

7/27/85

The eighth annual meeting of the Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was held July 27, 1985, at 10:00 A.M. at the West Immanuel Lutheran Church.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dick Berquist. Dick introduced the board members. The minutes of the last annual meeting were read. A motion was made by Elwood Einerson, seconded by Lionel Forrest, to accept the minutes as read. Motion carried. Fred Homan read the treasurer's report. Expenses for the year were \$6,667.08. The present balance is \$5,241.60. A motion was made by Stewart Dennison, seconded by Lionel Forrest, to accept the treasurer's report as read. Motion carried.

Eldon Kern, Fish Management, reported that 250,000 fryes were planted in Big Lake this year. Eldon and Earl Mork watched for fingerlings to come through, but they never did. Eldon has been taking care of installing the gate when it is necessary.

Fred Homan reported on his findings from the water samples taken from the three lakes this past fall and spring. He found no acid rain. Phosphate, nitrogen, and some ammonia were found. These are found in fertilizer, grass clippings, run off fertilizer from lawns, and oil. These will cause algae in the lakes. Fred also used a secchi disc, purchased by the Lake District, to test clearness of the lakes. Each month this summer ~~Eldon~~ Fred tested the water in all three lakes. The range in clearness was: Round Lake - 6 ft. to 12 ft., Church Pine - 11 ft. to 14 ft., Big Lake - 6 ft. to 12 ft. As of our July 27th meeting each lake had been up to their normal clearness and the algae was almost none. Someone reported a brown color algae in the north bay of Pine Lake. This possibly could be caused by some run off of farmland. Fred also reported on the bay on the north end of Big Lake. He asked the D.N.R. to check this and they reported no run off from the Mork farm. There was, however, beaver found tearing up soil and weeds which were floating into the lake, causing polluting. A permit to kill the beavers was received from the D.N.R. Fred Homan and Amos Flattum each killed a beaver. At present, no more beaver have been seen.

Dale Register reported on this years weed cutting. Very few complaints were received on the weed cutting. Property owners were satisfied with Jim Johnson as the weed cutter. Weeds were removed as follows:

Big Lake	-	34.49	Hours	(25 Racks)
Church Pine	-	24.31	Hours	(13 Racks)
Round Lake	-	<u>38.55</u>	Hours	(29 Racks)

97.35 Total Hours for Cutting

Dick Berquist reported the cost of water testing per lake was \$120.00 for a total cost of \$360.00 this year. Dick feels by water testing the lake, eliminating weed spraying, and a continuation of the weed cutting for at least three years, we should see a great improvement in the algae in the three lakes.

The dam was the next subject discussed. Dick Berquist reported that Warren White, an Engineer, has been hired to lay out a plan for the dam and water spillway. As first planned the expenses of the dam were to be \$3,000, but after contacting the D.N.R. and Warren White, more construction was needed as were easements required. The present cost of the dam will be \$10,000. The D.N.R. said the dam is to be kept up by the Lake District and not the property owners. At this time there is no money assistance from the State. Dick mentioned a bill is in the legislative to make money available to Lake Districts by using tax money from boat gas. If the bill is passed, there will be permits available for each Lake District for funds. Dick Berquist, George Vollert of Star Prairie, and Lloyd Christensen of Amery are members of W.A.L.D. They will do all their best to get permits regarding assistance for our Lake District.

Dick Berquist reported he had written to the D.N.R. for a permit to have the culvert under County Rd. K dredged. Work will be completed as soon as the permit is received. The work will be contracted to Casey Excavating of New Richmond.

Bob Viebrock and Mrs. Lloyd Larson spoke briefly on the dam. They stated their interest in having the dam repaired because the dam is located on their property and the repair work would benefit them. They are willing to donate money towards this project. Bob credited Dick Berquist for getting the dam project underway. Warren White suggested the spillway to the dam be dried out in case there were some carp eggs or fries in the spillway. The D.N.R. suggested that lake trout be put in the pond by the dam. Dick reported the D.N.R. controls the lake level in Big Lake. Fred Homan will take care of the gate that is placed in the dam.

Discussion followed on the dam and weed control. A motion was made by Stewart Dennison, seconded by Pat Durkin, to levy \$10,000 for construction of the dam and weed control for 1986. Motion carried.

Our guest speaker, County Conservation Jeff Timms, was introduced by Dick Berquist. Jeff indicated the water shed for sewers was good around our lakes. There is a sandy loam in the area, which is good, but nitrogen can keep running down and can eventually drain in our lakes no matter what the water level is. There are more year around residents on the lakes today. If they have put in new sewer systems there are no problems. There is a way to test septic tanks by a soil tester. All lake owners should have this done. Lake Districts can demand this to be done to determine if there is drainage from septic tanks in our lakes. If anyone would like this done, they should contact Jeff for a soil tester.

Election of Officers was discussed. The position of Secretary and one Board Member were to be replaced. Nominations for Secretary was in order. Earl Ryan made a motion, seconded by Lionel Forrest, that Bea Hinz remain Secretary. Motion carried. Bea Hinz accepted. Tom Diaz's position as Board Member was up. Nominations for a Board Member were open. Stewart Dennison made a motion, seconded by Harold Skiba, that Tom Diaz remain as a Board Member. Motion carried. Tom Diaz accepted.

A motion was made by Lionel Forrest, seconded by Dick Larson, that a check for \$25.00 be given to West Immanuel Lutheran Church for the use of the basement. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Larson, seconded by Lionel Forrest, to pay the Secretary \$25.00/Quarterly for her duties. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Larson, seconded by Ardys Berquist, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Coffee, lemonade and donuts were served by Ardys Berquist.

Respectfully submitted,



Bea Hinz, Secretary