

Round Lake Property Owners Assn. Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Saturday – October 16, 2010

Location: Round Lake Town Hall

Member	Present	Not Present	Member	Present	Not Present
Jack Ardoyno	■		Jim Purdin	■	
Bill Cadogan		■	Al Reinemann	■	
Dan Kollodge	■		Bob Strachota	■	
Wally Narr	■		Jim Tiffany		■
John Otterlei		■	Frank Tyson	■	

Pre-meeting started at 8:10 am

Meeting minutes from the Saturday, September 4, 2010 meeting at Famous Dave's were reviewed and approved.

- Jim Purdin provided an update with regard to his activities to resolve the water level issue with the WDNR, Sawyer County and the LCO.
- General discussion as to the agenda for the public meeting.
- Jack Ardoyno made a motion to rescind the TRO immediately. There was no second.
- Consensus of the board members was to present all the information available to the members, have a discussion of the issues, and let members vote with regard to the disposition of the TRO.

Public meeting started 9:00 AM.

- Introduction of board members to the membership.
- Spring meeting minutes: Motion for approval from Dick Duchurst and seconded by Carl Schider. Motion approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Jack Ardoyno introduced Jack Gardner as a candidate for a board membership. Jack Gardner has been elected as the chairman of the water safety committee.
- Bob provided overview of events that lead to the authorization of the TRO by the board during the July telephone conference. Bob then turned the discussion over to Jim Purdin.

Water Level Issue

- Water level handouts distributed to members. Jim reviewed the handouts and explained the hydrology of the Round Lake watershed. There was extensive conversation by the members.
- There were representatives from the county that attended the meeting. (Names???) They had a positive message.
 - Expressed an interest in coming up with a comprehensive solution.
 - Want to get this issue resolved.
 - Stated that the Sawyer County board doesn't have animosity towards the RLPOA.

Discussion of TRO

- County representatives left the meeting prior to the start of discussion. Membership thanked the individuals for attending the meeting.
- There was animated discussion by members at the meeting expressing various points of view.
 - The Sawyer County community is angry at the RLPOA for the TRO action.
 - The community believes the TRO action is suing the county, like the Hausman (sp?) lawsuit.
 - A letter was read by a member indicating their anger with the actions of the board with regard to the TRO.
- The board explained that the TRO was implemented to prevent the county from transferring ownership of the NN culverts to the LCO reservation. The goal was to stop the transfer process until more facts were known with regard to the purpose of the transfer and how it could affect a comprehensive solution to the water level issue. RLPOA is not suing the county for damages.
- Current spending for the TRO was discussed.
 - Approximately \$19,000 spent to date.
 - All funds that were spent came from the water level defense fund account. No general funds have been spent on this issue.
 - The water level defense fund account is empty for all practical purposes.
- The merits of the TRO were discussed and various points of view were expressed.
 - The TRO is currently the only leverage that RPOLA has with regard to negotiations with the county and the LCO tribe. Therefore, the TRO should remain in place.
 - The TRO has outlived its usefulness and should be rescinded was suggested but did not carry forward by the majority.
 - The TRO was a bad idea from the start and should be rescinded was suggested but again was not carried forward by the majority.
- A motion was made by Frank Tyson and seconded by Correan Jacobson.

Motion: Immediately rescind the TRO. A hand count vote was taken. The motion failed by an approximate 3:1 margin.

- A motion was made by Mark Waterston and seconded by Mrs. Engelsma.

Motion: Authorize the spending for litigation to a maximum of \$10,000 of general funds plus any private funds that can be raised via donations to pay for legal activities through the November 2nd hearing. A hand vote was taken. The motion passed by an approximate 3:1 margin.

Board Membership Vote

- It was stated that the current board consisted of 10 members is a violation of the RLPOA bylaws. The maximum number allowed is 9.
- It was stated that adding two members to the board at the spring (June) meeting was in violation of the bylaws. The voting is only to take place during the fall (October) meeting.
- The terms of board members Bob Strachota, Jim Tiffany, and Jack Ardoyno have expired. Jim and Jack stated that they were not seeking reelection. Bob stated he would seek reelection for one more term.
- The length of term left for each of the current members of the board was explained to the membership. There are 3 positions open with a 3 year term and one position open with a 2 year term.
- Jamie Arnold, owner of DJ's Dock, was introduced to the membership as a candidate for a seat on the board. Jamie provided a brief introduction to the membership.
- Voting ballots were passed out with the following names on the ballot and the result of the vote was recorded as follows
 - Bob Strachota 34 votes
 - Jack Gardner 31 votes
 - Jamie Arnold 17 votes
 - Jim Purdin 36 votes
 - Bill Cadogan 29 votes
- Result: Bob (2 year term), Jack, Jim, and Bill were elected to the board for three year terms.

Public meeting adjourned: 11:25 AM.

Election of Officers

In accordance with the bylaws, a vote was taken by the members of the board to fill the four offices of the board: president, vice-president, treasurer, and secretary. Results are as follows:

- Bob Strachota president
- John Otterlei treasurer

- Dan Kollodge secretary
- Jim Purdin vice-president