



Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization (BEPCO)

Board of Directors Meeting

DATE/TIME: Thursday, April 30, 2009 @ 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Safari Bar

ATTENDEES: (Guests: Jerry Petriowski & Andy Johnson)

- Tim Garrigan Mike Paul Lynn Patton Steve Pelton Michelle Clark Annette Fochs
 Scott Borchardt Randy Brown Larry Frane Gerald Bucholtz Doug Eisele (Advisor) Ken Dorshorst

Meeting called to order by Vice President:

Agency Items:

1. Old Business-The final documents for the annual meeting and picnic were revised and approved by the Board. Annette stated that she will set up a meeting for the picnic committee to send everything out. (Meeting 5/6/09)
2. Committee Updates-NA
3. Water Quality – Discussion with Andy Johnson, Program Coordinator, Conservation Unit, Marathon County Department Of Conservation, Planning and Zoning
 - a. Board reaction, committee reaction to BEPCO-Andy felt that Bepco was well received at the MC Board meeting. The resolution was passed without Bepco's information but the information has gone back to the committee.
 - b. Aerator-collaborative effort according to Andy. Mike stated that since 1996, it specifically states in the Environmental Impact that WVIC is responsible.
 - c. Studies of the Eau Pleine:
 - 1974-Landmark Study by Dr. Byron Shaw (UWSP)
 - 1982-Major change in WI from state conversation district model to a county board mode
 - Admin. Code 120 -Upper Big Eau Pleine Priority Watershed Project-1984- Spent 2-3 million over ten years
 - Crop plan erosion, rules about winter spreading of manure, runoff and trying to reduce phosphorus. There was a close out report filed with the DNR in 1996. Project was all voluntarily. Laws changed in 1992 now making it mandatory. Tax incentive breaks for 80,000 acres of farmland. The future Marathon County Dairyland Institute will need to inform of the impact of "good farming" taking environmental issues into consideration.
 - d. Discuss Lake Management Plan, including a lake resurvey with DNR and County input-Mike suggested that Bepco develop a Big Eau Pleine Lake Management Plan since no one else has plans to.
 - e. Grant money avail., County, DNR, State, Fed-The DNR water study is grant funded through money paid to allow power lines through the county. The CIP fund is Marathon County's Capital Improvement Project fund.
 - f. 314 fire numbers "on" the Eau Pleine, breakout: full time residents, farms, cottages, vacant lots, etc
 - g. Enforcement of current codes and regulations-2 people are watching 330,000
 - h. DNR Water project starting this fall County involved? If, how? Andy is hoping info on the shelf will be utilized and come up with a plan. He hasn't seen specifics as to what the water study will do.
 - i. Could the county set aside a million dollars to address issues regarding the Eau Pleine Reservoir? The money would come from money paid to Marathon County for power line.
 - j. Jerry Petriowski-contacting DNR Secretary, legislation, navigability federal waters, public trust doctrine, trying to find some leverage.
4. New Business:
 - Discussion about organization of Bepco's general and Board meetings need to be focused, efficient, and use Robert's Rules of Order. This is true for the committees as well. Decision to set Bepco & committees organization as an agenda item for next Board meeting, May 14th at 6:30 pm at Safari's.
 - Board approved placing Bepco posters at the boat landings (Annette will complete.)
 - Board approved each member running for an office or the Board to write up a brief paragraph as to why they are running for the position rather than a brief resume.
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Meeting adjourned:

Next Meeting information:

Submitted by:

Lynn J. Patton, BEPCO Secretary

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