



"Changing our World One Drop at a Time"

Waterford Waterway Management District

Annual Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2012

1. Call to Order

Chairman Cornelius called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM at the Waterford Town Hall, Waterford, WI.

2. Pledge of allegiance

3. Introduction of Commissioners

Chairman Kelly Cornelius introduced all current commissioners; Barbara Baron, Brian Marx, Don Baron, Andres Peekna, John Bostrom, and Paul Kling.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2011 Annual Meeting was made by Gary Bluemel and seconded by Bill Gerard: Approved Unanimously.

5. Aquatic Plant Harvesting Test Results

Dennis Hasenfang presented information on weed harvesting and weed treatments. He addressed cutting in various areas, specific areas of treatment, GPS location data; future plans, working with the DNR. He also addressed future plans, that chemical treatment of weeds cannot be used as compost and their disposal is restricted, that harvesting does not remove the plant and that floaters are sent downstream. Going forward, the committee is working on assessing harvesting and treatment data, will work with DNR to clarify questions, work with riparian owners, especially in helping to clear Buena Lake and the weeds near individual's docks (rakes are available from WWMD). He also fielded numerous questions from the floor. Dr. Thornton also added information on invasive species.

6. Election of Commissioners

Ballot prepared by the District was issued to all qualified riparian owners. Cmr. Paul Kling was presented for reelection and Gary Bluemel was introduced. The results were Paul Kling, with 58 Votes was reelected, and Gary Bluemel with 70 votes was elected. There was one write-in vote each for Don Huston and Paul Beyerl.

7. ESR project Review & Guest Speaker

A brief history & status report of the ESR project was presented by Cmr. John Bostrom. He stated our goals are to remove sediment and improve property values.

- Phase 1 – A scope of work was developed, Graef was chosen as the engineering firm, and sampling sites were identified and that 15 samples had been taken by the end of June.
- Phase 2 – Sampling continues. We applied to the FRC for a grant to cover the remaining sampling. We were awarded a grant of \$59,040, which is 90% of the cost.
- Phase 3 will handle the preliminary WDNR application for dredging.

Guest Speaker, Lawrence Witzling is a Principal at Graef - USA and Professor at The School of Architecture and Urban Planning. He has been involved with waterfront areas, each with various issues, such as payment policies & value to the community.

He talked about how all areas of a waterway are commonly treated the same, but in reality, areas are different. He spoke how something being done on one part of the waterway has value to other parts. He reviewed funding, payments and property value. He touched on methods of funding allocation that include: frontage, value of the land and the buildings, and the actual cost of the improvement. He addressed short term payments vs. long term borrowing – a decision based on what an individual’s plans are for the future of the property. He talked of capital vs. operational costs. Finally, he explained that while the district carries the costs, the value is seen by the entire community.

8. Presentation of WWMD Water Drop Award

This year’s award was presented to Brian Marx for his 6 years of service on the board.

9. Budget

Brian Marx presented the 2012 budget which included a review of the 2011 actual expenses, the, 2011 budgeted amounts and the 2012 budget projection. Highlights of the report were increases in the annual assessment from \$125 to \$175, a grant from FRC of \$59,040 for Phase 2 of the ESR project. He reviewed the individual items of the budget.

- ✓ Motion made by John Bjork to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Bob Kastengren.
- ✓ Motion made by Dan Dickinson to reduce the proposed \$17,300 for administrative costs to \$4,600. Seconded by Kurt Gottwald. Vote: 12 Yes, 55 No. Motion Defeated.

Vote to approve the budget was 60 Yes, 26 No. Budget Passed.

10. Committees and Subcommittees

Chairman Cornelius reviewed the committee and subcommittees that currently exist, the people involved in each and the need for additional help on them.

11. Chairman’s comments

Chairman Cornelius thanked everyone for attending and invited everyone to look at our Lake Management Plan.

The next annual meeting will be held on September 21, 2013.

12. Adjournment

- ✓ A motion was made by Cmr. Barb Baron, seconded by Cmr. D. Baron. Unanimously approved at 11:30 AM.

The number of riparian owners signing in and attending the meeting was 89. There were also several guests.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul Kling
WWMD Secretary