

**Regular Meeting of the  
Five Lakes Association Board of Directors  
June 12, 2009**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Five Lakes Association was held at the Moose Lodge, 1890 E. Ludington Drive, Clare. The meeting had to be moved from the Farwell Middle School's Library Media Center as no one from the school arrived to unlock the building. The meeting was called to order by President Dave Southworth at 7:16 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance recited. Roll call was taken:

**Members present:** President David Southworth, Vice-President Don Dysinger, Treasurer Karen Wittich, Secretary Rhonda Goin, Area Representatives Cory Gingery, Tim O'Neal, Bob Jeffords, Walt Plajstek

**Members absent:** Richard Haynak

**Community Members present:** Ray Brusseau, Mike Goin, Len Wittich, Tom Meskill, Linda Verardi, Maureen Verardi, Pam Cohoon, Steve Cohoon

**Minutes:** The Minutes from the May 08, 2009 Board Meeting were read. Moved by Bob Jeffords to approve the May 08, 2009 Minutes; supported by Don Dysinger. With a 9-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Karen Wittich distributed printed copies of the Treasurer's Comparative Budget Report dated 06-12-09 and reviewed the line items. Karen asked if we should get competitive bids on the liability insurance for the dam. Don Dysinger said that in years past the Board has had a difficult time finding insurance carriers that will provide such coverage. Currently the insurance is carried with the Schofield Agency in Farwell. Karen said that she will call a few brokers to see if there is any interest in providing a quote to us. Karen reported that to date she has received 2009-2010 dues payments from about twenty residents. Moved by Bob Jeffords to accept the Treasurer's Report; supported by Tim O'Neal. With a 9-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried.

**Board President Comments:** Dave Southworth recalled that in August of 2008 the Board was presented with multiple resignations. Other Association members were needed to step in and fill the vacancies. He thanked those Board members, both current and new, who have volunteered their time to continue the Association's business and protect the viability of the Five Lakes Association Board.

### **Committee Reports**

**Tim O'Neal (Weed Control, Landscape Maintenance and Dam Management):** Tim reported that Guy Savin has been awarded the contract for lake weed control for 2010-2011-2012. Blades in Motion has been awarded a one year contract for the Association's landscaping maintenance. Tim reported that the dam was inspected recently and that no further maintenance is required at this time. Previous Board Member Len Wittich informed the Board that the dam was inspected in the summer of 2007. The inspection report identified several small cracks in the dam. Member Dan Connelly sealed the cracks. Len also said that the inspection report suggested that the fence be moved so that the stop boards can be removed if necessary. Tim had a copy of the inspection report dated July 30, 2007 and read the Conclusions & Recommendations segment of the report to the Board. Don Dysinger said that the insurance company required the fence in order to write the insurance. He also suggested that Tim contact the dam inspector to clarify what needs to be done.

**Len Wittich (West Bay Silt Trap Project):** Len reported that he has received the easement letter from property owner Larry Lang's attorneys. Len asked legal counsel to add language to the easement that

states that the lane was built to allow the Association access to the silt trap, and the Association is not responsible or liable for maintenance and repairs to the lane if there is further development on the property by the property owner. Dave Southworth and Larry Lang will need to sign the letter. The easement will then need to be filed with the Clare County Register of Deeds. Len also has three silt trap work bids to submit to the Board with cost estimates ranging from \$6,730 to \$15,689. In addition, the Association will incur legal costs and the cost of installing a gate across the lane. Len's opinion is that the entire project can be accomplished for about \$10,000. The low bidder has cleaned the other silt trap so he has some experience here and is interested in providing future cleaning of both of the silt traps. Len also said that it has been difficult to find anyone to remove the trees in exchange for the wood due to two factors; the first 300' feet of the lane will have a steep grade down a ridge, and the wood on the property is primarily softwood of no value. We may need to contract out the tree removal. Association Member Courtney Bauer has agreed to take the removed silt from the trap to his farm property on two conditions; one that he be at his property when the silt arrives, and secondly that he is able to hire a couple people to rake debris from the silt before it is spread over the property. Moved by Don Dysinger to approve the \$10,000 to accomplish the West Bay Silt Trap Project and to accept the \$6,730 bid of Cotter Dragline Services; supported by Bob Jeffords. With a 9-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried. Dave commented that this project has involved quite a bit of preparatory work and thanked Len for all of the time, effort and guidance he has provided.

**Karen Wittich (Beach Restoration Project):** Karen reported that Bouchey & Sons have been awarded the contract for repairs to the drain and catch basin at the beach and installation of some erosion control measures. Bouchey & Sons built the original drain and catch basin. Work will be started soon. Karen requested that the budget be increased by \$1,000 to accomplish the work and to purchase two picnic tables at approximately \$150 each for the Beach area. She noted that the \$500 included in the previous year's budget for the Beach area was not spent. Member Tom Meskill stated that the previous Board had approved the picnic table purchase. Moved by Rhonda Goin to increase the budget and proceed with the picnic tables purchase; supported by Cory Gingery. With a 9-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried. Member Ray Brusseau asked if someone could mark the lot lines of the beach area. Don Dysinger asked Ray if he could take on that task. Ray said that he would talk with Dick Haynak about bringing a metal stake finder to the beach to see if the stakes area already there.

#### **Area Representatives' Reports:**

**Area S – Cory Gingery:** Mr. & Mrs. Wissinger on Lone Pine Road will be rebuilding their deck and adding a pergola to it. They will submit a Building Proposal form for Board approval prior to beginning the project.

**Area 1 – Tim O'Neal:** Still has one resident who is refusing to clean up his property. Long-time lake resident Jim Cornell passed away last week. He owned the white house on Kapplinger Drive right next to the dam.

**Area 2 – Dick Haynak:** No report.

**Area 3 – Bob Jeffords:** No report.

**Area 4 – Walt Plajstek:** No report.

#### **New Business**

**Election Process for Area Representatives** – Walt Plajstek will not be running for re-election to the seat of Area 4 Representative. Steve Cohoon, White Birch Drive resident, has indicated his intention to run for the Area 4 seat. All other Area Representatives will run as incumbents. Don Dysinger said that if there are no other candidates, a motion can be made at the meeting to accept the candidate slate as

is and a vote does not need to be taken. If additional candidates come forward or someone is nominated at the meeting, then ballots will need to be issued and a vote taken.

**Annual Meeting** – The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, July 04, 2009 beginning at 9:00 am. The meeting will be held in the Farwell High School Cafetorium Lobby as it was last year. Dave suggested a Planning Meeting prior to the Annual Meeting to draft the Agenda and assign duties for the meeting.

**Recognition of Audience Members & Public Comment:** Linda Verardi opened discussion on posting the Minutes on the Association's website. Don said that it was not required and the previous Board had been advised by legal counsel not to electronically post them. Following discussion, it was moved by Linda Verardi to post the Minutes barring any containing sensitive or legal information; supported by Karen Wittich. With an 8-Yes 1-No (Dysinger) vote, the motion carried.

Linda Verardi also asked about yard waste pick up that was inquired about at the 2008 Annual Meeting. She talked with Sue Wentworth, the Grant Township Clerk, who said that it needed to be brought to this Board. Don Dysinger said that the township does not contract with the waste collection company to pick up yard waste in the township. If Five Lakes residents want this service it would have to be paid for by the residents, probably through a tax assessment, however he will call Sue Wentworth for further clarification.

Don Dysinger reported that he asked the Grant Township Board for a waiver of the \$125 township hall rental fee if we were to return to the hall for our meetings. The township Board has established a policy that all groups must pay the rental fee. We will continue to hold the regular Board meetings at the Farwell Middle School Media Center.

Linda Verardi would like to organize a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Boat Parade on the lake. The Board approved her request and she will distribute flyers around the lake. Her intent is to have people cast their votes on the website. She will post some photos following the parade as well.

Adjournment: Moved by Bob Jeffords to adjourn the meeting, supported by Don Dysinger. With a 9-Yes 0-No vote, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Minutes recorded by:

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Rhonda Goin, Five Lakes Association Secretary