

Important Lake District Updates:

2009 budget hearing and annual meeting – Labor Day weekend: Watch your snail mail later this week for the summer newsletter providing details of the 2009 annual meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 6, starting at 9:00a.m. in the St. Germain Community Center. The newsletter and meeting details are also available for review on the district website at <http://www.littlesaint.org/>.

Annual meeting topics: The agenda this year is full with very important new and old business to take action on. The primary topics include:

- A shoreline and wildlife habitat restoration research project that will benefit up to 1,000 feet of eroding or improperly developed shoreline. The district has been awarded a WDNR grant that will cover 75% of costs up to \$122,000.

More on this topic can be obtained from the website by clicking on: **“Shoreline restoration-habitat recovery project”** in the **2009 ANNUAL MEETING TOPICS** index at the top of the home page.

- The status of the proposed alum treatment project to improve water clarity will be updated. This project has become a topic of debate within the WDNR. Uncertainty of whether the alum treatment will ever be permitted persists.

More on this topic can be obtained from the website by clicking on: **“Proposed alum treatment to improve water clarity”** in the **2009 ANNUAL MEETING TOPICS** index at the top of the home page.

- The district boundaries may be undergoing some revisions as a result of discoveries made while considering a response to a petition recently submitted to the board of commissioners by off-water property owners who are requesting their properties be detached from the district. One of the related issues involves a difference of opinion between the board and Vilas County regarding the responsibility for properly maintaining tax codes on county tax records.

More on this topic can be obtained from the website by clicking on: **“Property detachment petitions”** in the **2009 ANNUAL MEETING TOPICS** index at the top of the home page.

- WDNR grant funding for ongoing management of non-native invasive plants has become extremely competitive. Strategies for obtaining grants have been built into the district's 2010-2012 grant application.

More about this high expense project can be obtained from the website by clicking on: "[Exotic weed control & 2010-2012 grant status](#)" in the **2009 ANNUAL MEETING TOPICS** index at the top of the home page.

Additional topics of interest: Look under [Miscellaneous documents](#) on the website for some interesting reading:

- The importance of the first 30 feet of lake bottom from the shoreline is discussed in an article entitled "**Increasing the Amount of Fish in Lakes**"
- WI Div. of Public Health concerns over the potential toxicity of blue/green algal blooms in lakes is discussed in a document listed under "**Harmful algal blooms alert**".
- The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture has been providing beaver control services in Muskellunge Creek for the past several years. The accomplishments of this program are briefly summarized in "**USDA Muskellunge Creek beaver control report – 2009**".

The board of commissioners urges you to be an informed property owner. Please review the above topics and come to the annual meeting prepared to participate in decisions that will shape the future of Little St. Germain Lake.

Thank you,

Ted Ritter

Chairman, Board of Commissioners
Little St. Germain Lake P&R District