



LAKE MANAGEMENT & RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
July 9, 2011

The meeting began at 7:30AM.

The following members were present: Eric Howland, Rob Greene, John Fawcett, Ron Tschantz, Matt Varble and Scott Noble. Kevin Myszka attended via telephone.

Milfoil Weevils – Kevin suggested we decide against any option to try using weevils to control milfoil in our lake. The Committee agreed. It was stated that the weevils are too expensive without any proof or guarantee they would be effective. Additionally, for them to be effective, the milfoil would need to grow to nuisance levels before the weevils can be effective. This increases the risk of fragmentation, which in turn can increase regeneration. Kevin stated that he would maintain a relationship with EnviroScience to see if any new developments become available.

Portage Lakes Harvester Demo – Currently awaiting naiad growth to reach a level that demo could be conducted. Cost for the demo on our lake is \$200 per hour with a minimum eight hours.

Lake Treatment Update – Jeff provided a chart outlining the phosphorus levels in set samplings on May 5, May 31 and July 5th. The data indicated that the phosphorus levels increased dramatically over the past 30 days, especially in Bay 9/10. Currently, Jeff stated that he is monitoring the activity of any algae and will begin treating any areas that indicate a possible bloom.

Additionally, Jeff discussed the possibility of using Alum and alum dosing to capture the phosphorus in the water column and bind it, thus reducing the phosphorus available for the algae. Jeff agreed to set up a future meeting with Sweetwater Technologies to provide additional information.

Eric requested that Jeff conduct sampling and testing before and after the harvester is demonstrated. Eric also requested that Jeff provide a monthly fact sheet for the Board meetings.

Congress Lake Harvester – Jeff to set up a visit at Congress Lake on the date of our August meeting to be held on Saturday, August 13th. Additionally, we will ask Rick Tarr, owner of Monsoon Marine, to attend and assist with evaluating the pontoons and possibly pricing replacements.

Engineer Update – We have received three bids for permitting the use of the sediment ponds at the back of the lake. The best proposal pricewise is from CEC for phase II of the project. Eric stated that the price of \$9,000, and their approach is much more in line with what we were expecting. The committee agreed that this proposal should be sent to the Board requesting approval of the funding.

Environmental Grants – Matt Varble discussed his efforts to meet with local and State officials in an effort to secure additional funding for this project. Eric stated that until we get the permit, bid the project and have a dredge plan, we can't move forward to attempt to secure grant funding.

Mineral Rights – Eric stated that a committee has been formed to evaluate the current documents and possibly pursue any means of renegotiating the agreement.

Catfish/Carp Tournament – Eric stated that no date had been set for this tournament. Scott stated he would email Joe Jacko to check on the status.

Fish Stocking – John Fawcett requested that we begin getting prices for stocking the lake. He would like to see prices for Red Ears, Smallmouth Bass, Largemouth Bass and Walleye.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20AM.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, August 13th at 7:30AM. We will meet at the Lake Office and travel to Congress Lake.