



LAKE MANAGEMENT & RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2011

The meeting began at 7:30AM.

The following members were present: Eric Howland, Ron Tschantz, Joe Jacko, John Fawcett, Jeff Gray, and Scott Noble. Kevin Myszka attended via telephone.

Portage Lakes Harvester Demo – Jeff stated that the harvester is still not currently in use. They are supposed to make contact with him once it is in use and available to demo.

Lake Treatment Update – Jeff stated that CPW is primarily at the mouth of Bays 4 and 6 and growth is sparse. The CPW is growing in 6 – 7 feet of water. This area will be treated this week. Jeff estimated that he would be treating 8 – 10 acres compared with over 100 acres treated during this same timeframe last year. Additionally, there are a few areas of Milfoil growth that will be treated as well. Jeff stated that the additional lake draw-down to 48 inches was very successful in eliminating weed growth. However, based on Jeff's calculations, lowering the lake to 60 inches would only benefit an additional 20 acres of the lake.

Jeff tested samples from 40 inlet pipes throughout the lake to determine the amount of phosphorus entering the watershed from outside sources. All of the tested areas had very low phosphorus content. The highest amount is entering from the inlet at the Marina Boat Ramps.

Eric requested that everyone take the opportunity to review the updated website. Jeff has posted excellent information.

Congress Lake Harvester – Jeff stated we should be able to evaluate the harvester at any time. Jeff will set up a visit.

Engineer Update – We have received a bid from Burgess & Niple for phase II of the sediment removal project (copy emailed to each of you). Eric stated that their asking price of \$36,000 is pretty much a deal killer. Request for proposals will be sent to the other three previous bidders to see if a better price can be obtained.

Environmental Grants – Scott stated that we are currently looking for any available grant money. Thus far, everything has a requirement that you must be a public entity to

be considered. Linda Faa, a lake member and excellent researcher and grant writer, has agreed to assist the lake with this endeavor. We will continue to look at all options.

Fish Tagging – Joe Jacko purchased the equipment and tags to tag 100 fish. It was agreed that this would be limited to Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass. He will take on the responsibility of tagging and documenting the fish.

Milfoil Weevils – Kevin has been providing excellent research about the weevils outlining both the benefits and drawbacks. It was stated that the weevils are naturally present in most watersheds and this will be evaluated more in the near future. Additionally, Kevin is going to contact Envirosience to request that a representative meet with us to discuss this further.

Toxin Testing – Eric stated that after researching the kit for testing algae blooms for toxins, it was noted that it only tests for microcystins. There are eight other toxins that can be produced from an algae bloom. Although the test is for the most prevalent form of toxin, it would still leave us unable to provide members any assurance that the water was safe.

Carp Tournament – Joe Jacko requested a means of disposing of any carp and bullhead catfish that are caught. Scott stated that prior to the tournament, Maintenance could dig a hole the fish could be placed in and buried.

Mineral Rights Revenue – Scott stated that he, Eric and Jack Leonard met with a representative with Enervest this past week. It was noted that under the current lease agreement, they hold rights to oil and gas at all levels below the surface. However, stated in the agreement, we have the right to refuse any well that could be deemed to potentially have a negative impact on the community. Ron Tschantz took a copy of the agreement for further review. Hopefully, we have the option of re-negotiating the agreement.

They stated that Enervest would currently like to drill a new run off the existing well. This would be a diagonal cut that would run directly under the lake. We voiced a concern regarding any impact this could have (even if remote) on the lake. The Enervest representative stated that he could not answer all of our concerns and that they would have to get back to us.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15AM.

The committee set our next meeting for Saturday, June 11th at 7:30AM. We may attempt to schedule the tour of the lake at this time.