

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Onalaska Protection & Rehabilitation District
March 10, 1976
La Crosse County Courthouse

Commissioners

Donald Verthein*
Richard Hawkins*
W. G. Wassmandorf*
Charles Pierce*
Harold Lynch

Meeting called to order by Chairman Hawkins. Members present: Donald Verthein, Richard Hawkins, W. G. Wassmandorf, Charles Pierce. Absent: Harold Lynch. Guests present: Jim Cropper, Soil Conservation Service; Steve Taff, MRRPC; Mark Riebau, DNR; Ed Boebel, DNR; Dale Simon, DNR; Ken Brown, Tribune; Clarence Reed and George Reed, property owners.

Present *

Guests Present

Jim Cropper
Steve Taff
Mark Riebau
Ed Boebel
Dale Simon
Ken Brown
Clarence Reed
George Reed

Mr. Hawkins has received notice of Mr. Lynch's desire to resign from the Commission due to health reasons. Mr. Pierce read the minutes of the December meeting. The following corrections were noted: the word ejaculated should be circulated in regards to the property owners guidelines. DNR is doing the study on the aquatic life of the Lake, not Dale Simon. The minutes were approved with corrections.

Mr. Pierce reported a treasury balance of \$600.00 in the Bank of Onalaska. Source of funds: donations of \$200.00 from Jake Hoeschler and \$400.00 from Vern Dale.

Mr. Verthein and Mr. Williams, commented on the meeting on Feb. 23 between DNR, USFWS and Dr. Claflin of the UWL River Study Centers. Don Winter of the DNR Inland Lake Renewal office wanted further information on data available. He concluded by observing that most data was available or under study and the technical assistance response would outline the balance required.

Ed Boebel read the DNR response to our T.A. application. (See attached copy) Verthein commented on the water quality sampling that has been done by Holmen High School and the Brice Prairie Conservation club.

The conclusion of much discussion was that DNR would receive a report from the River Studies group by October covering their nutrient and siltation loading from the Black and Halfway Creek. A question of just what phase of the feasibility study was referred to when considering compensation to the River Studies group. Funding assistance has been reduced from 90% state, 10% local to 60/40 due to availability of funds. Boebel will respond by further defining the requirements of the feasibility study and data needed. There would be no bid letting required to assist the River Studies Group financially.

A time problem may exist because of the need for DNR response before the financial aid application can be submitted. For that reason W. G. Wassmandorf moved the feasibility study financial aids application be submitted for the maximum amount that might be allocated on a 60% state, 40% local basis. Seconded by Verthein and passed.

Mrs. Gundersen wanted the District to know that Mr. Aldrich has been working on obtaining dredging permits for the sailing club. Also that Mr. Shire has submitted application for chemical weed control application.

District and Township cooperation on Lake matters was discussed and no action deemed necessary at this time. The sewage dumping by the Twin Cities into the Mississippi was discussed including the action taken by the MRRPC on 3/10/76. Although the general comments were negative there was no action taken.

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Don Verthein moved the acceptance of Mr. Lynch's resignation. Seconded by Pierce and passed. Contact will be made with the County Board Chairman for a replacement.

Clarence Reed commented on the history and past fishing resources of the Lake. He feels the time for study is past and immediate action should be taken.

Mark Riebau said that GREAT is currently concentrating it's efforts at studying the nine foot channel maintenance operation and its consequences.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

R. K. Williams

Minutes of Meeting
Lake Onalaska Protection & Rehabilitation District
April 8, 1976
La Crosse County Courthouse

Commissioners

Donald Verthein*
Richard Hawkins*
W. G. Wassmandorf*
Charles Pierce*
Rosalie Schnick*

Present *

Guests Present

Steve Clark
Don Winter
Ed Boebel
Doug Knauer
Steve Taff
Jim Cropper
Tom Claflin
Paul Lynch
Dick Williams

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Charles Pierce reported the treasury still has a \$600.00 unchanged balance and he is open for contributions.

Wassmandorf, Hawkins, Verthein and Schnick reported they are planning on attending the District Commissioners training session to be held in Whitehall, along with Williams, on April 23. Transportation arrangements will be made later.

The letter from the Inland Lake Renewal Office regarding our feasibility study was read. Don Winter and Doug Knauer further explained the requirements set forth by the Department for the completion of the Lake Onalaska feasibility study.

Essentially, the study consists of synthesizing and compiling existing data and a sediment study to determine sedimentation rates since the formation of the Pool. Tom Claflin was asked what he considered the cost of having the River Studies Center complete the feasibility study would be. He indicated approximately \$4,000 would be needed to do the laser sedimentation study and \$2,000-\$2,500 would be needed to complete and publish the report. Cost sharing from the DNR would be 100% on the laser study and 60(State)-40(local) on the completion of the feasibility report. Winter indicated that 50% of the State share could be advanced.

Paul Lynch from Aqua Lab asked the Commission some questions to determine whether or not his company would be interested in bidding on the feasibility study. Because of the tremendous volume of existing data on Pool 7, Mississippi River, and Lake Onalaska, and the present involvement of the River Studies Center in the completion of that data, Mr. Lynch felt that he would be at a competitive disadvantage and would be unable to meet those prices indicated by the River Studies Center for the completion of the feasibility report. He recognized the uniqueness of this Lake program and would not object to a tax-supported institution receiving the work.

Don Verthein moved that the River Studies Center be requested to submit a written proposal covering the feasibility costs and submit them to the Commissioners prior to April 13. The Commission is then to forward these proposals to the Office of Inland Lake Renewal requesting a bid waiver due to the uniqueness of the District. Seconded by Wassmandorf and passed. It is felt that the total District cost will be in the neighborhood of \$800 and that this money could be raised on a voluntary basis without taxation.

There has been some destruction done to the islands of the Lake from erosion and ice. The Commissioners feel it is imperative that methods be found to reduce this damage before additional degradation of the islands takes place.

Don Winter commented on the excellent job the State of Wisconsin has been doing in securing Federal funding for water quality programs. Last year Wisconsin received 50% of the total Federal monies allocated.

Rosalie Schnick indicated her intent to attend the GREAT Side Channel Opening Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 13. Wassmandorf moved that Rosalie represent the District and request that the District be informed of any proposals being considered by GREAT in the Lake Onalaska area, including the possibility of opening bullet chute.

Rosalie also indicated that U.S.F.W.S. is also undertaking water chemical studies in Pools 7 and 8 and the results of these studies would be made available to the District on a monthly basis, if requested. Meeting adjourned.

F. H. Williams

MINUTES OF MEETING
LAKE ONALASKA PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 27, 1976
Cerise Club

Commissioners

Donald Verthein*
Richard Hawkins*
W. G. Wassmandorf*
Charles Pierce*
Rosalie Schnick*

Meeting called to order by Chairman Hawkins.

Charles Pierce moved the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Seconded by Schnick and passed.

Pierce reported the treasury balance of \$607.77. Don Verthein mentioned that he had secured an additional \$200.00 pledge to the District from the Brice Prairie Conservation Club.

Present*

Guests Present

Bob Gehl
Elizabeth Gundersen
Dick Williams

Dick Williams covered the background on the attempt by the District to secure funding for the Lake feasibility study. A request for bids was sent to seven consulting firms closest to the La Crosse area. Bids were due by May 13, 1976. The only bid received was that of the UW-La Crosse River Studies Center for \$10,300.00. The Department of Natural Resources

Ofc. Inland Lake Renewal has submitted a grant application to the District based on the River Studies Center bid. Rosalie Schnick mentioned the River Studies Center has requested additional funding from one of the Great Rivers Environmental Action Team Subcommittees. The additional money will probably result in additional information to the District. Charles Pierce moved that the District accept the grant application from Inland Lake Renewal. Seconded by Don Verthein and passed.

A contractual agreement has been drawn up between the District and UW-La Crosse River Studies Center defining the terms of the feasibility study and work to be completed by the Center. Rosalie Schnick moved that the District sign this agreement and forward it to the River Studies Center for their approval. Upon receipt of the signed agreement from the Center, they will be able to begin feasibility study work. Seconded by W. G. Wassmandorf and passed.

Rosalie Schnick reported that Norm Schien has submitted a permit for weed control on Lake Onalaska and is in the process of lining up contracts with landowners for weed control along the Brice Prairie shoreline. In addition, there would be three inlet channels to be controlled at a cost of \$350.00. Rosalie Schnick moved that the District should agree in concept to the weed control spraying for Lake Onalaska and the three channels about 1,000 feet in length from the shore to the Lake. Seconded by W. G. Wassmandorf and passed. Rosalie Schnick moved that the District place an ad in the La Crosse Tribune after the spraying project is approved to inform the Lake District members that the spraying program is available and that they can contact Schien. Seconded by W. G. Wassmandorf and passed.

Meeting adjourned 1:40 P.M.

5-27-76

BY-LAWS OF THE LAKE ONALASKA
PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

In keeping with the resolution of the La Crosse County Board that created the Lake Onalaska Protection and Rehabilitation District, the electors of the said Onalaska Lake District do adopt these By-Laws. The purpose of these By-Laws is to define and regulate the activities of the Onalaska Lake District, its officers and committees. These By-Laws shall at all times be interpreted in a manner consistent with the laws of the State of Wisconsin.

ARTICLE I - ELECTORS

Section 1--RESIDENT ELECTORS--Every resident of the District who is eligible to vote in general elections shall be an eligible elector of the District.

Section 2--NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS--Every person who owns real property in the District, or is the official representative of a corporation, partnership, or association that owns real property in the District, shall be an eligible elector.

ARTICLE II - VOTING

Section 1--MULTIPLE VOTING--Every elector may cast only one vote on any question called to a vote. For example, an owner of real property in the District who is also a resident of the District may cast only one vote. Likewise, a resident of the District who is also the official representative of a corporation may cast only one vote.

Section 2--MULTIPLE OWNERS--An owner of each item of real property in the District shall be eligible to cast one vote. Joint tenants or tenants-in-common shall select one of the co-owners to cast their single vote. No owner or unique set of co-owners shall cast more than one vote.

Section 3--VOTING BY PROXY--In order to vote, an elector must be present at the meeting at the time the vote is called. No elector may vote by proxy.

Section 4--BALLOTS--All votes shall be counted by a show of hands unless otherwise specified in these By-Laws or unless any elector calls for a secret, written ballot.

ARTICLE III - ANNUAL MEETINGS

Section 1--TIME AND PLACE--The annual meeting of the District shall be held between May 22 and September 8 at a time and place selected by the District Board of Commissioners, and shall continue to be held annually between May 22 and September 8 unless the date has been changed by vote of the previous annual meeting.

Section 2--NOTICE--A written notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed at least 10 days--and no more than 60 days--in advance of the meeting to all non-resident property owners and to the Department of Natural Resources and University of Wisconsin Extension. The District Board of Commissioners may substitute a class 2 notice, consisting of two insertions with the second insertion at least one week before the date of the meeting, in lieu of sending written notice to resident electors.

Section 3--NOMINATING COMMISSIONERS--The District Board of Commissioners shall nominate candidates to fill all vacancies on the Board plus one. The names of all nominated candidates shall appear on the written and published notices of the annual meeting. Additional nominations from the floor shall be requested by the chairman.

Section 4--ELIGIBILITY OF COMMISSIONERS--The annual meeting can elect to the office of commissioner any elector.

Section 5--ELECTING COMMISSIONERS--At the first annual meeting the electors shall elect three commissioners to the District Board. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to a three-year term. The candidate receiving the second greatest number of votes shall be elected to a two-year term. The candidate receiving the third greatest number of votes shall be elected to a one-year term. At subsequent annual meetings, the electors shall elect one commissioner to fill each vacancy in the District Board. When a commissioner's term of office has expired, his successor shall be elected to a three-year term. If a commissioner leaves office before the expiration of his term, his elected successor shall serve only for the remainder of the unexpired term. In any year in which more than one vacancy exists, the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to the three-year term; the candidate receiving the second greatest number of votes shall be elected to the next longest; and the candidate receiving the third greatest number of votes shall be elected to the shortest term vacancy, if any. One of the three elected commissioners must be a resident of the District. If none of the commissioners, whose terms do not expire, are resident electors, the resident elector receiving the greatest number of votes shall be elected to the three-year term. All elections for the office of commissioner shall be conducted by secret, written ballot.

Section 6--ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX--At the annual meeting the District Board of Commissioners shall present a proposed budget and tax for the coming calendar year. The electors of the District shall approve the budget and vote the tax as proposed or modify the budget and change the mill rate accordingly. The tax shall not exceed a rate of 2.5 mills of equalized valuation as determined by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.

Section 7--PROJECT APPROVAL--The annual meeting shall approve or disapprove all proposed projects by the District having a cost to the District in excess of \$5,000, by vote of the resident electors and non-resident property owners within the District.

Section 8--OTHER BUSINESS--The annual meeting shall take up and consider such other business as comes before it.

ARTICLE IV - DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Section 1--MEETINGS--The District Board of Commissioners shall meet at least quarterly at a time and place selected by the Board. Special meetings shall be held on the call of the chairman or on the petition of three of the commissioners. All meetings of the District Board are meetings of a governmental body subject to the Open Meetings Law, Wisconsin Statutes s. 66.77.

Section 2--QUORUM--Three commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority of the commissioners plus one shall be present to borrow money. The chairman shall appoint an elector to fill any vacancies until the next annual meeting.

Section 3--FUNCTION--The Board shall conduct all business of the District not specifically reserved to the electors of the District, and shall carry out the provisions of these By-Laws and Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes, and shall carry out the mandates of the annual meeting.

Section 4--OFFICERS--At the first Board meeting, immediately following each annual meeting of the District, the Board shall elect a chairman, a secretary, and a treasurer from among its members. The chairman shall preside at the annual meeting, all meetings of the Board and all public hearings held by the Board. The secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Board and hearings held by it, and shall annually notify the Department of Natural Resources of the continued existence of the District. The treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys of the District, and pay out the same only on order of the Board.

Section 5--COMPENSATION--The commissioners shall receive no remuneration for their service in office, but a commissioner shall be paid for actual and necessary expenses incurred while conducting the business of the District.

Section 6--POWERS AND DUTIES--As enumerated in the Wisconsin Statutes, s. 33.29 the Board shall be responsible for:

- (a) Initiating and coordinating research and surveys for the purpose of gathering data on the lake, related shorelands and the drainage basin;
- (b) Planning lake rehabilitation projects;
- (c) Contacting and attempting to secure the cooperation of officials of units of general purpose government in the area for the purpose of enacting ordinances deemed necessary by the Board as furthering the objectives of the District;
- (d) Adopting and carrying out lake protection and rehabilitation plans and obtaining any necessary permits therefor; and
- (e) Maintaining liaison with those officials of state government involved in lake protection and rehabilitation.

The Board shall have control over the fiscal matters of the District, subject to the powers and directives of the annual meeting. The Board shall annually at the close of the fiscal year cause an audit to be made of the financial transactions of the District, which shall be submitted to the annual meeting.

As described in the Wisconsin Statutes, s. 33.31 a majority of the commissioners plus one must be present when a resolution is passed to commit the District to borrowing money or to using any other financing method prescribed by law.

As described in the Wisconsin Statutes, s. 33.32 the Board may use special assessment or charges for the purpose of carrying out District protection and rehabilitation projects, or for other lake management (or sanitary service) activities undertaken by the District.

ARTICLE V - PUBLIC BIDDING

Section 1--LOW BID--All contracts exceeding \$500 for work or materials shall be let by the Board to the lowest responsible bidder following public announcement of the proposed purchase by the District. Determination of the responsibility of the bidder shall be at the discretion of the Board. If a bid is accepted

which exceeds any other bid by more than 20 percent, the Board must provide a written justification for its action to the next annual meeting.

Section 2--SECURITY BOND--The Board shall require that every contracting party in contracts in excess of \$5,000 give adequate performance and liability security at the time the party submits his bid.

Section 3--CONFLICT OF INTEREST--Any commissioner shall abstain from voting on any matter before the Board in which he, as a private person or in which any member of his immediate family (spouse, parents, or child), has a financial interest.

Section 4--PUBLIC BIDDING LAW--The commissioners shall abide by the procedures established for municipal corporations in the letting of public contracts, as specified in Wisconsin Statutes s. 66.29 through s. 66.295.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1--ELECTIONS--The chairman shall appoint three electors who are not running for the office of commissioner to serve as the elections committee. The committee shall distribute, collect, and count the ballots at the annual meeting and report the results to the annual meeting.

Section 2--AUDITING--The chairman shall appoint three electors to serve as the auditing committee. The committee shall examine all financial records of the District and report its conclusions to the annual meeting. If the District conducts business which involves more than \$50,000 summed across all categories of activities in any given year, a professional accountant shall be retained to conduct an audit.

Section 3--OTHER COMMITTEES--The chairman may appoint other committees as he deems necessary to further the interests of the District. All committees shall report to the annual meeting.

Section 4--COMPENSATION--Committee members (except commissioners) shall receive no remuneration for service to the District. With prior approval from the Board, committee members may submit vouchers for actual and necessary expenses incurred while conducting the business of the District.

Section 5--TERMS OF MEMBERS--All committee members shall serve at the pleasure of the chairman and may be replaced by him on an annual basis following the Board meeting immediately following the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VII - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Section 1--SPECIAL MEETINGS--Special meetings of the District may be held for the purpose of transacting any lawful business which might be done at the annual meeting. The meeting may be called by the Board or upon a written request to the secretary of the Board signed by 12 qualified electors of the District. The annual meeting notice requirements under Article III shall be followed and the purpose of the meeting shall be stated. No matter voted upon or decided at any such special meeting shall be acted upon in any subsequent special meeting prior to the next annual meeting.

Section 2--CONDUCT OF MEETINGS--All meetings of the District shall be conducted according to Roberts Revised Rules of Order unless contrary to the requirements of these By-Laws. The chairman shall serve as parliamentarian.

Section 3--AMENDING BY-LAWS--These By-Laws require only a simple majority vote of the electors present and voting at the meeting. The notice of the annual meeting shall clearly indicate the amendment proposed.

A map of Lake Onalaska, showing its irregular shoreline with several inlets and peninsulas. The words "LAKE ONALASKA" are written vertically across the lake.

PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

CORRESPONDENCE:
UWEX Room 112 Courthouse
La Crosse, Wisconsin 54601
608-784-9494

AUGUST 1976 NEWSLETTER

Commissioners

Donald Verthein
W. G. Wassmandorf
Charles Pierce
Rosalie Schnick
Richard Hawkins, Chm.

Our Lake Onalaska District was organized in late fall of 1975 by order of the La Crosse County Board of Supervisors. Considerable effort on the part of Elizabeth Gundersen, and many others during the petition and organization process, resulted in this accomplishment.

The initial commissioners appointed by the County Board were:

Charles Pierce - representing the Soil and
Water Conservation District
Supervisors

Harold Lynch -

Richard Hawkins -

W. G. Wassmandorf -

Donald Verthein - was appointed to serve by
the Town of Onalaska, being
the largest municipality in
the District

Lynch later resigned his position and was succeeded by Rosalie Schnick.

The basic purpose of the District is to stimulate the collection of information, develop lake management alternatives and promote projects that will lead to an improved lake environment. There is State and Federal financial assistance available to help reach these goals.

At the December 4, 1975 meeting, Richard Hawkins was elected to be Chairman of the Commission; Charles Pierce was elected to be Secretary-Treasurer.

Representatives from the Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Natural Resources, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse River Studies Center, Soil Conservation Service and others, presented information on available data at the December 11, 1975 meeting.

A motion was passed to submit a technical assistance application to the Department of Natural Resources. Donations to the Lake District were received in the amount of \$200 from Jake Hoeschler and \$400 from Vern Dale at the March 10 District meeting.

DNR had responded previously to the technical assistance application and a motion was passed to apply for financial aids in preparing a feasibility study for Lake Onalaska. Further information about the feasibility study processes and costs were presented at the April 8 District meeting. Clarification by DNR Office of Inland Lake Renewal on the specifications for the study were presented.

Bids for completion of the feasibility study were requested prior to May 13, 1976. The District received one formal bid from University of Wisconsin-La Crosse River Studies Center in the amount of \$10,300. The Office of Inland Lake Renewal agreed to make a grant to the District for the feasibility study in the amount of \$9,500 with the District's cost to be \$800. A motion was approved to accept the grant application. A motion was also approved to contract with the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse River Studies Center for completion of the feasibility study by March 1977.

A shoreline weed control program was discussed and the District agreed to provide financial assistance and encourage property owners to enter into private agreement for weed control.

At the August 24 meeting, plans for the annual District meeting to be held September 7 were discussed. By-Laws and a 1977 budget were approved for recommendation to the District electors at the annual meeting.

During April, several of the commissioners attended a Lake District Operational Seminar at Whitehall, conducted by University of Wisconsin-Extension and the Office of Inland Lake Renewal. As you know, a Lake District is a formal unit of government and operates under the same Wisconsin statutes and complexities as other units of government.

Altogether during our first year of operation we have received good cooperation from the Department of Natural Resources, Fish and Wildlife Service, Soil Conservation Service, University of Wisconsin-Extension and the Great Rivers Environmental Action Team. It is hoped that this cooperation and assistance will be with us in the future.

The complete feasibility study report is due in March of 1977. It will include lake management alternatives. These management alternatives will be circulated among other agencies interested in the Mississippi River area and its goals.

If it is finally determined that there is a good practice to be placed in effect for improving the lake, such as dredging, sediment control or whatever, the applications for financial assistance will probably require several months to process. Therefore, it is not anticipated that any great expenditures for lake improvement will take place during 1977.

Below is the budget proposed by the commissioners for 1977. The \$800 amount is the already-committed District's share of the feasibility study. This budget will have to be acted upon at the annual meeting.

1977 BUDGET
January 1, 1977-December 31, 1977

Postage & Office	\$ 100.00
Directors Expenses	\$ 200.00
Feasibility Study	\$ 800.00
Weed Control	\$ <u>300.00</u>

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,400.00

Estimated Balance, January 1, 1977 \$ 400.00

Planned Expenditures \$1,400.00
Planned Revenues \$1,000.00

(Source - Donations)

Proposed Balance, December 31, 1977 \$ 00.00

(over)

A copy of the proposed By-Laws is included for your examination prior to the annual meeting. Adoption of By-Laws will be one of the first orders of business. Each person residing within the District that is eligible to vote in any other election will be entitled to one vote in the Lake District. In addition, all non-resident property owners will be entitled to one vote.

We hope that many of you will be able to join us for the annual meeting. Your commissioners welcome your comments and suggestions as to programs to improve Lake Onalaska.

ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION

DATE September 7, 1977
TIME 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION Oak Grove School,
CTH Z, Brice Prairie

Individuals nominated for the position of
District Commissioner:

Richard Hawkins
Rosalie Schnick
W. G. Wassmandorf
Elizabeth Gundersen

1975 FINANCIAL REPORT

Sources of Funds:

Donations \$ 828.80
DNR Feasibility Study Advance \$4,750.00
Interest \$ 7.77

Use of Funds:

UW-L River Studies Center
Feasibility Study Advance \$4,750.00
La Crosse Tribune Weed Control Ad . \$ 28.80

BALANCE \$ 807.77

NOTE: An estimated \$400.00 will be spent on the weed control project and miscellaneous through December 1976.

AGENDA FOR FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

Introduction of Commissioners and Guests
Adoption of By-Laws
Election of Commissioners
Adoption of Budget
Don Winter, DNR Office of Inland Lake Renewal
Tom Claflin, UW-L River Studies Center

REMINDER: Please bring the proposed By-Laws and Newsletter to the meeting.

Tax deductible donations for the 1977 operating year will be appreciated at the Lake Onalaska District Office.

MINUTES OF MEETING
LAKE ONALASKA PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
August 10, 1976
Courthouse Auditorium

Commissioners

Donald Verthein*
Richard Hawkins*
W. G. Wassmandorf*
Charles Pierce*
Rosalie Schnick*

Present*

Guests

Elizabeth Gundersen
Ken Brown
Mike Bur
Dave Bahr
Dick Williams

Meeting called to order by Chairman Hawkins.

Charles Pierce moved the minutes of the May 27, 1976 meeting be approved. Seconded by Verthein and passed.

Pierce reported the treasury balance as of June 1, \$807.77. This included a \$200.00 donation from the Brice Prairie Conservation Club and a \$28.80 donation covering the weed control La Crosse Tribune ad by Pierce.

The District had previously requested information on public official liability insurance. A letter has been received from the Laub Group, Incorporated insurance agency stating that this type of insurance was not available at this time. Discussion with county officials affirmed this.

A discussion on the effectiveness of the weed control spraying project by Schien indicated that along the Brice Prairie shoreline the control has been successful, but along French Island, one species of weed was not eliminated by the initial spraying. Schien has indicated he will be back with an effective chemical to cover that species in the future. Chairman Hawkins asked if any District action was initiated at this point and the response was negative.

A report from the River Studies Center on the feasibility study had been requested of Claflin. He mailed a letter to the Chairman reporting that the mapping, sediment rates, rooted aquatic macrophytes and the hydraulic and nutrient residence time studies were right on schedule. He also indicated the completion date for the report will be complied with, as negotiated in the contract.

Bur and Bahr, present at the meeting from the Center, reported that since Claflin's letter had been written, further progress had been made. The hydraulic field work has been completed and mapping begun.

Schnick reported that a \$4,500 request by the Center for additional funds to study Pool 7 had been approved by the Great Rivers Environmental Action Team. Pierce reported that the \$4,750 advance from the State had been forwarded to the River Studies Center.

A request from the Legislative Audit Bureau for completion of a Lake Rehabilitation questionnaire was completed and sent by Dick Williams. An additional copy sent to Hawkins will be placed on file.

A letter from the DNR requesting a list of consulting firms who bid on the study and a copy of the executed contract will be complied with, as moved by Don Verthein, seconded by Pierce and passed.

Don Verthein moved the District approve the expenditure of \$100 to cover printing of stationery and purchase of postage. Seconded by Schnick and passed.

Charles Pierce moved that Williams construct a newsletter to be included with the annual meeting notice, with approval by the Chairman. Seconded by Schnick and passed.

Pierce moved that the La Crosse Tribune be designated as the official newspaper of the Lake Onalaska District. Seconded by Wassmandorf and passed.

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Discussion followed concerning the annual meeting of the Lake District which, by State Statutes, must be held prior to September 8. Rosalie Schnick moved that the annual meeting be held September 7 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at either Summit School or Oak Grove School, whichever can be obtained. Seconded by Verthein and passed.

The District By-Laws must be adopted by the District at the annual meeting. The Commissioners reviewed alternative articles to be included in those By-Laws. Rosalie Schnick moved the acceptance of the attached By-Laws by the Board and that it be recommended at the annual meeting that these By-Laws be adopted. Seconded by Pierce and passed. A copy of the By-Laws is to be mailed to the electors.

Also to be approved at the annual meeting is the 1977 calendar year budget:

1977 BUDGET
January 1, 1977-December 31, 1977

Postage & Office	\$ 100.00
Directors Expenses	\$ 200.00
Feasibility Study	\$ 800.00
Weed Control	\$ 300.00

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 1,400.00

Estimated Balance, January 1, 1977 \$ 400.00

Planned Expenditures

Planned Revenues

(Source - Donations)

Proposed Balance, December 31, 1977 \$ 00.00

Wassmandorf moved the above budget be recommended for adoption at the annual meeting. Seconded by Verthein and passed.

The next meeting of the District is planned for August 24 and will include final preparations for the annual meeting, plus the nomination of 1977 Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned.

MINUTES OF MEETING
LAKE ONALASKA PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
August 24, 1976
courthouse auditorium

Commissioners

Donald Vertheim*
Richard Hawkins*
W. G. Wassmandorf*
Charles Pierce *
Rosalie Schnick*

Present*

Guests

Bob Gehl
Dick Williams

Meeting called to order by Chairman Hawkins.

Chuck Pierce moved the minutes of the previous meeting be approved. Seconded by Schnick and passed. The treasurer reported no receipts or expenditures for the period with the balance at \$807.77. A statement for \$62.00 was received for letterheads and envelopes. Don Vertheim indicated he would try to pay this bill with donations.

Rosalie Schnick moved the following four names be nominated for the three elective positions of commissioner.

Richard Hawkins
Rosalie Schnick
W. G. Wassmandorf
Elizabeth Gundersen

Seconded by Pierce and passed.

A preprinted ballot will be handed out at the annual meeting.

A review of the newsletter lead to the addition of a 1975 financial report and a request for donations.

Positive comments have been received on the shoreline weed control program.

An agenda was established for the annual meeting including Mr. Winter, DNR and Mr. Claflin, UWL as program guests.

Mr. Wassmandorf agreed to send letters of appreciation to those persons that have financially supported the District.

Meeting adjourned.

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FIRST ANNUAL MEETING
LAKE ONALASKA PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Oak Grove School, Brice Prairie
September 7, 1976

Commissioners

Donald Verthein*
Richard Hawkins*
W. G. Wassmandorf*
Charles Pierce*
Rosalie Schnick*
and
30 District Members*

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Chairman Hawkins.

The Chairman calculated that if 18 inches of silt were removed from the roughly 13,000 acres of the Lake Onalaska area and placed on Swanson Field, we would have the tallest hill in North America, approximately 3-3/4 miles high!

Present*

A discussion of proposed By-Laws was held. Dr. Gundersen moved for their adoption, seconded by Mr. Grover and passed.

Guests

Tom Claflin
Don Winter

The nominees for District Commissioner, as presented by the Commission, were: Elizabeth Gundersen, Rosalie Schnick, Richard Hawkins, W. G. Wassmandorf. Chairman Hawkins called for nominations from the floor three times. There being none, Dr. Gundersen moved the nominations be closed; seconded by Mr. Johnson and passed.

Mr. Marking and Mr. Nixon were appointed tellers. Membership was instructed to vote for three of the four nominees.

Mr. Pierce gave the treasurer's report showing income of \$25.00 in donations and \$7.95 in interest, reporting a current balance of \$840.72. The 1977 budget was discussed:

1977 BUDGET	
January 1, 1977-December 31, 1977	
Postage & Office	\$ 100.00
Directors Expenses	\$ 200.00
Feasibility Study	\$ 800.00
Weed Control	\$ <u>300.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,400.00
Estimated Balance, January 1, 1977	\$ 400.00
Planned Expenditures	\$1,400.00
Planned Revenues	\$1,000.00
(Source-Donations)	
Proposed Balance, December 31, 1977	\$ <u>00.00</u>

Mr. Smale moved the 1977 budget be adopted; seconded by Dr. Gundersen and passed.

Dr. Claflin of UW-La Crosse River Studies Center was invited to comment on the progress of the District's feasibility study. At this point they are well along in their studies of sedimentation rates, vegetation patterns and quantity of nutrients in-flow/out-flow. The study will be completed, as called for, in March and the Center will continue to sample water quality throughout the winter. Hopefully, a computer simulated model being developed for Pool 8 will be designed to encompass Lake Onalaska - also through a grant from GREAT.

Don Winter, chief limnologist of the D.N.R. Office of Inland Lake Renewal, commented on the lake rehab program state-wide. Wisconsin has received the lion's share

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of Federal lake rehab monies to date, but this percentage will diminish as other states become involved. Don indicated that many agencies will have to be involved in the solution of Lake Onalaska, including the E.P.A., the Corps of Engineers, Fish and Wildlife Service, D.N.R. and others.

Questions from the floor were asked relating to the weed spraying program.

Dr. Claflin suggested the use of the sedimentation map being developed as a sportsmen's guide.

At this point, the tellers had completed counting the ballots and reported that Hawkins was elected for a three-year term, Elizabeth Gundersen was elected for a two-year term, Rosalie Schnick was elected for a one-year term as Lake District commissioners.

Further comments from the membership indicated a need for a continuing newsletter, reporting developments of the District.

Jim Holzer of the D.N.R. reported that there is a fish survey and stocking program taking place on the Lake this fall.

Treasurer Pierce emphasized the need for donations from the membership to continue the Lake District operations through 1977.

Meeting adjourned.

1977 BUDGET
January 1, 1977-December 31, 1977

Boatage & Office	\$ 100.00
Director's Expenses	\$ 300.00
Membership Dues	\$ 600.00
Weed Control	\$ 200.00
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,200.00
Estimated Balance, January 1, 1977	\$ 400.00
Planned Expenses	\$1,400.00
Planned Income	\$1,000.00
(Surplus-Deficit)	
Proposed Balance, December 31, 1977	\$ 0.00

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LAKE ONALASKA

PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

1976 Annual Meeting - Official Ballot
District Commissioners

VOTE FOR THREE

Elizabeth Gundersen _____

Richard Hawkins _____

Rosalie Schnick _____

W. G. Wassmandorf _____

(nominations from the floor, if any)
