

Lake Mason Management District

PO Box 91
Briggsville, WI 53920-0091

March 15, 2008

Special Meeting

9:00 AM

New Haven Town Hall

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Check for open meeting law compliance
5. Approval of this agenda
6. Approval of Special Meeting September 1, 2007 annual meeting minutes
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Unfinished business
 - Big Springs project
 - Other
9. New business
 - 2008 Weed Control Program
 - Sewer District
 - Nomination and election of two commissioners for term beginning 9/1/07 Annual Meeting and ending with Annual Meeting in 2010
 - Other
 - Set next special meeting date
10. Adjournment

Lake Mason Management District

Commitments of a Board Member

August 2006

The following was presented at the board meeting on August 3, 2006.

The board also thinks it is important to mention the primary reason to nominate someone is because that person is a leader who has time and energy to devote to Lake Mason matters; not because that person's main qualification is a friend.

Commissioner responsibilities include but are not limited to:

Attend all board, special meetings and the annual meeting.

For the last two years, the board has generally met the first Thursday of each month. There are usually 3 special meetings per year although this year there were two and there is one annual meeting.

Actively participate in all business conducted during board meetings.

Complete all work, in a timely fashion, as assigned by the chairman.

Maintain rapport with district members.

Contribute to the planning process including the budget.

Be well versed in the by-laws and policies.

Be willing to study and read material related to issues specifically or generally related to Lake Mason.

Be willing to travel and participate in seminars and conferences held for the benefit of Lake Districts/Associations.

Be generally familiar with all laws governing Lake Districts.

Be willing to spend 6-12 hours monthly on Lake District business.

Each board member is potentially a chairperson.

Responsibilities of the chair include, but are not limited to:

Schedule and lead all monthly, annual and special meetings

Ensure that all district business is conducted in a timely manner.

This does not mean the chairman is responsible for 'doing' everything; but the chairman is responsible for ensuring that other board members

perform duties as assigned.

Be aware of issues affecting other Wisconsin Lake Districts/Associations so the Lake Mason Management District is prepared to address, without delay, future issues that may come before it.

Maintain good working relationships with governmental bodies and other groups who in any way affect Lake Mason or the Lake Mason Management District. This Includes but is not limited to: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Adams county Land and Water Conservation Department, Wisconsin Association of Lakes, Adams Township and Douglas Township.

Be well versed in laws governing Lake Districts.

Be well versed in Roberts Rules of Order as all meetings are conducted under these rules.

Each board member is potentially the secretary/treasurer.

Responsibilities of the secretary/treasurer include but are not limited to:

Secretary responsibilities:

Take minutes of all board and district meetings. Mail minutes of district meetings in a timely fashion.

Maintain up to date mailing addresses for all district members.

Prepare all mailings to district members.

Maintain district 'general files' in an orderly manner.

Be well versed in lake district regulations relating to district correspondence with district members and the general public.

This includes but is not limited to:

Posting meeting announcements when required.

Arranging newspaper notices when required.

Complete all permit applications as directed by the board.

Treasurer responsibilities:

Maintain the district's financial records in an orderly and transparent manner.

Pay invoices in a timely manner.

Be well versed in good financial controls.

Be well versed in laws relating to lake district finances.

Although the budget process is included under lake district finances, the importance of the budget process deserves special mention.

Prepare district financial reports for each board, special and annual meeting.

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LAKE MASON MANAGEMENT DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING September 1, 2007

The annual meeting was called to order by Ken Messer at 9:10 AM. Ken welcomed everyone and then opened the meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call of board members was taken and all board members were present including Glenn Licitar representing Adams County.

Ken then checked for open meeting law compliance.

The agenda for the 2007 annual meeting was unanimously approved after a motion by Ron Luepke and a second by Phyllis Buchholz.

Joe Streator reviewed the minutes of the May 26, 2007 special meeting and those minutes were unanimously approved as written after a motion by Marty Koelper and a second by Wayne Lueneburg.

Peggy and Dan Tomlinson audited the district's financial records as of December 31, 2006. Peggy presented the results. They found that the bank statements were reconciled in a timely manner. They recommended better documentation on transactions. Their report is attached. Joe added that he attends the audit only to answer questions. Ideally documentation would be thorough enough so that the treasurer's attendance is not needed during the audit. The audit report was unanimously approved after a motion by Dick Kumlien and a second by Ron Luepke

Joe Streator gave the treasurer's report as of 3:30 PM August 31, 2007. It is attached. Peggy Tomlinson asked about the amount of legal fees. Those fees were mostly for the Big Springs project. Joe mentioned that the reasons he uses this format for the treasurer's report is to be consistent with the budget categories. Peggy Tomlinson asked why the district was absorbing all the legal and engineering fees and why the townships have not been helping out. Ken responded that the district did not want to get involved with them, they have other issues such as with the roads. Our concern, among others, is with the sediment load, which affects the lake and the residents on the lake. Ken added that if the township had approached the district we could have considered a joint venture. According to the district's lawyer, there is only so much we can do. We held them back and they agreed to comply with a few of our requests. Joe added that the district spent about \$20,000.00 of a \$30,000.00 (actually \$35,000.00) budget to protect the land values of the two counties/townships. Ken mentioned that we could go back to the townships to ask them to share in our past expenditures. Peggy Tomlinson stated that this is a good time to do that since next year's budgets are being worked on. A motion to approach the townships to share in the costs incurred was made by Peggy Tomlinson and seconded by Ron Luepke. The motion was approved unanimously.

Sue Kumlien asked whether we have checked with other districts to see if they hire public accounting firms to review the district's financial records. Ken stated we have not. A book entitled: People of the Lakes a Guide for Wisconsin Lake Organizations states that most districts have audits performed by an accounting firm or by an internal committee. Joe mentioned that the district rarely, if ever, handles cash and he guessed that the district issues about 50 checks, excluding individual treatment refunds during a year. The actual count, determined after the annual meeting, was 38. Sue Kumlien made a motion to contact public accounting firms to determine what their charges would be to audit the district's books. The motion was seconded by Barb Arnswald and unanimously approved.

After a motion by Lou Wrezenski and a second by Matt Musiedlak the treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Unfinished Business

Big Springs Dam Project

Ken reported the district has done what we are going to do and now it is up to the Town of New Haven to do what they are going to do. Marty Koelper asked how we are going to follow up on this and Ken mentioned that we will keep our ears to New Haven, to keep in touch with them and to find out what their progress is. This is a priority for New Haven right now. Steve mentioned the district has the right to go on the site anytime we want to ensure everything is being done properly. Attached to these minutes is a copy of a May 24, 2007 letter detailing what the DNR agreed to. This letter was also attached to the May Special Meeting minutes.

2007 Weed Treatments

There is general agreement that the navigational channels have been very weed free this year.

There were no individual treatments because there were not sufficient amounts of invasive weed species. Certainly there were some residents badly affected by weeds, but the cost of doing just a few treatments would have been prohibitive.

Ken mentioned that Deb Konkell from the DNR stated that this is the best the lake has been in the past three years. She feels we are making a big dent in the Eurasian milfoil. Someone asked why this was so. Was it because of the weed treatments, increased carp population or what? Ken stated Deb felt it was the weed treatments. Some residents mentioned that this year was worse than last year, but most agreed it is just the luck of the draw. Joe mentioned that he felt that in the absence of studies, each year a different reason will be given for the weed conditions....the spring weather, because there was a drawdown or because there was not a drawdown. Joe asked that if anyone sees good articles explaining why weeds are down in a specific year, they should send him the articles so he can distribute them to the members.

Marty Koelper then asked about a drawdown this year. Ken mentioned that he had given the Town of Douglas the information they needed in spring and they have applied for a permit. We recommended a one-foot drawdown. Ken has not heard if they have

received the permit. According to Wayne Lueneburg the paper has said there will be no drawdown. Ken stated he will contact Karen from the Town of Douglas. Marty thought there could be better follow up on the board's part. Ken stated he will follow up with Shawn Each to see what the guidelines are for operating the dam.

Other

Dick Hanick asked about last year's fish stocking efforts. Ken talked to Scot Ironside (DNR) this summer to ask when the lake would be shocked to learn how the stocked fish were growing. Although Scot had promised last year to do the shocking this fall, he stated that this was no longer possible but there will be a shocking next spring and the following fall.

Marty Koelper asked whether the district receives any funds from the money box this is located at the boat landing on the east side of the lake. Ken stated no, all money goes to the Town of Douglas. Ken stated the district recommended the town use that money for upkeep of that launch. The district paid for the signs and set up the box, but we do not know how much money has been collected. Barb Arnswald said she had heard \$150.00 was collected.

Jan Luepke asked whether a map showing stumps in the lake could be distributed to everyone on the lake so people would not be dragging tubers through the stumps etc. It was mentioned that people doing this kind of thing are people not living or visiting people on the lake so distributing the maps would probably not accomplish much. Once again there are legalities involved. Joe mentioned that in the past he had talked to the district's insurance agent in the past about general insurance issues. Joe understood that even though the district would not be responsible for distributing the maps, it could most likely be shown the district condoned the distributing of maps and therefore the district could potentially be liable for an accident. The same could be said if the district does not maintain the signs it erects.

New Business

2008 Budget

The budget the board is proposing was distributed to everyone with the announcement of for the annual meeting. One member asked how many people in the district were adjacent to the shoreline. Joe stated that there seems to be a misunderstanding of who is in the district. Whether someone is adjacent to the lake is not an issue. For example, if a parcel in the district was divided into more than one parcel, the new parcels are in the district whether or not they are adjacent to the lake. To answer the question, Joe stated he sends about 160 pieces of mail or email to district members.

Peggy Tomlinson asked about an amount of \$9,234.00 on the second page of the budget. After looking at it, Joe stated it was a spreadsheet cell that had not been cleared and therefore had nothing to do with the budget.

The budget was unanimously approved after a motion by Phyllis Buchholz and a second by Dick Hanick.

Nomination and election of two commissioners

Ken stated that the terms of two board members have expired, Matt Musiedlak and Steve Kessenich. Ken asked for nominations for the two positions.

Sue Kumlien nominated Steve Kessenich, Jan Luepke nominated Barb Arnswald, and Dick Hanick nominated Bob Garske.

Dan Tomlinson wanted to nominate Matt Musiedlak but Matt declined due to family obligations. It was noted Matt has done an outstanding job during his years on the board.

Matt Musiedlak suggested one of the Tomlinson accept a nomination but they declined.

Dick Hanick moved to close the nominations and Dick Kumlien seconded it. By a unanimous vote the nominations were closed.

Ken asked for two people to pick up the ballots and count them. Peggy Tomlinson and Jan Luepke volunteered. Some asked whether they should write two names on one ballot or should each voter have two ballots? Although one board member stated two ballots were needed, Joe interjected that this issue is clearly covered in the by-laws and had been discussed in a prior annual meeting. The correct procedure is for each voter to have one ballot and to vote for one person on that ballot. Since two terms have expired, the two nominees receiving the most votes will be elected.

Ken Messer announced the vote tally as follows:

Steve Kessenich	10 votes
Barb Arnswald	7 votes
Bob Garske	6 votes.

A motion to destroy the ballots was made by Wayne Lueneburg, seconded by Jan Luepke and unanimously approved.

(During the October Board meeting it was noted that none of the nominations were seconded, therefore the election is void.)

Other

Ken received a letter in the mail three days prior to this meeting from the Marquette County Land and Conservation Department. This letter announced a countywide association of lake districts/organizations. The annual meeting will be held right after Labor Day weekend. Dues will be \$30.00 per group per year. Invitations to the county wide annual meeting will be sent out in August 2007. Ken mentioned this was received on very short notice. There was some discussion and there was general consensus to attend county wide annual meeting. Marty Koelper made a motion that someone attend the county-wide annual meeting of lake associations. The motion was seconded by Sally Danke. Joe Streater requested that Marty amend his motion to direct the board to attend, or be responsible for someone attending the county wide annual meeting. Marty agreed to this amendment but the change was not seconded. Therefore Marty's

original motion that someone attend the countywide annual meeting was voted up and was unanimously approved.

Joe mentioned that Adams County also has a countywide association of lake districts/organizations, which has been in existence over a year. We depend on the Adams County Land and Conservation Department for our grants and we should be very concerned with the issues addressed by the countywide association. Barb Arnswald inquired if we have been invited to join and if we have ever attended a meeting. We have been invited to join and we have never attended a meeting.

Marty made a motion to investigate joining the countywide association of lake districts/organizations in Adams County. After a second by Peggy Tomlinson the motion was unanimously approved.

Someone asked if anyone knew how many lake districts there are in Marquette County. Ken reviewed the letter he had previously read and it appeared that possibly 10 lakes were represented to date.

Sally Danke reported that what the July 4th board parade lacked in quantity of participants it made up for in quality of participants. She promised next year's parade will be even better. Thank you Sally for keeping this tradition alive.

Sally also reminded everyone that a brat fry will be held immediately after this meeting at the American Legion baseball field in Briggsville. Sally mentioned that Phyllis Buchholz, Jan and Ron Luepke and Bob Krause were very helpful to her. Once again, Sally, thank you for re-establishing this tradition.

The next special meeting will be held March 15, 2008 at 9:00 AM at the New Haven Town Hall.

If you want anything addressed at the next special meeting, please let any board member know (but preferably the secretary) 30 days before the next special meeting.

Dan Tomlinson moved to adjourn the meeting. There were many seconds. After unanimous approval, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Special Meeting: March 15, 2007, 9:00 AM, New Haven Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph C. Streator
Secretary/Treasurer

Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2007

2007	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Legal	0.00	0.00	1,638.62	686.24	0.00	1,441.11	1,900.19	1,415.59	169.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,250.75 Legal
Weed Control	0.00	0.00	770.00	7,727.71	0.00	11,840.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,338.65 Weed Control
Memberships	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00 Memberships
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,045.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,045.00 Insurance
Supplies etc.	0.00	0.00	331.72	772.89	194.66	25.92	33.68	338.57	47.98	33.07	0.00	0.00	1,778.49 Supplies etc.
Lake Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,240.00	2,608.52	14.57	530.00	113.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,506.37 Lake Maintenance
													35,169.26 Total
Total 2007	240.00	0.00	2,740.34	10,426.84	2,803.18	13,322.54	2,463.87	1,877.44	1,261.98	33.07	0.00	0.00	35,169.26 Check of total
2006	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Legal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,055.05	5,055.05 Legal
Weed Control	0.00	0.00	770.00	7,362.95	0.00	11,750.59	0.00	782.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,665.62 Weed Control
Memberships	225.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	295.00 Memberships
Insurance	0.00	-183.00	0.00	0.00	1,021.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	838.00 Insurance
Supplies etc.	48.93	0.00	121.39	0.00	316.25	0.00	0.00	536.38	39.50	157.02	0.00	0.00	1,219.47 Supplies etc.
Lake Maintenance	0.00	0.00	149.92	42.07	1,500.00	1,745.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,540.00	5,976.99 Lake Maintenance
													34,050.13 Total
Total 2006	273.93	-113.00	1,041.31	7,405.02	2,837.25	13,495.59	0.00	1,318.46	39.50	157.02	0.00	7,595.05	34,050.13 Check of total

Checkbook balance as of December 31, 2007 \$ 1,987.88

Adjusted checkbook balance 1,987.88

Bank balance as of December 31, 2007 \$ 2,453.84

-255 Two 2007 riparian refund checks

-2.58 Expense check

-208.38 Wheeler Van Sickle

Adjusted bank balance 1,987.88

Difference after adjustments 0.00

CD amount \$ 15,130.41

Upon receipt of 2008 special charges, \$1,987.88 will be set aside in the Lake Mason Preservation Fund through the purchase of another CD

Treasurer's Report as of January 31,2008

2007	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Legal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Legal
Weed Control	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Weed Control
Memberships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Memberships
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Insurance
Supplies etc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Supplies etc.
Lake Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Lake Maintenance
													0.00 Total
Total 2007	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Check of total

2006	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Legal	0.00	0.00	1,638.62	686.24	0.00	1,441.11	1,900.19	1,415.59	169.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,250.75 Legal
Weed Control	0.00	0.00	770.00	7,727.71	0.00	11,840.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,338.65 Weed Control
Memberships	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00 Memberships
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,045.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,045.00 Insurance
Supplies etc.	0.00	0.00	331.72	772.89	194.66	25.92	33.68	338.57	47.98	33.07	0.00	0.00	1,778.49 Supplies etc.
Lake Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,240.00	2,608.52	14.57	530.00	113.28	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,506.37 Lake Maintenance
													35,169.26 Total
Total 2006	240.00	0.00	2,740.34	10,426.84	2,803.18	13,322.54	2,463.87	1,877.44	1,261.98	33.07	0.00	0.00	35,169.26 Check of total

Checkbook balance as of January 31,2008 \$ 1,987.88

Adjusted checkbook balance 1,987.88

Bank balance as of January 31,2008 \$ 2,245.46

-255 Two 2007 riparian refund checks
-2.58 Expense check Krause

Adjusted bank balance 1,987.88

Difference after adjustments 0.00

CD amount \$ 15,130.41

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Treasurer's Report as of February 29, 2008

2007	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Legal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Legal
Weed Control	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Weed Control
Memberships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Memberships
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Insurance
Supplies etc.	0.00	62.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.88 Supplies etc.
Lake Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Lake Maintenance
													62.88 Total
Total 2007	0.00	62.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.88 Check of total
2006	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Legal	0.00	0.00	1,638.62	686.24	0.00	1,441.11	1,900.19	1,415.59	169.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,250.75 Legal
Weed Control	0.00	0.00	770.00	7,727.71	0.00	11,840.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,338.65 Weed Control
Memberships	240.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00 Memberships
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,045.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,045.00 Insurance
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Checkbook balance as of February 29, 2008 \$ 1,925.00

Adjusted checkbook balance 1,925.00

Bank balance as of February 29, 2008 \$ 2,012.58

-85.00 One 2007 riparian refund check

-2.58 Expense check

Adjusted bank balance 1,925.00

Difference after adjustments 0.00

CD amount \$ 15,130.41

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Treasurer's Report as of March 13, 2008

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Legal	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Legal
Weed Control	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Weed Control
Memberships	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Memberships
Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Insurance
Supplies etc.	0.00	62.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.88 Supplies etc.
Lake Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00 Lake Maintenance
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Weed Control	0.00	0.00	770.00	7,727.71	0.00	11,840.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20,338.65 Weed Control
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Checkbook balance as of	March 13, 2008	\$ 11,382.55
Adjusted checkbook balance		11,382.55
Bank balance as of	March 13, 2008	\$ 11,862.58
		-480.03 Six checks
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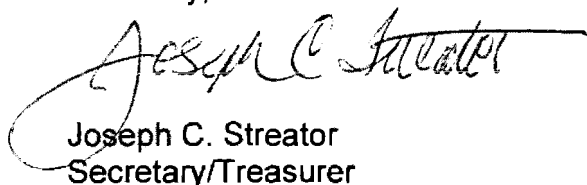
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LAKE MASON MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES SPECIAL MEETING MARCH 15, 2008

Ken Messer called the special meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Ken welcomed everyone and then opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call of board members was taken and all board members (Ken, Bob Krause and Joe Streator) were present including Glenn Licitar representing Adams County.

A total of thirteen people were present at the meeting representing ten votes. The reason for the difference is Glenn is not allowed to vote and two properties have an ownership structure that permits only one vote.

Ken then checked for open meeting law compliance.

Ron Luepke made a motion, which was seconded by Gene Roach, to approve this meeting's agenda. No vote was taken.

There was no discussion on the minutes of the September 1, 2007 Annual Meeting. Jan Luepke made a motion to accept the minutes and Bob Demmert seconded the motion. No vote was taken.

Joe Streator presented the Treasurer's report. The report consisted of presenting the financial condition of the District as of December 31, 2007, January 31, 2008, February 29, 2008 and March 13, 2008. There were no comments. Bob Demmert made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Dan Tomlinson seconded it. No vote was taken.

Joe asked if everyone was satisfied with how the financial information is presented. It is presented in this format in order to match budget categories. No one had any complaints or suggested changes.

Unfinished Business

It appears the Big Springs Project, as we knew it last year, has been abandoned by the DNR. HOWEVER, it also appears that another project is in the works under the auspices of the Department of Transportation where permitting is less cumbersome. This project could be very detrimental to Lake Mason, businesses on the lake and property owners, as it appears no sediment traps will be installed. At the Board meeting immediately prior to the Special Meeting, Ken stated that the District had not been kept informed of the new project and that Scot Watson of the Department of Natural Resources told him they 'forgot' about

the District. At the Board meeting, Joe requested Ken to write a letter to Scot documenting his 'forgetfulness.'

Ken was also requested to attend the Town of New Haven Board meeting on March 20, 2008 to present the District's concerns about the spillway removal without silt dam protection and to ensure the New Haven Board realizes they bear responsibility for sediment flow into Lake Mason. Ken agreed.

There was no other unfinished business.

New Business

2008 Weed Control Program

Once again the District will hire Lake and Pond Solutions LLC to treat the boating channels for weeds. The estimate is about five percent higher than last year. The District will prepare for the potential of having riparian (individual) treatment for weeds. **IF YOU WISH TO HAVE WEEDS TREATED IN FRONT OF YOUR PROPERTY, PLEASE SEE THE VERY IMPORTANT ATTACHMENT TO THESE MINUTES.**

A member asked if it wasn't easier, when everyone sends their check in, for me to hold them rather than to deposit them; and then if no individual treatments refunds do not have to be made. This marks the third consecutive year I have been asked that question. It is much better business practice not to hold checks. Many people don't like having a check outstanding in their account for three or more months as they may forget about it and if the check eventually overdraws their account they incur fees. Many people also don't like to reconcile their account because it can be a 'pain.' A board member should not be looking for the easy way to do something but the right way. A board member should put the members' interests ahead of his or her own.

The Lake District will have signs made up and posted at the boat landings reminding boaters to not put trailers into Lake Mason if they have weeds on them, even if they are dried up; and to remove all weeds from their trailers immediately upon pulling their trailer out of the lake. There was some discussion about starting a volunteer effort to watch boats, particularly during bass tournaments and opening weekend, to ensure lake users do not put trailers into the lake with weeds on them and then that they remove weeds after leaving the lake.

We have not yet contacted the DNR to learn when bass tournaments are planned for Lake Mason.

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Sewer District

There was an update on the Board's work investigating the possibility of forming a Sewer District. Ken will talk with the District's attorney, who has very much experience with forming sewer districts, to obtain a letter listing the pros and cons of a sewer district. Joe mentioned that he does not think the board should be spending time on this topic. He feels it should be a grass roots effort started outside of District business. He also mentioned that a sewer district does not allow non-residents to vote in its elections and feels the Board, by pursuing this matter as District business, is not representing current district members who would lose their right to vote with a change in structure. Although people would not be forced to tie into the sewer it is highly likely everyone would have to pay for everything but the tie ups, just as when any other government approves a project...it does not matter if you make use of whatever the project is, your assessment goes up.

A Sewer District would include property not located on Lake Mason.

Commissioner Elections

Ken announced that he will resign from the Board for personal reasons at the Labor Day weekend Annual Meeting.

After a motion by Dan Tomlinson and a second by Ron Luepke (no vote taken) it was agreed to postpone the election scheduled for this meeting until the Annual Meeting on Labor Day weekend. Ken suggested this action because there were only ten votes to be cast at today's meeting. No one voiced any objections.

Therefore, four of the five Board positions will be filled at the Annual Meeting:

Two positions for the two-year term beginning September 1, 2007 and ending with the Annual Meeting in 2010. These spots are currently unoccupied due to last year's election being invalid.

One position for the three-year term beginning at this year's Annual Meeting and ending with the Annual Meeting in 2011. This spot is currently occupied by Joe Streater.

One position to finish Ken's term that ends with the Annual Meeting in 2009.

If you have opinions on the format of the election(s) please send them to me at the District's PO box, so the board can consider your suggestions. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL A MEETING AND THEN ARGUE YOUR VIEWPOINT. ARGUING**

IS NOT BENEFICIAL TO THIS DISTRICT. ARGUING GENERALLY IS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO WELL THOUGHTOUT AND RESEARCHED INFORMATION.

Ken mentioned that everyone should seriously consider what is expected of a commissioner. Those expectations are attached to these minutes and they were attached to the announcement of this meeting. Be prepared to ask those nominated what they plan to do for the District. **DO YOU WANT A PROACTIVE DISTRICT OR A REACTIVE DISTRICT???**

Other new business

Joe stated that Sally Danke plans to coordinate the Independence Day boat parade. She is planning it for July 5, 2008. More details will follow.

Joe also stated that Sally plans to coordinate the brat fest. It is probably better not to have it on Labor Day weekend, as most people want to spend their time with family and friends. For now, she is considering Saturday, August 16, 2008; however she has to check the availability of the baseball field facility. More details will follow.

Thank you, Sally, for your spirit.

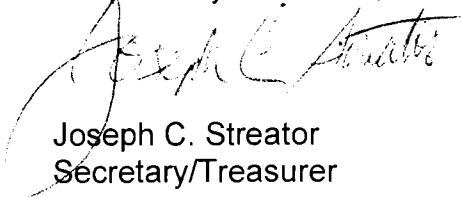
Ken stated that according to Scott Ironside the DNR will be putting traps throughout the lake in early summer to check the fry population of each fish species. In fall there will be a shocking to determine overall fish population.

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The Annual Meeting will be on Saturday, August 30, 2008 at 9:00 AM at the New Haven Town Hall. **THIS ANNUAL MEETING IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO THE FUTURE OF YOUR DISTRICT WITH 80% OF THE POSITIONS TO BE VOTED ON. DO YOU WANT TEN PEOPLE TO DECIDE THE DISTRICT'S FUTURE DIRECTION OR DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF FIFTY PEOPLE DECIDING?**

There being no other business this meeting was adjourned after a motion by Steve Kessenich and a second by Bob Demmert. No vote was taken.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph C. Streator
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Treasurer's Report as of April 30, 2008

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Total 2008	0.00	62.88	9,255.49	416.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,734.85 Check of total

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PROPOSED

May 24, 2008

Special Meeting

9:00 AM

New Haven Town Hall

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Check for open meeting law compliance
5. Approval of this agenda
6. Approval of minutes Special Meeting March 15, 2008
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8. Unfinished business
 - 2008 Weed Control Program
 - Fish Survey
 - Big Springs project
 - Set date for boat parade over Independence Day weekend
 - Set date for bratfest
 - Other
9. New business
 - Zebra Mussels
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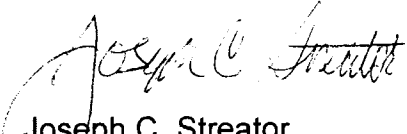
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LAKE MASON MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING AUGUST 30, 2008

Ken Messer called the annual meeting to order at 9:06 AM. Ken welcomed everyone and then opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

A roll call of board members was taken and all board members (Ken, Bob Krause and Joe Streator) were present.

Thirty-seven people signed the attendance sheet representing 34 eligible votes.

Ken then checked for open meeting law compliance.

Harold Carlson made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Newling, to approve this meeting's agenda. The agenda was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Approval of the minutes from the Special Meeting May 24, 2008 was tabled until the next special meeting because we did not have a copy of those minutes at this meeting.

Joe Streator presented the Treasurer's report. The report consisted of presenting the financial condition of the District as of August 23, 2008. The report had been mailed to everyone in advance of the meeting and was available at the meeting as a handout. We are still to receive some fees from Adams County. These should be received soon. There were no questions. Louie Wrezenski made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Bob Demmert. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved by a voice vote with no objections.

Audit Report

Peggy Tomlinson audited the books for 2007 and her report is attached. After a motion by Phyllis Buchholz and a second by Sally Danke, the audit report was unanimously approved by a voice vote.

Unfinished Business

Big Springs Project

Ken reviewed pictures he has received from Adams County. Ken Messer receives weekly letters from Chris Murphy on the project phases. There have been some delays because of contractors but it does not sound like this is unusual. The project could take a year to complete. The water flowing into Lake Mason continues to be very clear. (Attached is an article from the Chicago Tribune dated July 8, 2008 about the Big Springs Project. The article was not presented at the annual meeting.)

2008 Weed Treatment

The channel treatment seemed to have had good results. There were two treatment days for individual treatments. Many people were not satisfied with the program because they did not receive a treatment and they have plenty of weeds.

As a sidelight to this there was a question as to how early checks for next year's program could be sent in. While there is no guaranty that the amount requested will be the same as the past years' \$85.00, checks can be sent to the District's PO box anytime after the first of the year. As a general rule, please wait until you receive an announcement early next year before sending in a check. The board does realize that some people vacation in winter so waiting for an announcement is not always the best way for some people to proceed. Always include your lake and home addresses when communicating about individual treatments...phone numbers help too.

In response to a question, Ken stated that the treatments target Eurasian milfoil. The reddish weeds seen at this time of the year are Eurasian milfoil.

Successful Boat Parade

Sally Danke gave a very upbeat report. More than twenty boats participated, triple the amount from 2007, and many people were cheering from their piers. Plan ahead and see if the number of participants can double next year. **THE PARADE WILL ALWAYS BE ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF JULY.**

Successful Bratfest

Once again Sally Danke gave another upbeat report. Last year twenty-three people attended and there were at least sixty this year. She had great help from Bob and Bonnie Demmert, Nancy and John Konkell, Jan and Ron Luepke, Phyllis Buchholz and Bob Krause. **THE BRATFEST WILL ALWAYS BE ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF AUGUST, so plan accordingly for next year.** I heard many favorable remarks before and after this meeting about the bratfest. A lot more will be accomplished by your District if there is good community spirit and Sally is certainly doing her share in making this a community people want to be proud of. If there are ideas for other 'first Saturday of the month' events, please contact a board member or Sally.

Other

There was some discussion about the placement of channel buoys. They are placed each year based on GPS settings so they should be very close to the same position each year. Some wondered if they could be closer to the shoreline but shoreline erosion will only increase with the buoys moved closer to shore.

Someone mentioned that a property owner is required to remove a floating stump from the lake. The new board should investigate and make very clear to all owners what their responsibilities are.

There was the usual discussion about the Lake District taking more responsibility for marking stumps etc. When the Lake District takes on efforts like this, even though well intentioned, the doors are opened to litigation when something goes wrong. The purpose of the Lake District is to preserve and better the lake not to be 'big brother' over all activities on the lake.

If anyone is still missing a big portion of his/her pier from this summer's high water damage, contact Edward Kusinski, W8631 Buckley Blvd., Briggsville, WI 53920. He has someone's big pier piece.

New Business

Flood Insurance Issues

Many Lake Mason property owners received notices from their lenders stating they are now required to obtain flood insurance. For this reason Scott Hewitt from Grothman & Associates S.C. was invited to address the meeting. He provided a lot of good information but basically everyone's situation is different. It is up to the lender what to require. You may find useful information at www.fema.org. If you or a group of people want to discuss any action, such as surveys, you may want to take, please do not hesitate to give him a call at 608-742-7788.

2009 Budget

A budget was presented for 2009 exactly the same as 2008. There was a question as to whether we expected legal expenses to drop next year. I guess the best answer is hopefully they will drop. Another question asked for clarification as to what is Lake Management expenses? These expenses include changing the buoys before and after winter, replacing broken buoys and consulting expenses for the Big Springs project. After a motion by Peggy Tomlinson and a second by Harold Carlson, the 2009 budget was approved as presented and is attached.

The budget format is a standard format established by statute or something like that. The basic format of the budget should not change, but footnotes can always be added for clarification. Adding footnotes to give examples of what is included in budget categories is a good idea.

Election of New Board Members

Four of the five board positions were subject to election: the three year term I held, two three year terms beginning with the Annual Meeting in 2007....meaning the terms expire two years from this annual meeting, and a one year term to fill the time left on Ken Messer's term.

Elek Nagy was nominated by Jan Luepke and seconded by Peggy Tomlinson.
Jan Luepke was nominated by Steve Kessenich and seconded by Louis Wrezenski.
Bob Demmert was nominated by Sally Danke and seconded by John Konkel.
Steve Kessenich was nominated by Sue Kumlien and seconded by Dennis Flannery.

Jan received 10 votes, Steve received 9 votes, Bob received 7 votes and Elek received 6 votes. They will join holdover Bob Krause to form your board for the upcoming year.

In an election of this type, the protocol is for the person receiving the most votes to fill the three year term, the people receiving the next two highest number of votes to fill the remaining two years of the three year term beginning with the 2007 annual meeting and the person with the fourth highest number of votes filling the remaining one year of Ken

Messer's term. Accordingly, Jan's term will expire with the Annual Meeting held in 2011, Steve and Bob's terms will expire with the Annual Meeting held in 2010 and Elek's term will expire with next year's Annual Meeting.

Congratulations to the newly elected board members and good luck to the entire board as they provide leadership to better our valuable Lake Mason resource.

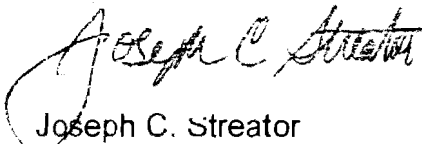
At a meeting subsequent to the Annual Meeting, the five board members elected Bob Demmert as the Board Chairman and Jan Luepke as the Board Secretary/Treasurer.

2009 Annual Meeting

The 2009 annual meeting will take place Saturday, September 5, 2008 at 9:00 AM at the New Haven Town Hall. Reminders will be sent at various times during the next twelve months.

With no other business to conduct the meeting was adjourned about 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joseph C. Streater
Secretary/Treasurer

During the past five years as your secretary/treasurer I have enjoyed hearing from many of you through phone calls, emails and miscellaneous notes. It was a joy to get to know so many of you. I hope there are many more years of good lake enjoyment ahead for all of us.



Treasurer's Report as of August 23, 2008

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Insurance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,987.88	0.00	0.00	-1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,986.88 Insurance
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Checkbook balance as of August 23, 2008 \$ 12,753.05

Adjusted checkbook balance 12,753.05

Bank balance as of August 23, 2008 \$ 12,753.05

Adjusted bank balance 12,753.05

Difference after adjustments 0.00

CD amount maturing 9/3/2008 \$ 15,130.41

CD amount maturing 5/14/2009 \$ 1,987.88

Amount in checking account for Individual treatments \$ 4,245.00 *

Total available for District business 8,508.05 **

*Cost of treatments plus permit fee have to be paid from this amount

**More than \$5,000.00 still to be collected from the townships and channel treatment bills have not yet been received.

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Lake Mason Management District

I have preformed an audit of the Lake Mason Management District financial records for 2007. There were only four checks which remained outstanding as of December 31, 2007, totaling \$465.96. After subtracting them from the 12/31/07 Bank Statement balance of \$2453.84 the bank was in agreement with the check register balance of \$1987.88.

The suggestions from the last audit of 2006 were implemented and the 2007 audit was completed with ease (about 2 hours) and without the District treasurer needing to be present. The invoices/bills/documentation contained descriptive notes, check numbers and amounts to correspond with the checks written and all have cleared the bank except for the above mentioned. There were two checks which did not have documentation. Joe stated to me that the paperwork was misplaced but had been approved prior by Ken Messer.

All deposits for the individual treatments were documented with copies of the checks received and agreed with the listing provided once I totaled them. My only suggestion would be that the copies of the checks should be totaled with a calculator tape which should agree with the bank deposit amount. The spreadsheet, which Joe provided, of the individual treatments, with the amount received from each, was very helpful in reconciling the deposits and the refunds that were issued.

Thank you Joe for doing such a great job with the financial records for the Lake Mason Management District.

Peggy Tomlinson

LAKE MASON MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

BRIGGSVILLE, WISCONSIN

Approved 2009 Budget

REVENUES

Category	2008 budget	Jan-Aug 20 2008 Actual	2009 Budget	Per Cent Change 2008 vs. 2009
a) Special Assessments or charges				
Special Charges*	\$35,003.00	\$29,295.00	\$35,003.00	0.00
b) Other financing sources				
Line of Credit	0.00	0.00	0.00	#DIV/0!
Total Revenues	35,003.00	29,295.00	35,003.00	0.00
Cash Balance Applied	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues & Cash Balance Applied	\$35,003.00	\$29,295.00	\$35,003.00	0.00

* The Annual Budget includes Special Charges on each lot or other tax parcel within the District to fund the lake management services undertaken by the District. Approval of the Annual Budget includes approval of these Special Charges. These Special Charges will be collected with the general taxes on each tax parcel within the District and allocated as follows:

\$100.00 for each tax parcel, plus the following amounts for each tax parcel:

\$100.00 for each commercial structure (including restaurants, stores and taverns.

\$50.00 for each single-family dwelling. A "single-family dwelling" means a structure or part of a structure designed or used for sleeping and living quarters for a single family (including residences, motel rooms, hotel rooms, vacation cottages, condominium units or apartments), except for campers, and

\$25.00 for each campsite, within a tax parcel, which is occupied by a camping unit for more than 30 days annually. A "camping unit" means a structure originally constructed to be transported by public roads and designed or used for sleeping, eating or living quarters that includes less than 400 square feet of living space.

EXPENDITURES

Category	2008 budget	Jan-Aug 20 2008 Actual	2009 Budget	Per Cent Change 2008 vs. 2009
COSTS OF OPERATION				
a) General Government				
Aquatic Plant Treatments	\$21,675.00	\$8,222.90	\$21,675.00	0.00
Lake Management	2,789.00	2,139.42	2,789.00	0.00
Insurance	1,311.00	1,986.88	1,311.00	0.00
Legal	3,000.00	4,579.69	3,000.00	0.00
Other (Administrative)	2,400.00	1,343.58	2,400.00	0.00
 Lake Mason Protection Fund	 \$3,828.00	 0.00	 \$3,828.00	 0.00
b) Debt servicing (principal and interest)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
 Total Expenditures	 \$35,003.00	 \$18,272.47	 \$35,003.00	 0.00

In 2009 there will be an expense for Aquatic Plant Treatments of over \$10,000.00. This is for treating weeds in the boating channels.

Lake Mason Protection Fund proposed represents the difference between planned total income and planned total expenses.

FUND BALANCE Governmental Fund

Fund Balance 1/1/2008	Total Revenues	Total Expenditures	Expected Fund Balance 12/30/2008	Property Tax Contribution
\$0.00	\$35,003.00	\$35,003.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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At raising and razing dams, state is eager beaver

Demolition proposals roiled some waters in Wisconsin, but barrier to latest bid now breached

By Maurice Possley

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BIG SPRING, Wis.—While much of the Midwest has been focused for weeks on shoring up levees and dams against massive flooding, a group of government officials and private citizens here has, after five years of haggling, agreed to remove a decades-old dam on Big Spring Creek.

This week, workers from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will begin prep work before constructing sediment collection structures downstream from the dam, which is upstream from Mason Lake—a few miles west of Briggsville.

It is the first step in a process that will see the silty waterway return to the fast-moving, cold trout stream it was before it was dammed about a century ago.

Formed by the joining of two underground springs, Big Spring Creek was the site of another battle several years ago when bottled-water giant Perrier attempted to buy land to dig wells to pump out 720,000 gallons of spring water daily.

Perrier abandoned the proposal in 2002 after months of acrimony; proponents saw the project as an infusion of jobs, while opponents sued to block it, and at least one elected official who took Perrier's side was recalled.

Now, some of the participants in that controversy have joined to not only remove the dam but restore much of the stream's banks. The project will cost about \$300,000 with the federal government, state and local authorities contributing as well as the River Alliance of Wisconsin, a non-profit river restoration organization.

Land of many dams

"It's not a big watershed, but it's going to improve the ecosystem," said Adams County conservationist Chris Murphy, one of the key players in nudging the

project toward final approval.

In a state with about 84,000 miles of streams and rivers, officials estimate there are 3,800 regulated dams and that there could be as many small, unregulated dams.

At one time, Wisconsin was the nation's leader in dam construction: The first hydropower project in the world was built on the Fox River in Appleton and began supplying electric power in 1882.

But, since the 1950s, more than 130 dams have been removed—at least half of them in the last 12 years.

The heightened interest in dam removal was spurred about 15 years ago by the River Alliance of Wisconsin.

"It began with conversations among a group of people—fly anglers, canoe paddlers, river rats—people who believed a statewide group would be able to keep an eye on conservation," said Helen Sarakinos, small-dams program manager for the alliance.

"There are a lot of dams ... largely old mill dams, and a lot of them were coming to the end of their useful engineering life or were abandoned," Sarakinos said.

"River Alliance began to pick up the baton for selective dam removal. It's not about yanking out all of the dams, but about reversing the war of attrition on our waters."

Among the group's most notable accomplishments was the removal of three dams on the Baraboo River, resulting in the longest free-flowing river created by the removal of dams in the nation's history, Sarakinos said.

"Historically, the Baraboo was a sturgeon river, and within a couple of years after removal, sturgeon were moving back into their old spawning grounds," she said. "There was a rise in healthy sport fish, and water quality improved."

Proposing to remove a dam can spark contention, Sarakinos said.

"Change is difficult psychologically, and many communities have been built around mill dams and homes have been built around the mill ponds. And there is a common fear that if you remove the dam, the river will dry up—that the dam is the source of the river."

The birth of 'Boom-Boom'

Richard Knitter, Wisconsin's chief dam safety engineer from 1962 to 1996, recalls that removing dams was not a simple matter.

"In Manitowoc in the early 1980s, we practically had a riot," Knitter said. "They really wanted to keep their little pool there in town."

Ultimately, a removal agreement was hammered out and the dam was dynamited, he said. "The lawyer for the dam owner lived next to the dam and they used too much dynamite. A log flew up in the air and came down through his roof."

"That's how [Knitter] came to be known as 'Boom-Boom,' " said Meg Galloway, the state's chief of dams and flood-plain management. "He is the reason that Wisconsin came to have a national reputation for dam removals."

Knitter said, "That section of the [Manitowoc] river is now part of a 30- to 40-mile steelhead run. It's a beautiful, beautiful stream."

'Big mess' for Big Spring

The Big Spring Creek dam came under scrutiny from state officials after Mark Knutson purchased the property in 1996 with the intention of using it to generate electricity.

But during a heavy rainstorm a few years ago, the water got so high it was sending a geyser into the air, and alarmed neighbors called state officials. The DNR inspected the dam and condemned it, Knutson said in an interview. "They ordered me to repair or remove it by 2003."

Knutson's attorney, Paul Polacek, explained, "The Perrier thing went awry and this came almost immediately after that. It blew up into a big mess."

The problem was the blacktop road over the dam—neighbors on the far side didn't want to lose their access, though there was another road less than a quarter of a mile away that would provide almost the same access. The removal plan stalled until an agreement was reached to install a culvert so the road will still be there after the dam is removed.

After state workers install sediment collection traps downstream of the dam, workers will remove the top 12 inches of the dam to allow the water behind it to begin to draw down. Twelve inches of concrete will be removed biweekly until the dam has been lowered 10 feet, and the stream will be free-flowing.

After that, the stream's banks will be shaped and seeded. The sediment collection traps will be removed, and in 2009 the culvert will be installed so the road can be reopened.

"We are taking the lemon and making lemonade," Murphy said. "This will be a good thing for everyone who lives in the Big Spring Creek neighborhood."

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LMMD Board Minutes 9/10/08

The Lake Mason Management District Board meeting was conducted on Sept 10, 2008. New commissioners were Bob Demmert, Jan Luepke, Steve Kessenich, Elek Nagy. Bob Krause is continuing member from 2007/2008.

The first business was election of officers. Bob Krause nominated Bob Demmert for Chairman, nomination seconded by Steve Kessenich. The motion was unanimously passed by voice vote. Bob Demmert nominated Jan Luepke for Secretary/Treasurer, nomination seconded by Elek Nagy. The motion was unanimously passed by voice vote.

Bob Krause said that New Haven Town Clerk Bernice Tagney has a check for Adams County for \$7700.00, collected from assessments for homeowners for the Lake District. It was agreed to pass the check along to outgoing Treasurer Joe Streator to put it into the treasury to pay for the balance owed for weed spraying.

There was discussion of what the lake district does for the district members. It includes taking care of three directional buoys, possible drawdowns and weed spraying.

Bob Krause will call the DNR about a rumor concerning lowering the lake level this fall. We would like the lake lowered at least 10 inches to help reduce shoreline erosion when the ice goes out in the spring.

Steve Kessenich will call Dino Dock Co. about changing the covers on the buoys for the winter.

The board agreed with Steve Kessenich's suggestion that all board members have calendars for the year ahead so we all know what is scheduled. Steve will try to get calendars for 2008/2009.

A motion was made by Jan Luepke and seconded by Bob Krause to plan all board meetings for 1st Wed. Of each month. Next meeting will be Oct.1 at 6:30p.m. at the New Have Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Luepke, secretary

LMMD Board Meeting 10/1/08

Bob Demmert called the monthly board meeting to order at 6:30p.m. on Oct. 1, 2008. A roll call of members was taken. Present were Bob Demmert, Jan Luepke, Steve Kessenich, & Elek Nagy. Absent was Bob Krause.

Jan read the minutes from the Sept. board meeting. They were approved. Jan presented the treasurer's report. The balance in the checkbook as of 9/29/08 is \$6735.07. Jan is waiting for Ken Messer to give us a list of property owners who could not have weed spraying.

Steve Kessenich is still working on getting calendars for 2009 for all board members. They were still not available. Bob Demmert will see if his wife, Bonnie, can get some off the Internet.

Steve Kessenich contacted Dean of Deano Docks about changing the caps on the navigational buoys. Dean said we are on the calendar for the last week in Oct. The schedule is always, buoys in, the last week of April, buoys out, and the last week of Oct. Steve will store the off season buoys in his sheds.

Steve will get help to take out the piers in downtown Briggsville sometime during the month of Oct.

Bob Demmert has been checking weekly on the progress of the removal of Big Springs Dam. He said they have been cleaning silt out of the traps below the dam.

Bob Demmert & Jan Luepke have signed the necessary papers for signature changes at the Community Bank of Portage.

There was discussion on how to handle money paid for weed spraying at individual properties. Various options have been suggested. They are: setting up a separate checking acct., putting the checks in that acct. and refunding money for properties not sprayed & paying for spraying from that acct. Another suggestion is to hold the checks & returning uncashed checks to the owners who were not sprayed. These checks could be kept in a safe deposit box owned by the district. The last alternative is to do as we do now. Deposit the individual spraying checks into the regular checking acct. & write a refund check if the spraying is not done. Joe Streater, past treasurer, thought the Lake District could possibly be in legal trouble for handling it this way, but Jan Luepke said that whatever way we do it, the Lake District is still acting as the agent. Jan Luepke will check with the bank for options.

Bob Demmert will check into the legal name of the Lake District. Is it LMIA d/b/a LMMD, or are we officially LMMD? The checking acct. lists the first option.

Jan Luepke, secretary

LMMD Mason Board Meeting 12/15/08

An emergency meeting of the Lake Mason Management District Board was called on Monday, Dec. 15, 2008 at 8 p.m.

Board members present were Steve Kessenich, Elek Nagy, Bob Krause & Jan Luepke. Absent was Bob Demmert.

A bill for \$620.00 was presented for buoy removal from Deano Dock & Lift LLC. Bob Krause moved to pay the bill & Steve Kessenich second it. Bill passes unanimously.

There was discussion on what to do with the balance of money in the checking account. In the past years, the money was deposited into a Certificate of Deposit. We decided if we needed to show that the account is emptied at the end of the year, we would take out a cashier's check for the money left in the checking account & then deposit the check after Jan. 1, 2009. Bob Krause moved & Elek Nagy second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Jan Luepke said that she & Bob Demmert would go to the bank & talk to Theresa Hoppmann about this matter.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Steve Kessenich & second by Elek Nagy.

Jan Luepke, Sec'y.

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