

MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 1999

The 1999 annual meeting was called to order by Commissioner/President Steve Sward at 9:30 a.m. at the old red brick school building in St. Germain with approximately 75 people in attendance. All commissioners (elected and appointed) were in attendance.

Minutes of the 1998 annual meeting and the financial report had been mailed to all district property owners with the notice of the 1999 annual meeting. The treasurer's report was briefly explained by Commissioner/Treasurer Erv Stiemke. A motion to approve both the meeting minutes and the treasurer's report was then made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Commissioner Sward then introduced Mr. Phil Korth of the consulting/engineering firm of Foth and Van Dyke. Commissioner Sward explained that in order for the district to qualify for lake protection grants in our ongoing effort to improve water quality, it was necessary to hire a consulting /engineering firm to work with the data which has been collected in recent years by the U. S. Geological Survey (USGS) and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR). Foth and Van Dyke was hired after carefully reviewing the credentials of several such firms.

Mr. Korth then presented a brief history recap of water quality studies performed to date. Conclusions from those studies are: 1. That the poor water quality during summer months, especially in East bay, is caused primarily by heavy phosphorous loading from Muskellunge Creek; and 2. All of the lake with the exception of West bay suffers from low oxygen levels during the winter. Mr. Korth went on to explain that two lake planning grants have been approved which provide primary funding for Foth and Van Dyke to begin exploring options for addressing these two problems. He briefly discussed possible methods of removing phosphorous from Muskellunge Creek water before it enters the lake and adding oxygen to the lake during the winter months. These projects will be studied during the next several months in order to submit a lake protection grant application prior to the May 1, 2000 deadline. Recommended remediation projects will be presented to district property owners for consideration at either a special meeting in the spring or at the 2000 annual meeting in September.

Commissioner/Secretary Ted Ritter then shared a brief Fisheries Committee report given in the absence of Chairperson Larry Acker. Bass and walleye stocking has continued by the district as has muskellunge and walleye by the DNR. District funds were used to stock 4,000 smallmouth bass this year. The DNR stocked approximately 35,000 walleye fry in July. Larry plans to alternate annual bass and walleye stocking so that the district stocks walleye during the years that the DNR stocks muskellunge, and bass during the years that the DNR stocks walleye. \$200 was given by the district from Fisheries Committee funds to the Sayner/Saint Germain Fish & Wildlife Club to support their bass pond program. This will in turn assure the district it's appropriate portion of the bass produced from the pond. Marc Dean volunteered his time to assist Larry Acker with the Fisheries Committee.

Town appointed Commissioner Lee Holthaus commented on the status of the town ordinance that would enable law enforcement personnel to enforce the "Slow, No Wake" zones on the lake. Such ordinance is scheduled for adoption on September 13, 1999. Lee also explained that the "Slow, No Wake" buoys have not been properly placed. The DNR will provide instruction on the proper placement of the buoys prior to next spring so that speed restrictions can be properly enforced by DNR and Sheriff Department personnel. Lee also commented in response to suggestions that the far end of West bay be declared a "Slow, No Wake" zone. He stated that DNR officials have advised that such a declaration would not be approved.

Ted Ritter further commented that some of the existing buoys in the lake are deteriorating and sinking. He moved that the proposed budget of \$15,000 be amended to allow for necessary buoy replacement by reducing the water quality reserve funds accordingly thereby not increasing the overall budget of \$15,000. Motion was seconded and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Nominations were called for to fill the expiring three year commissioner term currently held by Steve Sward. Steve expressed his desire to serve another term in order to oversee the continuing water quality improvement projects. Steve was then nominated. There being no other nominations, Steve was elected by unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m..

Minutes prepared by Ted Ritter, Secretary.