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Minutes of Board Meeting, 7/21/2007

The PLPOA Board of Directors met at 8:00 on July 21, 2007 at the Breezy Point City Hall. Members present included Joan Mondale (presiding), San Countryman, Glen Gustafson, Jodi Eberhardt, Art Weaver, Jim Strampe, Rick Nolan, Ed Nordgaard, Roger Okerman, Tracy Donovan. Joe Hampl attended to transition. Clyde Clement, Kelly Anderson, Glen Young, Karen Countryman were unable to attend. Rose Lawson is no longer a board member.

Secretary's Report: We didn't have copies of the minutes from the April meeting, so we'll approve those in August. We'll also approve the updated PowerPoint from the annual meeting and post that information as well.

Treasurer's Report: San Countryman submitted his report for the period 8/01/2006 to 4/14/2007. Total account balance is \$23,819.19. Report approved.

Board Elections: Joan Mondale will continue as President, Tracy Donovan was elected to Vice President, San Countryman will continue as Treasurer, Jodi Eberhardt was elected to Secretary. Art motioned to approve. Seconded by Roger. Officers approved.

Committee Reports:

Water Levels and Sanitary District: Joe reported that the lake is 16.5 inches below OHW and 7.92 inches below recent averages. The lip on the dam is 4.8 inches below OHW. Joe will continue to read the water levels and work with Glen to publish the readings on the web site. Joe passed the report from the HLRP focus team on water quality. The HLRP committee will appoint a new chair and submit requests for funds from this committee.

Joe also discussed the progress on the sanitary district and would like an article in our next association newsletter – he agreed to submit an article that he brought to the meeting. Everyone was encouraged to contact Paul Thiede via e-mail or phone call. His e-mail address is paul.thiede@co.crow-wing.mn.us. We also discussed posting additional information on our website with contact information for the project.

Membership: San reported that we have 112 total members with 5 on Little Pelican. The renewal letters were just sent out so expect this to increase. The lifetime membership options were discussed and it was determined that we would not offer a lifetime membership. We would instead offer three levels of annual membership: \$100 for Pelican, \$50 for Eagle, and \$25 for Loon. San would write up a final proposal and send it out for final approval. Joan passed out the latest copy of the brochure for comments, Debbie will update, and additional copies would be ordered.

Land Use/Development: Art and Rick met with Curt Danbury regarding land use options. The county cannot purchase land, but could trade land. Bob Spizzo is interested in trading Gooseberry island for alternative land. Rebecca and the state will contact the land trust and county and see if they can form a park to maintain the area. PLCC may be a good partner in maintaining the site based on past discussions. A legal firm from the cities has agreed to assist with the establishment of the land trust. Art and Rick continue to work with Thiede and Spizzo.

Conversations continue on the Lawson property. It did qualify as an Aquatic Management Area with the DNR. The process takes approximately one year to transfer to the DNR. The DNR would purchase the land under two scenarios – either the complete property value would be placed in a RIM account to be directed to purchase future properties on Pelican or the property owners would be paid 50% of the land's value. Joan will continue to work with Rose and update the board on progress.

A citizens's survey of the lake is planned for Friday, August 10 at 10am. The group will meet at Rick Noaln's dock and depart on pontoons to identify land that would be candidates for placement in a land trust. Participants should bring something to eat/share with the group and expect a 4-5 hour event.

Water Quality: Joan shared a report from the DNR regarding their findings of curly leaf pondweed in Stewarts bay and Breezy Bay, near the boat landings. Joan contacted Molly Zins who suggested that we take action to reduce the spread of the weed. Joan would e-mail the report and contact the DNR to see if they would take additional action.

Glen received two calls on water quality – one on swimmers itch which can be treated if a permit is obtained from the DNR. Breezy Point treats it's swimming areas. The other was on arsenic (which is naturally occurring) found in a well. The water testing has been scaled back this summer due to the low water levels. We will only test TSI, chlorophyll, and phosphorus. Water clarity is down to 13-15 feet due to high temperatures, low water, and more aquatic plant growth this summer. Glen is also participating in a state program to test for eColi for 5 weeks.

There is another watershed meeting coming up on the elephant trunk in Breezy Point. There has been little progress on this for the past few years. The problem is the cost to fix the issues as well as the fact that four entities are now involved in the project. Roger suggested a neighbor that may be willing to get involved as an engineer looking at other options.

Newsletter: Jim is preparing to send out the fall newsletter in late August. All articles must be submitted by August 15.

Lakeshore Restoration: Jodi reported on workshops being scheduled for the summer. Landscaping class is set for August 11, 2007. 10 people are signed up so far. Ads will be placed in local newspapers.

Other topics: We have been invited to participate in the Breezy Point Community Resource Fair on Saturday, August 25 from 1-4 pm.

Joan will register our group. Glen has brochures from the annual meeting. Joan will send out an e-mail to request volunteers.

Next Board meeting: August 25, Breezy Point City Hall.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Jodi Eberhardt
Secretary