

PHANTOM LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

February 28, 2008  
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Approved Minutes

Steve Todd, chairperson, called the meeting of the Phantom Lakes Management District to order at 7:08 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Greg Blohm, Steve Verduyn, Waukesha County Representative Karen McNelly, and Town of Mukwonago Representative David Dubey. Grace Graham was excused and Carol Fait was absent. Guest Tom Stefanowski was present.

S. Todd acknowledged that the meeting was properly noticed.

**Open Forum** – Mr. Stefanowski introduced himself and is running for Town Supervisor.

**Announcements & Correspondence** – S. Todd commented on the removal of the two dams on Crooked Creek. The Board discussed the removal of these two dams and it will be on the agenda next month for any further discussion.

The District now has a new mailing address: PO Box 212, Eagle, WI 53119.

**Secretary's Report** – G. Blohm made a **Motion** to approve the minutes from the monthly meeting on December 27, 2008; second by S. Verduyn, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – S. Verduyn summarized the Treasurer's Report from December 28, 2007 through February 28, 2008. G. Blohm made a **Motion** to approve and pay the bills, second by S. Todd, motion carried. Total bills to be paid were \$1,444.08, and total deposits of \$37,537.46. The Equipment CD has been transferred into a Money Market for easier accessibility.

**Review of Secretary/Treasurer Assistant** – The Board discussed the past year's performance of Gina Krause and agreed a raise is in order. After much discussion, S. Verduyn made a **Motion** to increase the rate of pay by 3.5%, retroactive as of February 24, 2008, second by D. Dubey, motion carried.

**Well Update** – S. Todd commented that the minutes from the Mukwonago River Initiative's meeting in December stated that the Village of East Troy has denied the claim made (DNR required to do an Environmental Assessment) by Attorney Frank Davenport, and the DNR has still not responded. The waiting period should have ended by now and a formal complaint should be filed by mid January. Also of interest was that East Troy says the Lake Beulah Well won't be operational for six months. S. Todd attended the Village of Mukwonago January Public Works Committee meeting and received a positive response to a potential well guarantee for town residents. The Village has no idea of when the well would actually start pumping. They were not responsive to the idea of a monitoring well, but did ask S. Todd to return and discuss the well guarantee when they get closer to actually turning on the well at the Caine property.

**Harvesting Operations** – S. Todd confirmed that Mr. Pakulski has been searching for available trucks and he himself has been following up with the search. S. Verduyn offered to help with the following up process and by the next meeting there should be some options for the Board to choose between. The harvester will need to have new seals put in the two paddle wheel pumps before the harvesting season starts. Inland Harvesting is willing to significantly save the District money if the District removes and delivers the pumps to them. S. Todd, Bob Pakulski, and G. Blohm (if needed) will attempt to remove the pumps and take them in for the new seals, which will significantly save money. The District will still be applying for a refurbished harvester grant this year.

**Legislative Update** – S. Todd received a response from Senator Kedzie and was sent the second report under Act 310 – Wisconsin Groundwater Advisory Committee 07 Report to the Legislature. The second report deals with the effectiveness of the current Act 310, the law and its provisions.

**Slow-No Wake Flooding Ordinance** – S. Todd has obtained several sample ordinances from the DNR. The Town would be the ones to enact the ordinance and during excessive rainfall this ordinance would have to be followed. The Village Dam will be monitored during heavy rains and when the water level exceeds the set limit the Lake District will post the slow-no-wake. S. Todd will work with D. Dubey and the Town to get an ordinance drafted.

**Dam Shoreline Stabilization Project** – S. Todd asked the Board to consider helping fund the Dam Shoreline Stabilization Project. The question of ownership was raised. The Village is saying that we don't own the property just south of the Dam. S. Todd will look farther into the ownership once again.

## **New Business**

**Support of Great Lakes Compact** – G. Blohm commented that there were possibly going to be some changes to the compact before it goes to the legislature.

**Approval of Resolution of Refurbished Harvester Grant** – S. Verduyn made a **Motion** for S. Todd to act on behalf of the PLMD to submit an application to the Wisconsin Waterways Commission for financial assistance, sign documents, and take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete the refurbishing of the existing weed harvester. Second by D. Dubey, motion carried.

**YMCA Camp Life Jackets** – S. Todd commented that after Sergeant Dennis Nork's comment at the District's fall meeting, the PLMD may not be able to financially help out the YMCA Camp but he would like to see if they could find some business that would be willing donate life jackets to the YMCA Camp. S. Todd will further investigate how many and what sizes the camp are in need of.

**ATV Use at Night** – S. Verduyn expressed his concerns as to the excessive noise and safety on the lake by the use of snowmobiles as well as ATV's at night. He recommended creating an ordinance that would not limit the use of the lake but to possibly improve the safety at night and reduce the noise. The Board showed considerable interest in drafting an ordinance and S. Todd will contact John Plenke (DNR) for some sample ordinances.

At 9:02pm, D. Dubey moved to adjourn, second by K. McNelly, motion carried.

**Next Meeting – The board will meet Thursday, March 27, 2008 at the Mukwonago Town Hall at 7:00pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Krause  
Treasurer/Secretary Assistant