

Meeting Minutes



Date/Time: Sunday, January 11, 2009 @ 11:00 am

Location: Town of Cleveland Hall, C4262 Hwy M, Stratford, WI
(one mile north of Hwy 153 on Hwy M)

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Tim Garrigan
2. Board of Directors were introduced.
3. Old Business:
 - Secretary's Report-Minutes Read & Approved
 - Treasurer's Report-Balance of \$1532.36 but the cost of the checks and binder have not be deducted nor the cost of the receipt book.
 - Request for parties to promptly pay membership fees. Everyone was asked circulate membership and meeting forms.
 - Committees Update:
 - Political- Scott Borchardt reported that a copy of the *Motion to Intervene* that was filed with FERC previously, was given to Andy Johnson, from NRCS to review and given us suggestions on how to proceed.
 - Membership-Larry Frane is making boxes for the area bars to hold Bepco brochures as well as a place to file the membership form and dues. Pat Patton reported that the bar owners who are members, would like to see meetings at their establishments. The bar owners have the ability to make up Bepco signs through beer distributors. The Board of Directors (BOD) will have their meetings at the area bars who are members but for now the monthly meetings will continue to be held at town halls.
 - Fish & Game-Randy Brown reported that he set up a meeting with the two representatives from the DNR and two from Wisconsin Valley Improvement Corp. (WVIC) for 2/11/09 at 4:30 p.m. at the DNR office in Wausau. Four or Five BOD members will attend the meeting. Jerry Bucholtz talked with Dr. Bryan David Shaw from UWSP who completed the original study of the Eau Pleine Reservoir who indicated that the Reservoir is to be at 45% capacity until Jan and then do a draw down until April. The ropes are in place but the aerator is not in operation. Jerry reviewed the Recreational Plan and noted that they haven't put lights on the bridges as promised. The plan doesn't address any major projects; just "how many picnic tables" there should be and where and there is nothing in the plan relating to water control or quality. Jerry also reported that Gov. Doyle has asked the Federal Government for money for WI water quality and improvement. Jon Fochs reported that WVIC is going their oxygen study where they test the water for oxygen every mile.
 - Advertising- Carey Abel completed a draft brochure which was passed around. She also revised the survey form which will be circulated and is on the web site.
4. New Business:
 - Mike Paul, VP reported that the BOD approved the resolution accepting the By-Laws as we are now officially incorporated according to §181. The By-laws are on our web site. Dues are not tax deductible. In the future, the BOD will be looking at whether or not to pursue a non-profit organization (§501 which is approved by the Federal Government).
 - Steve Pelton, Bepco IT Administrator gave a presentation on the web site.

- A request for any pictures – Before and After water...same location for website can be emailed to Bepco2008@aol.com
 - The BOD reported that membership dues could be spent on any of the following items: Postage, Printing & Office supplies, Water Quality Management & Testing, Communication, Maintaining the Web Site, and meetings Support
5. Additional Items-
- It was noted that the DNR ~~UWSP~~ is starting a 3 yr study which occurs every ten years, on the Eau Pleine Reservoir. Check out the web site for more information on this.
 - Our Annual meeting will be held at the Eau Pleine Park, West Shelter on Saturday, June 13, 2009. We will also have a Bepco picnic. Volunteers for the Annual Meeting/Picnic were: Carey Abel, Lynn & Pat Patton, Mike & Kathy Paul, Annette & Jon Fochs, Eileen & Ron Rahm.
6. Tasks Assigned
7. Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm

NEXT MEETING INFORMATION: SUNDAY, FEBUARY 8, 2009 @ 1:00 PM

Town of Cleveland Hall, C4262 Hwy M Stratford, WI (one mile north of Hwy 153 on Hwy M)

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn J. Patton,

Secretary, **BEPCO**

P.O. Box 335, Mosinee, WI 54455

www.bigeaupleine.org