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Minutes of Board Meeting, May 8, 2010

The PLA Board of Directors met at 8:30 on May 8, 2010 at PLCC. Members present included Jodi Eberhardt (presiding), Glen Gustafson, Clyde Clement, Art Weaver, San Countryman, Tracy Donovan, Ed Nordgaard, Dave Slipy, Bill Rodgers, Rick Nolan, Roger Okerman, Bill Hodder and Joan Mondale.

Secretary's Report: Motion made by Art to approve minutes from December 6, 2009. Seconded by Tracy. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report /Membership: Motion made by Roger to approve report as submitted by San Countryman. Seconded by Bill. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Breezy Point runoff – new 30 Lakes proposal: Glen reviewed the April 29, 2010 Breezy Point Stormwater Project report. The Thirty Lakes Watershed District board has recently changed with new managers and a new President. Last month Joe Hampl and Glen Gustafson presented the history of the problem that dates back 5 years to the managers. On Monday, May 10, 2010, meetings are to be held with four (4) entities regarding easements. If all entities agree, project moves forward and slated to begin Fall 2010. Public meeting is on May 24th, project slated to start fall 2010.

New Business

- 2010 annual meeting: July 10 at Breezy Point City Hall.
- Suggested agenda items include: Lake level (Joe Hampl) / Breezy Point runoff overview / Update on invasive species program / Water quality (High chloride levels)/ Introduction of DNR Assessment of Pelican Lake summer 2010. Each presenter to provide a short presentation of topic followed with suggestions as to what residents can do to help or make a difference.
- DNR Biological Survey project – DNR to begin project spring of 2009. Final presentation of results at 2011 annual meeting.

Committee Reports

Water Quality

Glen submitted proposed plan for 2010 for approval. Costs this year are lower as Thirty Lakes Watershed District is conducting testing on Little Pelican. Motion to approve plan made by Art. Seconded by Rick. Motion passed.

Lakeshore Restoration

Project Recharge! - Soil and Water Grant opportunities: Grants available to homeowners to restore their shoreline. PLA to put information in newsletter alerting owners to the opportunity to apply.

Tower proposal

Ordinance passed restricting heights of towers in 2000. Max is currently 199 ft. (no lights). Problems (+200 ft: flashing lights) Crow Wing County Commissioners to vote on new language on Tuesday, May 11, 2010. As there is not enough time to put out a mass communication, please alert your neighbors/friends to contact our local Crow Wing County Board Member, Paul Thiede if they are interested in expressing their opinion.

501(c) 3 : Recent Star Tribune article indicated that many small 501c 3 organizations losing status. San confirmed he has been submitting the required tax submissions on an annual basis – we are NOT at risk.. *Upon research the article stated that those that have not filed a tax form each year as required would lose status.

DNR Water Safety Class: Nikki Shultz of the DNR has once again asked PLA to support their Youth Safety Class on Pelican Lake on June 9. It will be held at BPCH at 8:30am. Rick volunteered to pick up life vests. Motion made by Tracy to approve the purchasing of vests/ pizza. Seconded by Clyde. Motion passed.

Invasive Species

Jodi and Clyde met with the CLC to discuss partnership with lake association in providing opportunities for internships for their students. CLC intern Laura May available to work on Pelican Lakes summer of 2010. PLA received DNR grant funds of in the amount of \$1500 (150 hours). Motion made by Art to approve payment up to \$350 for mileage expense direct to Laura May and to donate \$1500 in Scholarship dollars to the CLC Foundation. Seconded by Clyde. Motion Passed. Rick abstained due to position at CLC Foundation.

Newsletter plea to membership for contributions to help with summer 2010 invasive species program: 6 people have donated \$600 for this effort so far.

DNR Provider Seminar scheduled: June 8 at PLCC 4 to 6 pm and 7 to 9 pm

Landing monitoring: DNR approved 210 hours grant, 500 hours purchased.
PLA developing a volunteer program to cover evenings and early weekends.
Dave to coordinate DNR Training in June for volunteers. Suggestion made to ask for DNR hats to wear during volunteer time at landings.

Update on statewide efforts:

Money has been made available to LARA, MCPA and other organizations which translates to more involvement from other organizations to better inform the public.

PLA Recognition: PLA was mentioned in Walleye Dan's recent article. PLA was also noted in the 2009 DNR's annual report.

Zebra Mussels: in 2009, the state added 6 more lakes their list of lakes with zebra mussel infestations for a total of 12. Crow Wing County had no new infestations in 2009.

DNR Grants / Signs: DNR has new signs which are larger and more visible. PLA submitted and received grant to get new signs for each landing. Signs not yet available. Production has been delayed because legislature is going to vote shortly on making it illegal to transport any water from lake to lake.

DNR Grant / brochure: PLA received grant to create a brochure on Pelican Lake to alert visitors/users on invasive species. Funds expire at the end of December 2010. Glen to contact LARA to see if they would like to partner with PLA in developing the brochure. Another option could be to talk with CLC graphics department regarding obtaining assistance on the creation. PLA still need to coordinate advertising from local businesses.

Landings: Landing on south end is closed for 2010 season.

Breezy Point liaison

Breezy Point equipment fundraiser – Because focus of request not in organization's charter, opted not to donate.

Land Use: New development moving forward on east side of lake. New development proposed up in Breezy Point.

Communication

Leverage Beach Captains to update member list using Crow Wing county maps. San and Karen have located a lot of new property owners that were previously unidentified. Will send newly identified residents our newsletters.

Bill has contacted seven (7) various associations around lake for the purpose of introducing the lake association. He has been invited to speak at several annual meetings. He is also presenting to Eagle View Elementary on wood ducks and hopes to give the classroom a kit so the students can make their own woodduck house.

Beach Captains: Have a meeting 30 minutes prior to annual meeting? Joan to contact Kelly.

Newsletter upgrade: Talked about changing the format and content. Looked at other lake association newsletters. Some accept advertising while others list sponsors. Joan/Rick to contact other associations to learn more about their formats and process.

Next newsletter slated for June 2010.

- One member's request: "for those of us out of towners, It would be great to hear about things like the lake level, happenings in Breezy Point, a heads up on property tax procedures, and some additional human interest stories around the lake. One of the best ways to create a community around our lake(s) is a newsletter that makes us feel like we're always at the lake."

Other:

Next Board meeting to be held in June.

Jodi has taken on a huge project at work which will take her out of state for most of the next year. She may not run for re-election in July. But she will remain involved and continue to handle the grant writing and other projects as needed.

Motion by Clyde to adjourn at 11:30am. Seconded by Bill. Motion passed.