

Minutes  
**Half Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District**  
Friday, May 13, 2005, 7:00 p.m.  
Milltown Fire Department meeting room, in Milltown, Wisconsin.

Committee Members:

Present

X	Ron Glassman – chairman Sheila Waldoch – Vice Chair
X	Todd Hanson – Treasurer
X	Crag Johnson – Committee and Issues Coordinator
X	Rick Miller – Secretary/WEB page
X	Jack Overby – Polk County Commissioner
X	Harlen Hegdal – Chair, Milltown Township

Other Persons Present: None

AGENDA:

Meeting was called to order at: 7:04pm  
Motion to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion made to approve the minutes of the 10/2/04 meeting. Motion carried.

1. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion to waive old secretary notes, motion approved.

2. SECRETARY REPORT

Rick Miller – Nothing to report.

3. FISHING REPORT

Dick Eschbach (not present)

a. How was opening fishing?

General comment: Very few fisherman seem to have visited the lake this spring.

#### 4. WATER QUALITY REPORT

Sherm Gardner (not present)

a. How does water depth compare to previous years?

No input from Sherm.

#### 5. POLK COUNTY REPORT

Jack Overby

VHF (radio) communication system for Polk county amounts to a cost of about \$5,000,000 to \$5,500,000. This equates to \$8 per \$100,000 of valuation per year on 10 year payback schedule. Estimated financing: 0.07% underwriters charge for financing + 6% interest (tentative).

Six (radio) towers will be used – three are paid for (and shared by) by Daryland Power. Tower proposed in Fredrick, Milltown, Balsam Lake, Dresser, Johnstown and Clear Lake.

Daryland can share these to read meters, provide power control, etc. The County needs to buy land and build access roads to the towers. Each tower takes five acres for tie-down cables, etc. Some of the existing towers around here are not strong enough (to satisfy communication needs). If approved, this cost would show up on tax rolls next year.

(This radio tower proposal) goes to County Board for vote next Tuesday night.

Cellular telephone companies are asking farmers for land for cell phone towers.

There are currently about 60 prisoners housed in the new jail. In the future, the jail food contractor may also provide 'meals on wheels' for the area.

The assessor will re-assess Polk County properties this year. He expects a 60-70% jump in value. This value increase does not directly equate to actual property tax payment changes.

#### 6. NEWSLETTER

Sheila Waldoch (not present)

## 7. TREASURERS REPORT

Todd Hanson

Tax Settlement cash received from Milltown Township – part of property taxes. The amount of funding received by the Half Moon Lake Rehabilitation District is set at the annual meeting – and has been at the same rate for many years.

Our expenses include advertising in the Ledger for the 2004 summer picnic, and to Breezy Bay Motor Sports for lake buoys.

We currently have \$20,422.03 in the checking account.

Herb (former committee member) has had an accountant work out the “not for profit” tax reporting.

Carryover funds will continue to be recycled in certificate of deposits.

Ron Glassman asked for approval of Treasurer’s Report. Approval motioned, seconded, all in favor.

According to our by-laws, we are authorized to spend \$5,000 per year – greater expenditures require wider approval.

## 8. MILLTOWN TOWNSHIP REPORT

Harlen Hegdal

a. The boat ramp at the north public beach has been constructed to satisfy Department of Natural Resources (DNR) specifications. The 7% slope of the ramp extends significantly beyond the deep end of docks. We still need to gather up bids to demonstrate a competitive process in awarding the ramp project to the construction contractor in order for us to be reimbursed for the DNR’s share of the cost.

b. A handicap accessible dock needs to be installed for boat launch. DNR reimbursement for the new boat ramp (mentioned above) needs to be received before the handicap dock is pursued.

c. Playground Equipment – It has been requested by the maintenance crew that a big elaborate system is not installed. Milltown Township is leaning towards a smaller swing set and slide. Proposed playground equipment may not need to be approved by the insurance agency. The old swing set may be removed. Expect to spend about \$1,000 on new playground equipment.

d. Basketball Court - Basketball court construction still in process.

e. Iron removal system for the water supply in the rest rooms. (Not addressed.)

- f. Status of funds to complete projects. (Not addressed.)
- g. Other items:

Pet peeve – Emissions from the Allen king electric generation plant located in Bayport. Polk County gets some of this exhaust. A group in the community of Lakeland Shores wants millions of dollars to upgrade the smokestack/scrubber. There may be a form letter posted on the Halfmoonlake web site to help interested parties lobby for emissions reduction – holding off on the form letter for the time being.

## 9. REPORT BY CRAIG JOHNSON

a. Dam information – Milltown Township has all the authority and responsibility with respect to the Half Moon Lake outlet dam. A 7/24/03 letter from Dan Harrington (DNR Water Management Specialist) lays out the legal issues (the “do not tamper with the dam” letter.). Starting in 1926, the courts have established elevation and width specifications of the dam (24’ wide).

There is a concern by at least one of the Committee members that the dam may have construction quality / wear & tear issues.

Craig Johnson stated that it is noteworthy that the original 1926 dam was actually built too high – then the new 1975 dam was built to the correct level.

b. Web site – Up and Running. Suggested additions include: advertising a contractor who will test drinking water for about \$25/household ([drinkingwatertestkit.com](http://drinkingwatertestkit.com)), water safety rules/suggestions, link to the shoreland construction ordinance, a copy of the Half Moon Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District by laws, lake-safe lawn fertilizer guidance, etc.

- c. Lake Buoys - Three will be re-installed soon.
- d. Lake protection ideas (None suggested.)

## 10. ANNUAL MEETING

- a. Date: Third Saturday in July, July 16, 2005. 10:00 meeting, 12:00 noon meal.
- b. Caterer possibilities: We want to spend about \$5 cost per person. Over the last few years, Ron Werchelt catered the food.
- c. Plans for tents, chairs, etc.

## 11. NEW BUSINESS (None)

## 12. OLD BUSINESS (None)

### 13. FUTURE MEETING DATES

Next Committee meeting is scheduled for Friday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting is planning for the summer picnic, selecting a caterer, arranging for tents, preparing agenda for meeting, finding speakers and visitors (fire department ?), etc.

14. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:25 P.M.