

RLPOA PHONE BOARD MEETING 8/27/2008 4 PM

Participating: Bob Strachota, Tom Kintzinger, Jack Ardoyno, Al Reinemann, Wally Narr, Jim Tiffany (in part), Terry Kingston & Jim Nancekivell

NOT Participating: John Otterlei

OTHERS: Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental – part of conference

MOTIONS:

1. Terry Kingston makes a motion to retrospectively approve up to \$1800 to hire “consultant” to map milfoil on Round/Little Round Lakes this September 2008. Jack Ardoyno second. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
2. Motion from Strachota, Kingston, Tiffany etc. to investigate or explore the feasibility of a Round Lake tax district to fund Eurasian Milfoil eradication for the long term. No expenditures approved. UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
3. **Addendum:** Additional funding of \$1800 to \$2400 approved for Harmony Environmental on 8/28/2008 by email

Motion 2 will be followed up by Jim Tiffany and Wally Narr.

OTHER PRELIMINARY DIRECTIVES:

- Fall Newsletter should come out in mid October of 2008 with articles concerning milfoil and funding.
- General Membership Meeting this September with date notification coming soon.
- Wally Narr will do final membership mailing in November of 2008

Other Agenda Items:

MILFOIL

- Terry Kingston says that WDNR will not approve fall milfoil treatment
- Lots of milfoil complaints (including Famous Dave Anderson) in the usual spots
- Kingston wants to hire “consultant” to coordinate volunteer reporting – no action taken
- Kingston states that milfoil costs could increase significantly next few years
- Low Water level probably does increase all vegetation and milfoil
- Will treat milfoil again next spring with WDNR approval
- Should we list milfoil contributors? – preliminary yes
- Addendum: RLPOA has about \$33,000 excluding water defense funds as of July 31, 2008
- Estimate that we need \$15,000 to \$20,000 next spring for milfoil RX for 30 acres at \$600/acre

- Kingston raises issue of tax district and possibly spending up to \$10,000 for “consultant” to coordinate its implementation. See motion 2 above.

HARMONY ENVIRONMENTAL

- Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental was also participating for part of the meeting
- Wanted comments on draft APM (Aquatic Plant Management) – all positive except a couple board members had not read or received it.
- Helping us with grant process and trying to finalize study
- Public review required for APM Plan with specific dates. This October ad in Sawyer County Record and info on www.roundthelake.com
- Need to have RLPOA Board member attend September 10, 2008 APM meeting at Sawyer County Courthouse Assembly Room. Jack Ardoyno may attend. WDNR, LCO and County are attending.
- RLPOA needs to agree to do informational APM mailing by Oct. 1, 2008 – Jim Engle has example
- RLPOA needs to Assign Management Responsibility
- RLPOA needs to appoint “Adopt a Shoreline Coordinator”
- RLPOA needs to find way to keep people out of milfoil
- RLPOA cannot restrict areas to public
- Kingston believes we should hire Harmony to be coordinator – no action taken & ? price
- Cheryl says we need more awareness concerning milfoil maintenance problem
- Mic Isham is in charge of LCO Conservation Department and questioned possibility of Round Lake milfoil coordination with LCO
- Reinemann says First Responder Divers may be helpful for manual milfoil eradication – contact Dave’s Diveshop. Provide pizza etc.
- Kristi Maki of County completed last milfoil map October 2007 and we have hired a consultant to do one this September 2008 – see motion 1 above and it is part of APM study.

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- Strachota summarize phone conversation with Doug Clark of Foley law firm in Madison. They want \$50,000 but first need to hire engineer to analyze 2007 Round Lake et al 100 year flood levels because that is what WDNR & County action/decisions based on. This could all cost several times what is in water level defense fund which is about \$20,000..
- **Retrospective Addition:** Lawyer email recommends exploring dam ownership
- Should cooperate with WDNR and County to change 1941 Order
- Low water lawsuit difficult because of language in 1941 Order concerning “if sufficient water is present”.
- Need to explore common ground with LCO – Reinemann & Kintzinger assigned this task

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Kintzinger RLPOA Sec. & VP