



Big Eau Pleine Citizens Organization (BEPCO)

Board of Directors Meeting

DATE/TIME: Thursday, 3/19/09 @ 6:30 P.M.

LOCATION: Safari Bar in downtown Halder

ATTENDEES:

Tim Garrigan Mike Paul Jim Bove Carey Abel Lynn Patton Steve Pelton
 Scott Borchardt Randy Brown Larry Frane Gerald Bucholtz Michelle Clark

Agency Items:

1. Discussion with DNR (Scott Watson & Scott Provost) – Tim reported that Watson and Provost are new to the area DNR and will be involved in water testing with a \$70,000 grant that starts in Oct 09. They need a citizens group like Bepco to work with.
2. Grants-Buzz Sorgee from UWSP will assist Tim with the grants (Marathon County CIP-Capital Improvement Program and the ATC).
3. Membership Labels will be distributed at the meetings. Businesses will get two labels and BOD members will deliver the labels personally.
4. Board and Project Organization-Mike suggested that the BOD identify job/position responsibilities for BOD and officer positions. Lynn suggested that we have a BOD meeting to identify and prioritize projects and goals for the next three years. She also put together a manual for the BOD to use for planning.
5. Aerator operation & FERC-According to the original license, WVIC is responsible for the aerator and we have been told that there haven't been any changes to the original license so this issue will need to be pursued further by the BOD.
6. Adopt a shoreline Project-Project tabled by BOD. For now, it was determined by the BOD that we would ask members to monitor their shoreline for any changes regarding water quantity & quality and fish kills. (An email was sent to members regarding this and there was a request to report to the BOD via the web site.) This has been and will continue to be noted at meetings as well.
7. Misc. Items:
 - Since Jim Bove has not attended any Board meetings since the first one, (missing 5 BOD meetings), the BOD determined that he is no longer interested in participating as a Board member so he will be officially removed.
 - Carey presented some information about Caps and T-shirts with the Bepco logo. This will be discussed at the next board meeting so an order can be placed so items are available for sale or order at the annual meeting/picnic.
 - BOD approved an amended and revised press release which will be sent to the Marshfield News Herald, The Wausau Daily Herald, Marathon Co. Health Dept., City Pages, WSAU, WAOW, Mosinee Times, and to the BOD. The BOD also approved sending a letter to our representatives from Bepco regarding our concerns.
8. Assigned Tasks:
 - Mike: contact FERC re: WVIC responsibility for the aerator; Adopt a Shoreline Project Draft; Press Release; article for papers, and schedule an April meeting with Petenwell.
 - Carey: contact WI Center for Investigator Journalism regarding their concern for water quality and Annual Meeting/Picnic Draft Outline.
 - Michelle: Update membership list and identify committee volunteers.
 - Lynn: email Mike Project Outline & Bepco stationary forms; identify current committees and chairs.
 - Tim: ask Scott Watson & Scott Provost from the DNR to present at our annual meeting.
 - Steve: Report Fish kills info. On line

Meeting adjourned @ 8:45 pm. Next Meeting information: BOD meeting 3/26/09 @ Hotchkiss's Last Cast and 4/2/09 at Edwin Memorial Lanes which will include volunteers for picnic planning. 4/19/09 Bepco meeting at Town of Cleveland Hall and 5/17/09 will be at the Town of Green Valley Town Hall.

Submitted by:

Lynn J. Patton, BEPCO Secretary