

**Lower Long Lake Rehabilitation and Protection District (LLLPRD)
Board Meeting Minutes – December 9th, 2003**

The meeting was called to order by Wayne Sauls at 7:10 PM.

Present: Wayne Sauls, Brian Kent, Jim Dahl, and Pat Andress

Absent due to illness: Darlene Glass

Minutes of the previous meeting (October 12, 2003) were presented and approved as corrected. Motion by Brian. Second by Jim. Motion carried for minutes to be entered into the record as corrected.

Pat reported on the shoreland/demo grant, that the final report was ready to be sent to the DNR. Pat pointed out the significant contributions of people who volunteered with this project, making it possible for the district to provide the 25% local share of the project with donated services. Actually, the volunteer labor far exceeded the amount needed.

More photos of the pontoon event were shared, the event with DeWayne Fossum, his student teacher, his students and DNR aquatic specialist, Deb Konkell. This event was related to the shoreland/demo grant, as DeWayne Fossum and students helped with planting at Morris-Erickson Park. DeWayne instructed his students on the importance of protecting shoreland with native plants, protection that is related to water quality on Long Lake.

Pat reported that John Kinyon estimated that he had about 200 hours in website maintenance during the year 2003. John posted information about the shoreland/demo grant and related activities on the website, along with other district information. Brian Kent stated that John's website expertise and efforts are very much appreciated, and board members agreed.

Wayne discussed the need for a lake management plan. He talked with Buzz Sorge about a plan and a Lake District survey to determine needs as perceived by district constituents. Wayne stated that a planning grant would probably be necessary to fund the plan. Buzz shared a lake planning checklist that would be a guide to help organize district efforts. It was agreed that it would be desirable for the management plan work group to represent varied ideas. A motion was made by Wayne and second by Jim, and the board voted unanimously to pursue the creation of a lake management plan.

Wayne called for newsletter articles.

Jim Dahl followed up with a more detailed report on fish stocking in Long Lake by contacting Joe Kurtz, and Jim shared that report.

There was considerable discussion about use of the LLLPRD website. When there is a timely Lake District concern, the website is especially useful. John Kinyon suggested the possibility of sending email notices to district constituents. The board agreed that possibility would be feasible with permission of district constituents.

There was a discussion concerning controversial issues posted on the website. Brian expressed the need for presenting both sides of issues when controversial issues are posted. This discussion led to the need for a disclaimer, that statements are not necessarily the opinions of the LLLPRD board. A motion was made by Wayne and second by Brian to adopt a typical disclaimer for the board. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM. Motion by Jim. Second by Pat. Carried.

Submitted by Pat Andress