

**Big Roche-A-Cri Lake District Commissioners Spring Meeting**  
**Saturday May 29, 2010**  
**9:00 am**  
**Adams County Community Center**  
**569 N. Cedar Street**  
**Adams, WI 53910**

**Commissioners Present:** Gary Chapman, Levi Olson, Richard Matzke, Chuck Hillman, Bill Miller, John Pavelec

Gary Chapman called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

**Scott Provost DNR Presentation:** Aquatic plant management proposal. Scott stated that a harvesting operation is required for balancing the lake and that it is managed for the lake and the state, not just residents on that lake. He spoke of a proper balance between water quality, boating, fishing and all other uses on the lake. He reminded us that the harvesters are purchased with WWC money so a harvesting permit and plan is required and will be enforced. He said that a drawdown can be beneficial but can also be damaging to lake systems, and at times chemical treatments are preferred. He said that Critical habitat areas must be preserved. EWM, Eurasian Water Milfoil is not controlled by cutting; cutting actually propagates the milfoil.

Scott presented the harvesting plan map and several lake residents responded to the 150 foot navigational channel between the main skiing area and the turn-around area as being dangerous and not practical. After a very good discussion of the channel, Scott agreed that it would be in everyone's best interest to widen it to approximately 300 feet – a good compromise.

**Approval of the Spring 2009 minutes:** Dave Miller motioned to approve the minutes, Jim Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report by Levi Olson:** Levi presented the budget report and explained that a public audit was conducted and approved by a tax official and congratulated Ray Heinz for a job well done. Rod Hamilton stated that somebody in the district should be qualified to do an audit free.

Bill Martin motioned to place the report on file, Rod Hamilton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**Adams co report by Bill Miller.** Bill noted the upcoming repairs on Big Roche Cri dam and Easton Dam. He mentioned that there are 69 Adams County properties undergoing foreclosure at this time.

Adams County will have a clean sweep program on June 26<sup>th</sup> and anyone interested should bring their chemicals and other disposable materials to the main landfill site on Hwy 21.

Bill Miller informed us that no wake violations should be reported to the sheriff's department.

**Preston Township by John Pavelec:** The Water level will be going down during the maintenance of the dam. Chicago Avenue has been resurfaced. John asked people for comments on new ATV use policy. He said that some ATV trails will be open to double-wide UTV riders.

**Harvesting Report by Richard Matzke:** Richard reported that the lake and weeds change every year. This year we have black floating Benthic Algae, which breaks up and sinks to the bottom. When it accumulates on shorelines it produces an offensive odor. He reported on the staffing of weed harvesting crew. Richard explained the new weed cutting plan and reminded people that if they cut weeds, they must remove them. He also asked people to report cutting violations to him.

**Social Committee report by Barb Heitman:** Barb Noted the flyer that Sandy Garlie produced giving a list of activities that are planned. She requested more people join the committee.

Marilyn Fellom reported that the \$5000 in the social committee fund is earmarked for the purchase of land for docking the harvesters.

**Lake Advisory report by Candy Chapman:** She reported that there will be no drawdown this year. Scott Provost asked us to look into chemical treatment for weed control. Candy informed us about the Hwy 13 bridge project. Hwy 13 will be repaved in 2012. The Dot will move the new bridge south, raise the height and lengthen the bridge. We have requested widening the bridge so walkers can be safe. She said asked the DOT if they would fix the east end boat ramp. The DOT has offered a contract/agreement for that project, which is under negotiations at this time. The negotiation session is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup>. For general information, Candy identified members of the lake advisory committee: Candy Chapman, Gib Check, Jerry Beaulieu, Dick Heitman, Dave Miller, Fred Schlag and Tom Czarnik.

Candy said that Chris Murphy applied for and received a shoreland restoration money for Big Roche-A-Cri Lake properties, and that anyone who wants to apply for the funds should contact Chris immediately.

Gary Chapman asked for three volunteers for a nominating committee. Candy Chapman, Barb Heitman and Fred Schlag volunteered.

Gary asked for volunteers for an auditing committee. Bill Martin, Joyce Hamilton and Rod Hamilton volunteered.

Gary said that the new bylaw recommendations will be presented at the Annual meeting.

The general consensus was that we need to have good PA system at all Spring and Annual meetings.

Ray Heinz motioned to adjourn, Jim Miller seconded the motion. Motion carried.