

**Kick off Summer Meeting
Lake Pulaski Improvement Association**

**Meeting June 19, 2014, 7:00 pm
1443 Pulaski Road, Buffalo, MN 55313**

No formal agenda was set.

Attended by: Bill Jundt, Theresa Sweeney, Kathryn Hoy, Linda Engwall and Dave Tauscher and Carol Busse, secretary.

Weed Update:

Linda reported on the letter sent out to the Pulaski Property owners in April 2014 regarding the Eurasian Watermilfoil and Curlyleaf Pondweed in Pulaski. She said that the application area will cap at a maximum of 15% of the littoral acreage which is about 17 acres on Lake Pulaski and 5 acres on Little Pulaski. There was discussion that only a couple request for no herbicide forms were returned and how we could address this mailing for next year.

Linda provided a handout of the mapping and locating of the weeds done by Freshwater Restoration. Curlyleaf treatment has been done and Milfoil will be done.

Linda suggested having James Johnson from Freshwater come to speak at the annual meeting.

It was also discussed that the DNR website offers several companies who are interested in mapping and treating the weeds. We have always used Freshwater.

Zebra Mussels:

There was brief discussion regarding paying for inspectors at the boat landing next year. We will discuss this at the annual meeting.

Water Level:

Kathryn reported that the water level to date is 967.00. After the storm last weekend we need to address the rising water and the damage it is causing the shoreline. Dave commented that the jet skiers past his property are very close to the shore and causing unwanted waves. The board discussed at length the water level and the discussion we had with Buffalo Lake residents in 2012 regarding pumping, outflow and shoreline damage. We researched a couple surrounding lake websites and found that several were at no wake status. We talked about getting a card or flyer out to the residents and posting it on the website and the newspaper regarding the wake restrictions. There was discussion about wake restrictions and how to enforce it. Is there a warning and/or a fine. Is stating a restriction an enforceable action.

The discussion lead to no wake verses 300 feet from shore. Residents as well as visiting boaters need to abide to the 300 feet no wake restriction. It is posted at the boat landing and still no one pays attention to it. Bill said he would look into purchasing buoys marking the 300 feet marker. The markers would help us establish where 300 feet really is and going forward, does 300 feet make the most sense to protect the shoreline. It is a starting point. The board voted and decided to issue a temporary no wake zone effective immediately. Kathryn emailed Mert Auger during the meeting about what it would take to go to "no wake". She will follow up with Mert tomorrow. Bill will follow up with the Sherriff's department regarding enforcement.

This would probably be a couple of weeks of restrictions weather permitting. Carol and Theresa will work on verbiage for the cards to residents. Theresa will contact Joe Haggerty regarding enforcement. Kathryn stated that she had been in contact with Tami Diehm of Winthrop and Weinstine, P.A. We are exploring the ability to pump when Buffalo Lake is in outflow rather than waiting until they return to 915.50. The current permit and restrictions no longer make sense. We do not want to disadvantage folks downstream and we believe this request when implemented properly would not cause harm to them and would greatly preserve shoreline erosion around Lake Pulaski.

The board voted and approved of Kathryn to budget the \$5,000 retainer for Ms. Diehm's services in assisting us with the amendment. Carol to add this to the annual meeting agenda.

Action Items:

Bill:

- Check on buoy markers
- Contact the sheriff regarding enforcement of the boating restrictions

Kathryn:

- Follow up with the city regarding how to initiate the no wake boundary
- Contact Ms. Diehm regarding her services

Theresa:

- Update the website as to the no wake restriction
- Work with Carol to produce a mailing updating residents about the water level
- Call Joe Haggerty to ask about enforcement of boating restrictions

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Busse