

BEPCO Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: November 8, 2009 @ 10:30 AM

Location: Green Valley Town Hall, WI

1. Meeting Called to Order by President at 10:40 am
 2. Introductions of Board members
 3. Old Business:
 - Secretary's Report -Motion and it was seconded to accept the secretary's report of the last meeting. Unanimously approved by the membership to accept the Secretary's report as read.
 - Treasurer's Report-As of 10/31/09, total income to date was \$8,833.67; total expenses of \$4,397.45 leaving a current balance of \$4,436.22. Total paid membership included 183 households and 23 businesses. The aerator account was \$25,468.17. Motion was made to accept the report, and seconded. Unanimously approved by the membership to accept the treasurer's report as read.
 - Committees Updates
 - 501e filing successfully completed. Tax exempt status has been granted by the Treasury. All donations to BEPCO are tax-deductable. Special Thanks to Clifton Gunderson for assistance.
 - BEP Workgroup Update-Mike Paul reported that the work group's name was changed to Marathon Country Big EauPleine Task Force. Updates are on the Marathon County website. The task force is:
 - a. Completing short term goals
 - b. DNR is reviewing the case study
 - c. Developing long range plan and defining participants including; DATCP, DNR, BEPCO, Wis Valley Improvement and the County.
 - d. Working with Pacrs Group
 - e. Aerator operating covered for 2 years
 - f. Local support groups invited; such as Halder Sports Club, Walleyes for tomorrow, River Alliance, etc.
 - g. Meetings are open to public
 - Aerator Project-Tim Garrigan gave a brief update on the activities with the Aerator Project. As of today – project under budget. Looking at changes to the building. Need new roof ventilators, new pullies, mouse traps, door locks. Reigel Heating & Plumbing will donate their time (Thank you)! Van Ert will be installing new contact switch (est. \$1,888) PVC pipes delivered last Tuesday. We will require assistance to help pull aerator the pipes onto the ice this winter.
 - TDML Study – DNR testing our water. Partnership between DNR, Citizens Groups (Petenwell / Castlerock, UW-Stevens Point, Wisconsin River Power Co, Army Corps of Engineers, EPA) focus on the water quality from Castlerock to Merrill to clean up the Wis River (which affects the Big Eau Pleine as it flows into the river).
 4. New Business: Membership Drive for 2010.
 5. BEPCO Priorities-
 - a. Can minimal water levels be raised?
 - b. Develop BEPCO Task Force Groups
 - c. Join other groups – such as River Alliance. Build relationships
 - d. Increase Membership
 - e. Continue to work with / Stay involved with TDML / Eau Pleine study. Collect all info we can; determine what we can do.
 - f. Re-survey the Big Eau Pleine.
 - g. BEPCO Committees more organized; retain interest in our group and what we can accomplish.
 6. Meeting Adjourned at 11:50 am-Motion made; seconded; and unanimously approved by the membership
- Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Paul for Lynn Patton