Gary Ovick presented the board's nominations. Gary Ovick was up for re-election as Chairman. Also a write-in candidate was available on the ballot. Secret ballots were used and Gary received 34 votes, thus elected to a three year term.

Q & A: Gary Ovick presented.

Closing: Gary Ovick presented. Handout provided from the Polk County Sheriff's Department highlighting the most common complaints. Also noted the proposed district calendar and emphasized volunteer opportunities and positive impact on our grants which benefit the lakes and all of us.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rene Peltier and seconded by Dave Larson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 11:00 A.M.

Prepared by Secretary Ann Layton.