



"Changing our World One Drop at a Time"

Waterford Waterway Management District
Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Sept 17, 2009

1. Call to Order

Chairman Dick Kosut called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Waterford Town Hall, Waterford, WI. Commissioners present: Brian Marx, Don Baron, Kelly Cornelius, John Bostrom and Barbara Baron. Absent was Cmr Andres Peekna.

2. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2009 Board of Commissioners meeting were made by Cmr B. Baron and seconded by Cmr Cornelius
Vote: 6 Yes 0 No
Minutes on file.

3. Correspondence/Chairman's Report

Chairman Kosut received an inquiry from Wisconsin Lakes partnership to update their mailing list, he will complete it and return it to them.

4. Treasurer's Report/Bill Payment Approval

Cmr Marx submitted a detailed report for Aug/Sept 2009.
Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Cmr B. Baron, seconded by Cmr Cornelius.
Reports on file
Vote: 6 Yes 0 No

\$609.78	Southern Lakes Newspaper
\$460.00	Porta Johns for pontoon classroom
\$800.00	Prewards
\$300.00	Buses for pontoon classroom
\$485.00	Bouy Lights
\$100.00	Web Hosting fees

Motion to approve payment of the above bills was made by Cmr Bostrom and seconded by Cmr D. Baron
Vote: 6 Yes 0 No

5. Project Updates

A. Idewood Dr

There is a standing water problem in the area of the project that needs to be looked at and Norm Abplanalp and Chairman Kosut will look at it. There was also some damage to the asphalt at the corner of the roadway and the contractor has agreed to repair it. Overall the project looks great and the property owners are very happy with the outcome.

B. Pontoon Classroom

The adult pontoon classroom was extremely successful. It was nice to be able to interact with some of the riparian owners. It is highly recommended for next year and there were even a couple of people that volunteered to help the WWMD. Some people said they learned more on the classroom than in all of the years they have lived there.

Cmr B. Baron received a letter from the Waterford Graded school district thanking the WWMD and Runzheimer for the wonderful and informative event. One of the teacher created a book for each student to use during the classroom.

C. District History

See attached report.

6. Information, Education & Marketing

A. Information and Education

Comr Cornelius mentioned that the E-Learning center is now complete and has a link on the WWMD's website. It will be continuously updated. See attached report.

B. Public Relations

Comr D. Baron has contacted the media to showcase the pontoon classroom and the only one to respond was the Waterford Post. See attached report.

7. Legislative/Waterway Ordinance

Nothing to report.

8. Aquatic Plant, Navigation & Hydrology

Comr Bostrom will be looking at spraying vendors for next year. The Hydrology committee had a meeting this week and discussed the things that need to be done and next steps. See attached report.

9. Executive Committee

See attached report

10. Old business

A. C.A.U.S.E. – Nothing to report

B. FRC – Their next meeting is Sept 18th at 12:30

11. New Business

There is a resolution 2009-02 which was put together by Norm Abplanalp for the support and assistance of the development of the storm water ordinances that will help prevent future storm water run-off issues.

Vote: 6 Yes 0 No

12. Opportunity for public to address WWMD Commissioners

No discussions

Respectfully Submitted,

Brian R. Marx, Secretary

Meeting Guests Sept 17, 2009

Lois Abplanalp	7442 Poplar Cr	662-4892
Jack Miller	7416 Poplar Circle	847-456-6243
Bill Mainus	28658 Clove Ct	262-706-3143
John Bjork	5201 Riverside Rd.	534-5570
Melissa Martin	6515 Willow Ct.	662-1244
Norm Abplanalp	7442 Poplar Cr	662-4892

Information and Education Committee Report:

Website Updates:

[WWMD eLearning Center](#) (Webpage) Added!
www.wwmd.info Content Changes:
Articles and Events added as submitted.

Newsletter Updates:

Please submit articles for the Newsletter. Estimated date of publication October 15th.

Other:

The [WWMD eLearning Center](#) has been created;

The type of webpage used for the site is known as a wiki; a wiki has software that allows users (with access permissions) to create, edit, and link web pages easily. Wikis' are often used to create collaborative websites.

This wiki is where Riparian Owners' learn about the Waterford Waterway Management District (WWMD) and waterway topics of interest. The purpose of this wiki is to provide eLearning Modules on various topics for district members and the community. This is an evolving website-please contribute to its growth.

The following is the menu for the website:

Module 1: Preface

Topic 1: Preface (Camtasia© Presentation: 5:41 minutes: Opens in new window)

Module 2: General Principles

Topic 1: Overview (Camtasia© Presentation: 2:51 minutes: Opens in new window)

Topic 2: Audience

Topic 3: Module Goals

Topic 4: Definition of terms

Module 3: Background

Topic 1: General Information

Topic 2: Resources and Affiliations

Topic 3: People and Government

Topic 4: Articles

Module 4: Discussions of Interest

Topic 1: Invasive Species Identification and Control

Topic 2: Shoreline erosion and repair (preparing to apply for a permit)

Topic 3: Boating Ordinances

Topic 4: WWMD Blog (Leave the WWMD eLearning Center website: Opens in new window)

Topic 5: Calendar of Events Topic 6: Frequently Asked Questions

Topic 7: Newsletter Archive

Module 5: Volunteering

Topic 1: Aquatic Plant, Navigation and Hydrology

Topic 2: Eco-System Restoration

Topic 3: Information and Education

Topic 4: Legislative

Topic 5: Marketing

Topic 6: Ordinance

Topic 7: Planning

Topic 8: Research

Topic 9: Special Projects

Respectfully submitted K. Cornelius

Reminder:

As a commissioner, you are able to edit the website content.

Please contact me if you need tutorials on "how-to". I'd be delighted to help.

PONTOON CLASSROOM on FOX RIVER/TICHIGAN LAKE

The Waterford Waterway Management District (WWMD) and over 50 volunteers in cooperation with sponsor, Runzheimer International, educated the five Waterford Middle Schools.

- St Thomas
- St. Peters
- Drought
- North Cape
- Fox River Middle School

Approximately 164 students and staff attended a “hands-on” learning experience on the waterway, to better understand the environmental and ecological issues affecting this beautiful natural resource. explained, WWMD. Commissioner Barbara Baron who spearheaded the event.

“We ferried the students to learning stations strategically located on the water. These stations provided an insight into the cause and effect that pollution and erosion has on our fish, wildlife habitats and the quality of our water.

LEARNING STATIONS:

- WWMD Chairman, Dick Kosut coordinated 20 pontoon boats, 10 yellow and 10 blue to arrive at said stations.
- Mike Hahn Managing Director from Environmental Management Services Limited, explained the purpose of the dam and why they are needed.
- WWMD Commissioner, John Bostrom taught the history, geography, size 300 acres of conservancy bay and what a watershed is..
- Specialists from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, netted and explained the different varieties of fish.
- Jeff Stelzer, Biologist from Lake and Pond Solutions LLC explained the different aquatic plant species, native verses invasive.
- Waterford Water Patrol, stopped boats to teach boating regulations and safety on the waterway.

It was a sunny blue skied day that started at 9:30 am and ended at 2 :00 pm. The classroom launch location was compliments of Scott Piper owner of Waterford River City Marina. Lunch was served on the property of, Tom and Christine Hincz, located on the NW corner of Tichigan Lake.

Students were bused to the location, volunteers directed them to their assigned pontoon boats. All boats were provided and manned by volunteers, and were safety checked by the Water Patrol before taking students to the learning stations.

“WWMD sponsored educational programs are offered at no cost to the schools through funds provided by generous donations,.” said Barb Baron, WWMD Chairperson of the event. She is also grateful for the cooperation of the Waterford School District. “Our meetings with the Superintendents and Principles of each school, have given the District positive direction from the very start of our discussions. Their input and guidance were invaluable to the success of this event.”

Contact:

Barbara Baron, WWMD Commissioner
Chairman, Committee on Special Events
1-847-297-7700 Office

Aquatic & Hydrology Committee Activities

September 17, 2009

Aquatic Plant Management Activities;

- Approved final payment to Lake & Pond Solutions Co.
 - Chrm. Kosut met with Midwest Aquatics to tour waterway, discuss their services and interest
 - Initiating values and use of grass carp by other waterway districts to assist in controlling plant growth
 - Chrm. Dick Kosut, Don Baron and I met with Police Chief Tom D. to discuss shallow navigation into the river north with goal to remove no wake zone north to DNR boat launch. Chief advises DNR must approve.
- Requested replacement of at least 4 navigation buoy lights and Chief advised they did not have enough funding to place an order and the spares had also been installed.
- Agreed to provide 50% of needed funds from Aquatic Mgmt. 2020 budget in the amount of \$450.
- The Town has replaced the buoy lights
- Provide support to pontoon classroom on overview of Conservancy Bay and the Fox River Watershed.

Hydrology Activities;

- Received bio of work of Kathy Aron for future review and possible contract support from Melissa Martin
- Initial meeting of;
- Eco-System Restoration Steering Committee Meeting Minutes, 8/13/2009
7:30 PM -9 PM; Members present with exception of excused Donna Block

Discussion on work of steering committee, who will provide guidance for all project work and efforts toward removal of silt and re-establishment of the natural bottom of the waterway.
Additional volunteers will be welcomed and assigned to project work teams as the project develops.

Discussed scope of project and review of July 16th report on communication with the US ACOE for overview of project size and estimated costs.
First requirement will be compiling of tests and due-diligence for the ACOE to begin their feasibility study, however tests must be timed with DNR applications and approvals so they receive and accept testing within a qualified timeframe.

Large funding in the \$\$\$ Millions is needed so must develop continuing and strong relationships with local, state and federal elected officials to improve district efforts to obtain any and all grants and shared funding available.

Management oversight may be in our best interests similar to engineering and Melissa will make initial contact with Kathy Aron, experienced in lake management, to seek a meeting on the project.

Environmental impact reports will be required and we will also discuss our new initiative with Dr. Jeff Thornton w/SEWRPC to determine their availability to support us.

Communications with outside contacts will all coordinate through the following;

- Dick Kosut; DNR and FRC agencies
- Don Baron; US ACOE and elected officials
- Melissa Martin; to initiate contact with Kathy Aron, Lake Management Specialist
- John Bostrom and Don Baron contacts with SEWRPC

(others as needs develop)

ESR Steering Committee next meeting is 7:15 PM on 9/24/09 at Bostrom residence

Respectfully, John Bostrom, committee chair

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Executive Committee Report

1. An EM draft of a letter to Gloria McCutcheon, Regional Director of the DNR, is being circulated among committee members for comment and criticism.
2. Contact has been made with Ms. McCutcheon to establish a meeting date in her office.
3. Agenda of topics under preparation.

History Committee

1. A Canon Vixia high definition camcorder has been purchased to begin transcribing the oral history of the waterway. First taping scheduled September 25 -28.
2. Digital scanning of archival material is underway.
3. A potential author for the history has been located. First meeting scheduled this fall.
4. Outline of history is attached.

Norm Abplanalp

Tichigan Lake and the Fox River

Outline of Actions Leading to the Development of the Waterway in the Town of Waterford

Native American People

- The Potawatomi inhabited the area when the first immigrants arrived
- Tichigan Lake, Tish-ar-gan, was a sacred body of water to the Potawatami
- An Indian named Rawhide was alleged to have lived there to the age of 150 years
- Wigwams were noted on an US Survey dated 1827
- The Maney Mounds, a sacred burial site, is located a few miles north of the lake

Emigrant Migration, the agriculture age

- Early Europeans, many from Norway, began arriving in the mid 1800's
- Waterway settlers included the Malchines, Petersons, Weltzines, and Bucholtz families
- A dam and mill were built on the Fox River in Waterford in 1836
- The dam created impoundment waters known as Conservancy Bay, Buena Lake etc.
- Tichigan Corners was an important settlement located some 5 miles from town, roads were unpaved

Signs of Early Recreational Activity

- An 1868 poster advertised steam boat excursions on the Fox northward out of Waterford
- Fishing in all areas
- Clam digging was popular on the river

Early Waterway Developments

- The Wisconsin Electric RR linked Waterford to Milwaukee in 18??
- Auto traffic increased in the 1910's
- Subdivision of farm lands began in the 1920's
- 1926 aerial photo of cottages and the steel barons estate
- Ice harvesting on the lake and river
- Tichigan Corners hotel, auto garage, and grocery store

Boom Times 1920's

- Cottage colonies were built
- Residents sought refuge from the summer heat in cities
- Roads and auto travel improved
- Taverns, roadhouses, and local dives
- The outboard boat motor improved water navigation 20
- Waterford Woods and Rivermoor Golf Club
- Fishing shacks on the river. Polish on one side Germans on the other

Bust back to Boom

- 1930's slower growth
- Sail boat races, dress up parties, a simple life
- Cheap vacations on the waterway
- Wartime economy. Restart of lake living.
- Post war boom. Better roads and better cars
- Cottages convert to year round housing
- Volunteer associations to help the waterway.

Modern Living

- Volunteer fire protection
- Municipal sewer system
- Building codes and restrictions
- Fireworks over the lake
- Teardowns and build overs
- Subdivisions with gate houses
- Associations and Volunteer groups

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Accrual Basis

Waterford Waterway Management District
Balance Sheet
As of October 17, 2009

	<u>Oct 17, 09</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Equitable Bank - Checking	1,013.65
Equitable Bank - MM	55,281.95
Total Checking/Savings	<u>56,295.60</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>56,295.60</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>56,295.60</u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Long Term Liabilities	
Restricted Cash	
Island View Bay Abatement	50,000.00
Total Restricted Cash	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities	50,000.00
Equity	
Fund Bal. Inc/(dec) in Revenue	
Island View Bay Water Abatement	-50,000.00
Total Fund Bal. Inc/(dec) in Revenue	-50,000.00
Opening Bal Equity	3,477.82
Unrestrict (retained earnings)	64,494.69
Net Income	-11,676.91
Total Equity	<u>6,295.60</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u>56,295.60</u>

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Accrual Basis

Waterford Waterway Management District
Expenses by Vendor Detail
September 17 through October 17, 2009

Type	Date	Num	Memo	Account	Class	Amount	Balance
Armando Garcia							
Check	10/8/2009	1433	Website hosting renewal	Web Site Development	General	95.76	95.76
Total Armando Garcia						95.76	95.76
Cash							
Deposit	9/17/2009		Leftover money from pontoo...	Miscellaneous Income		-80.00	-80.00
Total Cash						-80.00	-80.00
Courtyard Catering							
Check	9/17/2009	1375	Lunch for students Pontoon ...	Project Expense	Pontoon Classroom	1,060.49	1,060.49
Total Courtyard Catering						1,060.49	1,060.49
Jenny Hensgen							
Check	9/17/2009	1418	Booklet Creation - Pontoon ...	Project Expense	Pontoon Classroom	93.75	93.75
Total Jenny Hensgen						93.75	93.75
Norman Abplanalp							
Check	9/17/2009	1423	Camcorder for History Com...	Contingency Expense	General	689.22	689.22
Total Norman Abplanalp						689.22	689.22
North Cape School							
Check	10/8/2009	1431	Repayment for buses for po...	Project Expense	Pontoon Classroom	127.01	127.01
Total North Cape School						127.01	127.01
Port-A-John							
Check	10/8/2009	1429	Port Potties - Pontoon Class...	Project Expense	Pontoon Classroom	460.00	460.00
Total Port-A-John						460.00	460.00
Postmaster							
Check	10/3/2009	1424	Stamps	Postage	General	26.40	26.40
Total Postmaster						26.40	26.40
Prewards Ltd							
Check	9/17/2009	1421	Annual Meeting Recognition ...	Contingency Expense	General	119.80	119.80
Check	10/8/2009	1432	T-Shirt printing for pontoon c...	Project Expense	Pontoon Classroom	781.00	900.80
Total Prewards Ltd						900.80	900.80
St Thomas Aquinas Parish School							
Check	10/8/2009	1430	Repayment for buses for po...	Project Expense	Pontoon Classroom	100.00	100.00
Total St Thomas Aquinas Parish School						100.00	100.00
Waterford Graded School District							
Check	9/17/2009	1422	Pontoon Classroom Busses	Project Expense	Pontoon Classroom	147.73	147.73

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September 17 through October 17, 2009

<u>Type</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Num</u>	<u>Memo</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Total Waterford Graded School District						147.73	147.73
No name							
Deposit	9/30/2009		Interest	Interest Income	General	-59.87	-59.87
Total no name						-59.87	-59.87
TOTAL						3,561.29	3,561.29

