



Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization (BEPCO)

Board of Directors Meeting

DATE/TIME: Thursday, 4/2/09 @ 6:30 pm & Press Conference at 5:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Edwin Memorial Lanes

ATTENDEES:

- Tim Garrigan Mike Paul Carey Abel Lynn Patton Steve Pelton
 Scott Borchart Randy Brown Larry Frane Gerald Bucholtz Michelle Clark

1. Press Release: In addition to Board members, there were Bepco members, interested parties, and Pete Wieneheck from the Abbotsford Record Review. Tim (President) started the meeting with an overview of Bepco's recent activities. He explained that our original objective was to raise the water level. Since becoming involved with Bepco, he has learned a lot about phosphorus, nitrogen and e-coli. Tim has had conversations with Dave Coon from WVIC and Tom Meronek from the DNR. In response to questions from the DNR, Tim has drafted a chart indicating the desired water level during the summer. WVIC has lowered the water in July in anticipation of the fall rains that haven't come in five years. The message continues to be "Solution to pollution is dilution." Bepco officers (Tim and Mike) have been interviewed by Channel 9, Channel 7 and Wisconsin Public Radio (Thursday, April 9th at 7:00 pm). Tim also reported that Buzz Sorgee will match any money Bepco can raise. Copies of the press release were handed out to attendees.

Mike Paul (Vice President) contacted Jerry Petrowski (WI State Representative). Mike and Carey will be having breakfast on Saturday with George Mayer from the Wildlife Federation. There have been three fish kills on the Eau Pleine in the last 12 months and "enough is enough." Fish are getting trapped in shallow water which contributes to the fish kill. Mike further stated that we need to get the aerator issue resolved. The license and the Final Environmental Impact (1996) states that WVIC is responsible for the aerator. Dave Coon from the WVIC states that they are not responsible for the aerator.

Jerry Petrowski, State Representative came to the meeting at 6:50 pm and talked with Board & Bepco Members. He stated that he talked with the Deputy County Administrator, WVIC, and the DNR. He suggests that all parties sit down together and figure out what went wrong and address the issues to make sure this does not happen again.

2. Annual Meeting & Picnic Planning-Jerry and Kathy Mau have agreed to chair the picnic. Committee members include: Annette & Jon Fochs, Eileen & Ron Rahm, Carey Abel, Lynn & Pat Patton, Mike & Kathy Paul. Due to the press release, this item will be addressed at the 2/8/09 meeting
3. Update on recent Fish Kill Activity-discussion regarding the fish kill-Who will clean it up? This question still hasn't been answered.
4. What membership labels have been delivered? Membership labels will be distributed at the April meeting.

Next Meeting information: Wednesday, 4/8/09 @ 6:30 pm at Halder Bridge Bar

Submitted by:

Lynn J. Patton, BEPCO Secretary