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Minutes of Board Meeting, 4/14/2007

The PLPOA Board of Directors met at 9:00 on April 14, 2007 at the Breezy Point City Hall. Members present included Joan Mondale (presiding), San Countryman, Karen Countryman, Jodi Eberhardt, Art Weaver, Jim Strampe, Rick Nolan, and Joe Hampl. Clyde Clement attended via conference call. Kelly Anderson, Rose Lawson, Ed Nordgaard, Glen Young, Glen Gustafson were unable to attend.

Secretary's Report: Joe Hampl presented the minutes of the August 28, 2006 meeting. Motion by Art Weaver, seconded by Rick Nolan to accept. Report approved.

Treasurer's Report: San Countryman submitted his report for the period 8/01/2006 to 4/14/2007. Account balance is \$23,718.50 consisting of \$7,614.83 in checking and \$16,103.67 in savings. Motion to accept by Art Weaver, seconded by Jodi Eberhardt. Report approved.

Committee Reports:

Land Use/Development: Joan reported developments with the Williams property that is for sale. That property is next to the Lawson/Schinhost land that is in a land trust. Rose Lawson has been meeting with the owners in hopes they would agree to some sort of conservation easement similar to that used by her family to preserve the property in its natural state. Joan reported that it may be possible for PLPOA to buy the property, given an offer made by the Lawson/Schinhost family to donate their land to PLPOA if PLPOA moves ahead and buys the Williams property. If PLPOA in turn donates the Lawson property to the MN DNR, and the DNR agrees that the land is a qualifying fish habitat, the DNR gives PLPOA one half of the value of the donated property (RIM). With that "Reinvest in Minnesota" (RIM) amount and additional money to be raised by PLPOA, the lake association may be able to complete a deal with the Williams family to buy that 28 acre parcel. PLPOA would in turn donate that land to the DNR and receive back 1/2 of its value (RIM). Furthermore, once placed in a conservation easement by the DNR, it must remain so for perpetuity. If the DNR ever changes its mind, and removes the conservation easement status, all of the land involved reverts back to PLPOA ownership. Much work remains to be done on this matter.

A motion to allow a committee to proceed with this matter was made by Hampl, seconded by Countryman. Motion approved.

A motion to appoint a committee of Art Weaver, Rick Nolan, Jodi Eberhardt, and Joan Mondale to continue to explore the possibilities with the Williams property was made by Hampl, seconded by Countryman. Motion approved

The Board thanked Joan Mondale for her efforts on bringing the Williams property issue to its attention. Joan will next call Jeff Williams to see what can be done to make this happen.

Rick Nolan reported on state and local rules regarding dockage on the lake. He will submit a complete report for a spring mailing and distribution on our website.

Membership: Joan passed out draft copies of the new PLPOA brochure for Board members to review for the next meeting. San's daughter was thanked for her efforts in putting this new brochure together. San updated the board on his efforts to expand the database. There is a concern that not all lake residents have been identified and added to the data base. He and Kelly Anderson will continue their efforts to identify more residents through the Beach Captain program this spring.

San also reported on his efforts to use email addresses to distribute the PLPOA newsletters. Approximately 1/2 to 2/3 of our members have reported their email addresses to San. Distribution of the newsletter via email will

decrease publication and postage costs considerably, as well as saving time for the volunteers who work on the newsletter. San and Glen Young will refine the process for using email addresses.

Water Quality: Clyde and Joan reported on plans for water testing this summer. Secchi readings have been and will continue to be lower due to recent and continuing drought conditions in and around the Pelican Lakes. TSI testing will continue this summer. No additional phosphorus testing is planned this summer due to the low water level. The “tile” program will also be suspended this summer until the water level rises. Hampl reported that Pelican Lake is 17.28” below its OHW as of 3/29/07.

Joe reported on the progress Thirty Lakes Watershed District is making on PLPOA’s request to have the runoff situation at Breezy Point corrected. At present, all runoff on the parking lot east of the Marina Bar flows east unrestricted into Pelican Lake near the swimming beach and playground equipment. TLWD has hired an engineering firm and a lawyer to assist them. After a public meeting with property owners of land contributing to the flow, 5 plans are being reviewed. PLPOA will be kept informed of future developments.

Hampl also reported on the newly formed Crow Wing County Sanitary Management District. The SMD is charged with gathering data on area septic systems (ISTS) in order to assist property owners in the management of such systems in order to protect public health and preserve area water resources. Public informational meetings are being scheduled for May 2007 and will be posted on the PLPOA website.

Newsletter: Jim is preparing to send out a short newsletter in May 2007.

Lakeshore Restoration: Jodi reported on workshops being scheduled for the summer. Landscaping class is set for August 11, 2007. Specific dates and times will be in the newsletters and website. Healthy Lakes and Rivers Partnership visioning session will be held on June 9, 2007. Workshop is sponsored by the Initiative Foundation.

Next Board meeting: To be determined.

The Annual **meeting** is scheduled for Saturday, June 30th in the Breezy Point City Hall. Be sure to mark your calendars.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Hampl
Secretary