

NOTICE TO HALF MOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS  
**Schedule of Meetings for 2000**

Board of Commissioners:

**April 29** - 9:00 a.m. - VFW on Highway 46

*July 10* - **June 3** - 9:00 a.m. - VFW on Highway 46

**September 2** - 9:00 a.m. - VFW on Highway 46

Annual Meeting of Electors:

**July 22** - 10:00 a.m. - Public Beach

David Butler, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

MINUTES

HALF MOON LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

SEPTEMBER 25, 1999

YFW CO RD 46 MILLTOWN TWP

Meeting called to order at 10:35 AM

Members present: David Butler, Chr; Herb Baldwin, Sec;  
Art McMahon, Treas and Dana Gauthier.

Gordy Mommsen (advisor and head of wetland acquisition committee)

Members not present: Sherm Gardner

Treasurer's Report: The district has \$29,368.15 of total value in checking, savings and CD's (refer to the attached treasurer's report)  
Motion made and passed to accept the report.

Lake Water Quality Report: Lake water clear to 15' -water has not turned - more studies required in the Harder Creek and Tamarack Bay areas.

Sanitary Sewer: Discussion included observations of the Balsam Lake sanitary sewer status and the need to continue to monitor surrounding districts, collect and research published documents / reports on sanitary sewer proposals. David will call Jerry Sanders of Polk County to discuss issues. Dana will make any necessary calls to consulting engineers involved in adjacent sanitary proposals. *Handlos*

Next Meetings: David reminded the board that we are to meet quarterly and any vote by the electorate must be by secret ballot. Dates selected for the next year's meeting will generally follow this year's meeting schedule: April 29, June 3, July 22 (annual meeting) and September 23. Dates to be confirmed by David.

Wetlands: Gordy recommends, after years of studying the lake, to continue the efforts to protect the lake at the primary source of probable water contamination. Although, at this time, the water

quality is good, we should continue to acquire or purchase lands along the inlets into Half Moon Lake which includes the hilly area surrounding Harder Creek and Tamarack Bay.

A motion was made and passed that the district acquire the lands which the lake studies have identified as important to the long range protection of the lake quality (please refer to Wisconsin Lake Planning Report Addendum No 1 dated June 15, 1998).

The initial step is to acquire or establish control of the specific land areas which are critical to the maintenance of Half Moon Lake. After acquisition or control of the land is made the second step will be to decide what to do with the land. By example, Polk County is reluctant to take fee title of any land because of the need to actively maintain custodianship of the property due to the demands of the public.

Continued discussion included methods of acquisition and control:

1. Direct Purchase
2. First Rights of Refusal
3. Easements
4. Public Ordinance
5. Private Participation

David will organize a letter campaign to target specific and other land owners through which the district will express our needs, offer to purchase the land and / or negotiate water run-off management practices, appropriate land use planning and regulations. David will also seek any opportunity to meet with any land owners to discuss our objectives. Members of the board will be offered an opportunity to attend.

A motion was made and passed that David and Gordy should (expeditiously) attempt to meet with the owners of the Nelson Property to discuss the goals and objectives of the protection of Half Moon Lake.

Proposed Polk County Shoreland Protection Zoning Ordinance Draft: The proposed ordinance seemed directed at new land development, whereas Half Moon Lake is for the most part developed. Dana expressed concern for the existing historic development and how the ordinance could be worded to provide for land owners to continue to

maintain their property and protect their investments since this meeting the county held a public hearing. Due to the overwhelming input from the public over issues not directly related to the proposed ordinance, the proposal was sent back to the committee for reorganization and preparation for another public hearing sometime in the coming spring season).

Dana's Relationship to the District: Dana is to prepare a letter specifying Dana's relationship to his mother-in-laws property allowing him involvement with this board.

Meeting Adorned: 12:50 PM

Next Meeting: To be announced

Following the regular quarterly meeting of the board, a seminar was held by the Shoreline Habitat Restoration Committee to provide preliminary information on restoration of the lake shore and encourage land owners to participate. General pros and cons were presented and discussed by the committee chair, Florian Lauer. Bill Igoe discussed his and his wife's experiences with a restoration program sponsored by Polk County. Herb Baldwin provided preliminary and conceptual approaches to the organization of a typical lake cabin site enabling land owners to understand how they could consider shoreline restoration. A follow-up seminar will be scheduled in the spring to present more details of shoreline habitat protection and how the land owners can implement projects. The meeting was attended by thirteen people.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Herb Baldwin  
Secretary



Half Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Financial Report, September 1999

**Account # 2201543 (checking)**

Balance on hand July 11, 1999		\$3,091.75
Income		
Annual Meeting Picnic Fees	\$365.00	
Memory Book Sales	\$9.00	
Herb Baldwin (Lake Photo)	\$45.00	
State of Wisconsin (Final Grant Reimbursement)	\$2,499.94	
Interest, Polk County Bank	<u>\$6.98</u>	
	\$2,925.92	\$6,017.67
Disbursements		
Martha Butler (Annual Meeting Picnic)	\$16.94	
Ron's Roasting (Picnic Catering)	\$322.50	
Ledger Newspapers (Annual Meeting Notices)	\$74.40	
Waterman's (8/20/99 Dumpster)	<u>\$300.00</u>	
	\$713.84	\$5,303.83
<b>Balance on hand September 12, 1999</b>		<b><u>\$5,303.83</u></b>

**Account # 3200526 (Savings)**

Balance on Hand July 11, 1999		\$6,548.14
Income		
Interest, Polk County Bank	\$30.55	\$6,578.69
Disbursements		
None		
<b>Balance on Hand September 12, 1999</b>		<b><u>\$6,578.69</u></b>

**Certificates of Deposit status unchanged from July 31, 1999 report** **\$17,485.63**

**Total Value Checking, Savings and C.D.'s** **\$29,368.15**

**Lake Study Grant Status**

Status July 11, 1999 (deficit)		(\$4,045.01)
Income		
Final State of Wisconsin Grant Reimbursement	\$2,499.94	(\$1,545.01)

**Final Summary**

Total Cost, Lake Study Project	\$11,544.82
Total, Lake Study Grant	9,999.75
Cost of Study to District	1,545.07

*Arthur E. Melcher*  
Treas.

Visitors .

15'

By Hoium  
Arlene Cross  
Don Cross  
Steve Millakon

Mark Sadowski

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Art reported for  
Sherm Gardner 15' clarity

50° at bottom .

turnover when temperature  
the same .

Dumpster -  
Motion

Sewer

Dava - Holding tank required in outhouse.  
check <sup>with</sup> zoning advs, re checking on outhouses.

Contact engineers - Get copies of documents from  
Balcon Lake. - Call Henry Hardlos.  
Have Dava contact engs.

Pg 8 of Park City Shoreland Prot Zoning Ord.

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Send new list of names + addresses.

## NOTICE TO HALF MOON LAKE PROPERTY OWNERS

Saturday & Sunday,

**August 21 & 22**

A dumpster will be at the Half Moon Public Beach for disposal of refuse. Jim Smith has agreed to be in charge (715/825-2560).

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

**September 25**

Meeting of Board of Commissioners  
VFW on Highway 46..

Saturday, 1:00 p.m.,

**September 25**

Seminar on Shoreland Restoration with  
County funding. VFW on Highway 46.

David Butler, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners



**MINUTES**  
**HALF MOON LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**JULY 31, 1999**

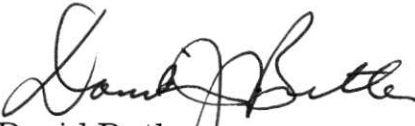
The Board of Commissioners met following the Annual Meeting of the Electors. Those present: David Butler, Art McMahon, Dana Gauthier and Herb Baldwin. Absent: Sherm Gardner.

The meeting was called to order by David Butler, Chairman of the Board. The matter of election of officers for the upcoming year was considered and the following persons were nominated and elected:

David Butler, Chairman  
Art McMahon, Treasurer  
Herb Baldwin, Secretary

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David Butler  
Acting Secretary

**MINUTES**  
**HALF MOON LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING - JULY 31, 1999**  
**HALF MOON LAKE BEACH PAVILION**

David Butler welcomed about 30 electors as he opened the meeting.

Mike Dau, Chairman of the Milltown Township Board, reported on the bad storm the night before and many outages and trees down. The Polk County Sportsman's Club wants a fishing dock in the area of the public beach. Township will put this in next spring and pull out in the fall. It will be designed on wheels. Milltown Township has agreed to extend the boat landing with a 10x16' concrete mat laid in the lake at a depth that will make boat landing and unloading safe. Cost will be \$3,000 - \$4,000. At the southeast corner of the lake an access has been discussed. The owner, Get<sup>x</sup>field's, have agreed to talk about the matter with Mike Dau rather than take legal action. A question to Mike Dau about the south landing being difficult to access resulted in Dau saying he would look into it. Signage was suggested to Dau on 120th Street to lower speed and the danger of deer and bear crossing. Dau agreed.

David reported for Gerald Handlos, Chairman of the Polk County Board of Supervisors, about the Polk County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. The recent study report has been sent to the County for consideration in formulating a Land Use Plan. County hearings will be announced.

Balsam Lake is discussing sewer systems being put into the area. The group was asked if public sewer would be a positive thought to consider for Half Moon. The group was quiet - 12 responded.

Loon Report: Pair of loons, but no babies.

Water Report: Refer to records, Sherm not present.

Walleye stocking: Last year done by Native Americans and DNR. None this year. Only 26 were speared this spring.

Loon Memory Books: Available from Martha McMahon for \$3.00 each.

Aerial photos: Available for \$45.00 each.

Name your Bay: Bogs should be called Nelson Bog and Baldwin Bog. Names were in the 1920's map reported by L. Raunger.

Dumpster: Will be rented and made available to lake owners in the near future. Jim Smith volunteered to be in charge. Lake owners to pay \$5 for depositing into the dumpster. Someone would be present to watch what goes into the dumpster. A larger charge would be necessary for larger items. Jim moved and David Clark seconded to pay for the dumpster with a limit of \$250. Motion passed.

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Half Moon Lake Annual Meeting - July 31, 1999  
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Wetland Report: No more done. Money in budget to do water testing in Tamarack Bay to determine its effect, if any, on the lake.

Shoreland: Herb Baldwin reported about what lake owners can do to take better care of property, to protect the lake, to avoid government taking rights away from land/lake owners and creating natural buffers to protect the lake. Watch for workshops in the future on how to do this. Encourage neighbors not to mow up to the edge of the lake. Plant wildflowers or leave unmowed and wildflowers will pop up. It was suggested to put rock and sprinkle wildflower seed onto the rock to help avoid erosion. Book recommended was Landscaping for Wildlife - \$21.50. To order call 1-800-657-3757. There was a hand vote that we would like the committee to look into spreading the word and asking the County what kind of funds are available to people interested in making the wildflower buffer a reality.

Election of Commissioners: Nominations selected by the Board were presented. Motion moved and seconded and passed to elect Dana Gauthier and Herb Baldwin to the Board.

Treasurer's Report - Art McMahon: There is \$2,500 left in grant money to be paid by the State. Final cost to the Lake District for the lake study will be about \$1,500. See attached. Motion moved, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Budget: This year the Board asked for \$2,000 levy for operating costs instead of the \$5,000 levied last year. Budget of \$2,000 was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Waldoch, Secretary

Attachment

Sign up - July 31 meeting

David Butler  
Mary Martha Butler  
Herb Baldwin  
Fern Baldwin  
Myrtle Mitchell  
George Mitchell  
Wally Gretsfield  
PAUL BOLLMANN  
KAREN BOLLMANN  
EDWAN CALLAGHER  
ART McMahan  
MARTHA McMahan  
Bee Hoium  
Liz Hoium  
Joan White  
Gene White  
Larry NORTH  
Trudi Gores  
Joseph Gores  
Terry Radke  
Dana Gauthier  
AL REHDER  
Warren Smallidge  
Dik Eschbach  
Gaw White  
Doris Christoffersen  
Marjorie Voss  
Bill IGOE

Karen Melona  
Steve Melona  
BOB ELM  
DOLLY ELM  
Ellen Knighton  
Sharon Brasseur  
Richard Veale  
Karen Veale  
Shila Maldor  
Nancy Fisher  
Pam Armstrong  
Denny Armstrong  
Jim Smith  
CHUCK KNAPP  
Chris Schweider  
Jim Larson  
Sam Schmitt  
Wanda Clark  
Kathie & Anne Kalyonka

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47 persons

**AGENDA**  
**HALF MOON LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**JULY 31, 1999**

1. Welcome guests and new property owners
2. Introduce Board members
3. State purpose of meeting:
  - A. Reports on activities
  - B. Elect two commissioners for 3 year term
  - C. Approve budget for next year
  - D. Questions and comments from lake property owners
4. Reports:
  - A. Treasurer's Report - Art McMahon
  - B. Report from Polk County - Gerald Handlos, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, re: Polk County Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Sewer System in Area
  - C. Report from <sup>Township</sup>County of Milltown - Mike Dau, Chairman *- Down trees.*
    - (1) Boat landing improvements
    - (2) Public easement area at south end of lake
  - D. Loon Report & Memories Book - Martha McMahon
  - E. Lake Testing - Sherm Gardner
  - F. Walleye Stocking Report - David Butler *1998 - 5 + Cross Johnson - 26,521 - 1999*
  - G. Aerial Photos available - \$45.00 *ST DNR - 14,475*
  - H. Name Your Bay Program *Spawning - 1999 - 26*
  - I. Lake Maps and Directory available *Next count - 2001*
  - J. Rental of dumpster for lake cleanup? *\$450*
  - K. Status of wetland study reports *- complete -*
  - L. Report from Shoreline Beautification Committee - Florian Lauer, Herb Baldwin, Bill Igoe and Karen Bollmann
  - M. Other
5. Elect two commissioners for three year terms. The Board has nominated Dana Gauthier and Herb Baldwin.

6. Approve budget for next year:

Mailings and newsletters . . . . .	\$ 600
Water testing in Tamarack Bay and Harder Creek . . . . .	500
Organization membership dues . . . . .	350
Miscellaneous . . . . .	550
<b>TOTAL BUDGET . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>

7. Questions and comments from lake property owners
8. Adjourn to picnic lunch

**BUTLER & O'BRIEN**  
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DORINDA K. ANDERSON  
Legal Assistant

July 8, 1999


Ledger Newspapers  
Box 129  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

Dear Clerk:

Enclosed is a Notice of Meeting & Picnic. Would you please publish this Notice in your Ledger on July 15 and July 22, 1999. Please send the bill to Dr. Arthur McMahan, 1227 - 190th Street, Balsam Lake, WI 54810.

If you have any questions please give me a call. Thank you.

With best personal regards,

  
David J. Butler

DJB:bp  
cc: A.McMahon



HALF MOON LAKE PROTECTION  
AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

6625 Lyndale Avenue South, Suite 526  
Richfield, MN 55423  
612/869-7123

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING  
&  
PICNIC**

The Annual Meeting of the electors of the Half Moon Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District will be held on **Saturday, July 31, 1999, 10:00 A.M.** at the Public Beach Pavilion. In case of bad weather, the meeting will be held at the VFW on Highway 46. The annual picnic will follow at **12 Noon**. Lunch will be catered at a cost of \$5.00 per person. Children 12 and under will be admitted free. All electors are invited to the meeting and are encouraged to attend the picnic.

AGENDA:

1. Election of two commissioners to be elected to a three year term. The Board has nominated Herb Baldwin and Dana Gauthier.
2. Approval of budget as follows:

Mailings and newsletters .....	\$ 600
Water testing in Tamarack Bay and Harder Creek .....	500
Organization membership dues .....	350
Miscellaneous .....	550
<b>TOTAL BUDGET .....</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>

The books and records of the District are available for review at the home of Dr. Arthur McMahon, Treasurer, 1227 - 190th Street, Half Moon Lake.

**MINUTES**  
**HALF MOON LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION**  
**DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**JUNE 5, 1999**

The meeting was held at the VFW Club on Highway 46. Those present: David Butler, Sherm Gardner, Gordon Mommsen. Absent: Art McMahan, Sheila Waldo, Gerald Handlos, Mike Dau and Dana Gauthier.

The meeting was called to order by David Butler, Chairman of the Board. The Treasurer's Report was distributed and filed for record.

The minutes of the May 1 meeting were read and approved.

Sherm Gardner reported that the secchi test showed a reading of 22 feet on May 1. The Board discussed the possibility of additional water testing in Tamarack Bay. Sherm Gardner had talked to DNR specialists concerning additional water testing and Sherm provided to David Butler a letter from the University of Wisconsin Extension Department and David was asked to call regarding procedures for testing and costs.

Gordon Mommsen reported he is getting in touch with Jim Miller, Chairman of the Deer Lake Conservancy Group, to line up a trip for the Board of Commissioners to visit the Deer Lake wetland restoration project site. Deer Lake has been provided with funds from the Balsam Branch Watershed District project to acquire a preservation easement. The County is holding the easement.

David presented a short outline of possible points to be included in Half Moon Lakes report to the Polk County Comprehensive Land Use Study Commission. David reported that he talked with Jim Johnston in the Polk County Land Information Office and he reported the lake needs to have its plan to the County before the July 15 meeting. David was asked to enlarge on the plan for Half Moon Lake and circulate it to the other members of the Board.

The Board decided to ask Ron Weichelt from Milltown to provide a catered lunch. Mary Martha Butler agreed to make the arrangements. It was decided we would charge electors \$5.00/plate for the noon lunch.

The Board decided to nominate Dana Gauthier and Herb Baldwin to fill the two vacant positions on the Board. Their names will be presented to the electors at the annual meeting on July 31.

It was decided to set the budget for next year at \$2,000, all of which will be for operating expenses. We will ask for no additional funds in the budget for land acquisition. The budget is as follows:



Mailings and newsletters .....	\$ 600
Water testing in Tamarack Bay and Harder Creek .....	500
Various organization membership dues .....	350
Miscellaneous .....	550
TOTAL .....	\$ 2,000

It was decided the matter of a clean-up program around the lake and the obtaining of a dumpster will be taken up at the annual meeting for an opinion by the electors.

David announced the appointment of a Shoreline Restoration Committee, headed by Florian Lauer, with Herb Baldwin and Bill Igoe as additional members. They will be making a report at the July 31 annual meeting.

Sherm Gardner reported that the Half Moon Lake road sign has been obtained and installed on the Kaiser property on County Road G.

Sherm reported that aerial photographs of individual home sites are available from a commercial firm. Sherm stated he will probably contract to have a picture taken of his home and will have it at the annual meeting so if other individuals want to have photos taken of their residences he will have the information available.

Sherm Gardner commented that Pat Schmidt is the County Commissioner representing our district from Luck, and we should be in conversation with her about inclusion of our Lake District Plan in the Polk County Comprehensive Land Use Study. David agreed to contact her and send her a copy of our Lake Study reports.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



David Butler, Acting Secretary  
in place of Sheila Waldoch, who was absent.

HALF MOON LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
 AGENDA FOR MEETING OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

June 5, 1999 - VFW Club on Highway 46

1. Welcome guests
2. Minutes of last meeting of Board
3. Treasurer's report
4. Water testing report - Sherm - *Get supplies Monday - Seccit test - next - 22'*
5. Discussion on water testing in Tamarack Bay and project with students at Unity School
6. Plan visit to Deer Lake to view wetland restoration project - *Horton to call, Jim Miller, Chairman of Conservancy*
7. Report on Polk County Comprehensive Land Use Study
8. Plan Annual Meeting picnic July 31 following annual meeting - *Ron Weichelt, Milton 825-2166 \$5.00*
9. Publicity for Wisconsin Lake Association Lake Fair, June 30, Cable, Wi.
10. Nomination of 2 persons to fill positions on Board of Commissioners. - *Dana & Herb.*
11. Set budget for next year. - *\$2000*
12. Discuss obtaining dumpster for lake pickup. - *no - annual meeting*
13. Appointment of committee to adopt plan for shoreline restoration - *Herb Baldwin, Florin Lauer, Bill Dyke.*
14. Half Moon Lake sign on County Road G - *on Kaiser property.*
15. Other business.

*Aerial photos - Sherm*

*Pat Schmidt - County Commissioner  
 Wick*

~~*[scribble]*~~ - ~~*[scribble]*~~

**HALF MOON LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL REPORT  
JUNE 5, 1999**

Checking Account #2201543		
Balance on hand April 11, 1999		\$4,144.02
<u>Income:</u>		
Town of Milltown (Partial realestate tax payment)	193.12	
Interest (Polk County Bank)	4.35	4,341.49
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Sheila Waldoch (Newsletter)	183.40	4,158.09
Balance on hand May 10, 1999		4,158.09

Savings Account #3200526		
Balance on hand April 11, 1999		\$6,504.07
<u>Income:</u>		
Interest (Polk County Bank)	14.15	6,518.22
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
None		6,518.22
Balance on hand May 11, 1999		6,518.22

Lake Study Grant Status:		
Status on April 11, 1999 (deficit)		(\$3,163.77)
<u>Disbursement:</u>		
Butler & O'Brien (Lake Study Grant Expenses)	881.24	(4,045.01)
Status on May 24, 1999		(4,045.01)

CD Status on June 5, 1999  
No change from May 1, 1999 report.

We have been aware of numerous rumors that we intend to break ground to build condominiums next week, or the immediate future and we are going to carve up the bog in a million pieces so there is a need for immediate action to prevent this from happening.

Our families have stated numerous times in the past we have no intention of selling or developing this property. Our position is one not to harm the lake. The property has been in our family for 3 generations. Our family has paid the taxes that long. (Including the cranberry bog, which our folks harvested at one time.)

We consider your actions as an attempt by the board to steal the potential value of our property through county or township action. You, the county or the township needs to compensate us for any loss in value as a result of that action. We know the value of our property and we know it would be greatly de-valued if you try to have it re-zoned.

Our position as property owners we have certain rights with resulting potential. It is an insult to us that you wish to take those rights without compensating us for those rights. We do deeply resent your actions and view it ~~as~~ attempting to steal from us.

If the board really wants to do something for the lake it should be looking at the boats that are being launched at the boat landing. There are signs with warnings about milfoil and Zebra snails but where is the water and hose for people to wash their boats off before they launch them? We are not concerned with the people on our own lake but we are concerned with the people coming in for bass tournaments. I have personally been down there and no one has ever washed a boat off before launching it, especially during a bass tournament. These bass boats are coming from many, many different lakes including surrounding states.

There should be laws in place that people who launch their boat without rinsing it off first and checking it for milfoil and zebra snails will be fined. Other lake associations have gotten this through and the DNR will police it.

It is more important to take care of this type of thing and not be talking what could happen 100 years from now.

*Statement by Ben Hoisum, - May 1, 1999*

Board of Commissioners  
meeting

Attendance Lost - May 1, 1989

Dana Gauthier  
Cliff Gustafson Milton Tushy  
Douglas Van  
Beverly Harkin  
Robert Hansen  
Gregg Kaiser  
Iris Nelson  
Myrtis Mitchell  
George A. Mitchell  
Gwen Ruschhoff  
G. A. Ruschhoff  
Dick Hainum -  
HERB BALDWIN  
Martha Butler  
David Butler  
Peter Rupp  
Jim Smith  
Tom Diederich  
Dean Homin

**HALF MOON LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
AGENDA FOR MEETING OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**May 1, 1999**

1. Welcome guests.
2. Minutes of last meeting of Board - Sheila Waldock
3. Treasurer's report - Art McMahon
4. Water testing report - Sherm Gardner
5. Discussion on water testing in Tamarack Bay.
6. Discussion on distribution of Study Report Addendums I and II.
7. Liability Insurance.
8. Appointment of Fishing Committee.
9. Review of wetland restoration project on Deer Lake.
10. Development of land use plan for Half Moon Lake for inclusion in Milltown and Polk County Land Use studies.
11. Affirm expenditures for membership in Wisconsin Association of Lakes (\$250.00) and other organizations.
12. Plan of Milltown township to repair landing area.
13. Confirm dates for Board meetings for June 5, July 31 and September 18 and July 31 as the annual meeting for electors.
14. Appoint Committee to encourage shoreline restoration around the lake.
15. Set up procedure for nomination of members to the Board of Commissioners.
16. Report on conversation with David Peterson of Polk County Conservation Department about restoration of wetlands on the Nelson property.

**MINUTES**  
**HALF MOON LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION**  
**DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**  
**MAY 1, 1999**

Those present: David Butler, Dana Gauthier, Sherm Gardner, Gordon Mommsen and Cliff Gustafson from the Milltown Township Board of Commissioners.

Absent: Art McMahon, Sheila Waldock and Gerald Handlos.

The meeting was called to order by David Butler, Chairman of the Board. Butler welcomed the electors who attended the meeting. A list of those in attendance is filed with the secretary.

The treasurer's report was distributed and filed for record.

Sherm Gardner reported that he will continue the water testing again this year according to the guidelines of the Self Help program funded by the state. His first secchi disc reading on May 10 was 22 feet which is exceptionally clean, but normal for this time of year.

The Board discussed further testing of the water in Harder Creek and Tamarack Bay for phosphorus content, but no decision was made. It has been observed that Tamarack Bay is covered with algae growth by August even though much of its water comes from springs. It was expressed there may be merit in further testing to determine the phosphorus level, and if high, determine what could be done about reducing the level.

Butler reported he had talked with personnel in the Wisconsin Association of Lakes office about liability insurance and they are mailing to him a copy of an article written on the subject intended to be of help to Boards who are deciding whether to purchase liability insurance for the protection of Board members. No decision was made. The cost may run as high as \$700 per year for the coverage.

Butler reported on his telephone call with Rick Cornelius at the DNR office about walleye stocking and spearing. He reported the St. Croix Indian tribe stocked 26,521 and the DNR 14,475 walleye fingerlings in 1998. There will be no stocking in 1999. Due to the low fish count in the lake, the quota for spearing in 1999 was reduced to 26 and 26 walleyes were speared in April, 1999. The next fish count is scheduled for the year 2001.

Butler reported on the wetland restoration project on Deer Lake which was undertaken by the Deer Lake Conservancy. The project is aimed at slowing the run off of water into Deer Lake to give the phosphorus more chance to settle out of the water into the ground before the water enters the lake.

A decision was made by the Board to appropriate \$250 for membership dues in the Wisconsin Association of Lakes organization.

Cliff Gustafson reported that Milltown Township is planning to install a 12' by 16' aluminum ladder pad on the public landing area at the public beach some time this summer. The lake bottom will be leveled and the ladder will be laid from the end of the present concrete pad.

Bev Hoiium suggested a hose should be installed at the public beach so that persons launching boats can have a means of washing the weeds off of their trailers and boats before they are put into the lake so as to prevent Eurasian millfoil from being introduced into the lake. Cliff Gustafson heard the comment and will discuss it with the Milltown Township Commissioners who control and manage the landing area and public swimming area.

The Board confirmed the meeting dates for the next Board of Commissioners meetings for June 5, July 31 and September 18 and the Annual Meeting of the Electors for July 31, 1999.

The Board directed David Butler to appoint a committee of property owners to come up with a plan to encourage more owners to participate in shoreline preservation and restoration around the lake. Florian Lauer and Herb Baldwin who have shown an interest in this area will be asked to serve on the committee. It is hoped that others who have an interest in serving on this committee will call David Butler at 612-869-7123, 612-798-0402 or 715-825-3578.

The Board discussed the fact that the two positions on the Board of Commissioners now held by Sheila Waldoch and Dana Gauthier are up for election at the annual meeting. The Board is required under the Bylaws to pick two nominees to fill these positions. It was decided to name nominees for these two positions at the June 5 meeting. Present Commissioners may be reelected. Sheila Waldoch has stated she will not be a candidate for reelection. According to the Bylaws, if 3 electors around the lake want to present their own slate of nominees for the 2 vacant positions on the Board of Commissioners, they can do so, but they must present their slate to the Chairman or Secretary of the Board by June 17, 1999, which is 45 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Butler reported on his conversation with David Peterson of the Polk County Conservation Department about restoring wetlands in the Half Moon Lake watershed district. Peterson was particularly interested in an area north of Tamarack Bay which is part of the bed of the Creek which empties into Tamarack Bay. The Board decided to encourage the property owner and the Conservation office to discuss the matter to determine if something compatible to all parties could be worked out.



Bev Hoiium voiced the concerns of the Hoiium and Ruschoff families over the rumors that the Board may be wanting to change the zoning laws to restrict the use of their property, which includes the Nelson Bog, one of the areas under study. She expressed that their families have no plans for developing their property and they want to keep it as is so there is no need to change the zoning. She said any zoning would be an unlawful taking of their property. She also expressed their disagreement with the conclusion in the Study Report of June 15, 1998 that part of the Nelson Bog was located below the high water mark of the lake and therefore was part of the lake and not private property. She stated the Nelson family has paid taxes on the Nelson Bog property for many years and neither the DNR nor anyone else could now say the bog is part of the lake and not their private property.

Board members responded that no plan for rezoning has been adopted or even recommended at this point, but the matter of zoning is being studied. The Half Moon Lake District has no authority to adopt a zoning ordinance. Only the Township or County can adopt zoning provisions. If some type of zoning were recommended to the Township or County, it would not be for the purpose of restricting the building of residential structures. The purpose for zoning in the area would only be to restrict the use of piers, walkways or boardwalks in the bog areas that could harm the areas. It was stated that zoning is only one of the possible approaches being considered to deal with the situation. Another approach being considered is the creation of buffer zones around the affected areas to separate the Bogs and Harder Creek from development in the future so that the buffer zones can absorb the run off of water and filter it before it enters the lake. This could only be done with the cooperation of the property owners in the affected areas. There are various government programs available to help fund the acquisition of easements from property owners to create these buffer zones.

The Board further told the electors that Milltown Township and Polk County are both in the midst of developing Comprehensive Long Range Land Use Plans that will provide for the best uses of the land in the county in the future. Both bodies are asking the Half Moon Lake District Board of Commissioners for input as to what should be done to preserve the lake and its surrounding areas in the years to come. Board members expressed that the Board of Commissioners has a duty to look into the future and consider the possible problems and try to come with solutions that will be for the best of everyone.

Dean Hoiium, Bev and Dick Hoiium's son, asked if the Board was concerned about the Hoiium and Ruschoff families clearing out a path through the weeds in Nelson Bay to get their boat from the dock to the lake. No Board member knew of any talk or concern about the Hoiium and Ruschoff families clearing weeds in the area to get from their dock to the lake.

Jim Smith voiced his opinion that the Lake District should not be acquiring property. He expressed his concern that the lake residents are confused about what the Board

is trying to do and the confusion is causing unnecessary controversy. The Board members agreed we need to do a better job of communicating with the electors.

Sherm Gardner suggested we install a Half Moon Lake sign on County Road G. Richard Kaiser, who was present, agreed that the District could have a sign installed on his property adjoining the road.

Dick Hoiium agreed to maintain the billboard at the public landing.

Herb Baldwin expressed three concerns. He said the Board needs to have better communication with the electors, the Board needs to be concerned about the private rights of the cabin owners around the lake as well as the rights of the public and the Board needs to actively solicit the input and participation of major land owners who are the most affected into the planning process to avoid building fences between people around the lake.

A suggestion was made by Jim Smith that the Board look into making a dumpster available through Waterman's for use by lake property owners some weekend during the summer to dispose of their waste that is hard to get rid of. The Board agreed to consider the matter.

Jim Smith announced that the black bear is alive and well on the east shore as evidenced by large paw prints through his screen door.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David Butler, Acting Secretary  
in place of Sheila Waldoch, who was absent.

May 1, 1999

Meeting of Board of Lake Association  
9:20 @ Half Moon Beach.

Opening Comments -  
Agendas of Lake Research Report  
handed out.

Copies of financial report were handed  
out <sup>related</sup> May 1

Minutes of last meeting were not

Water Report for by Sherm Gardner  
Seci dist 22

- First Samples May 10  
- May do water testing in  
Stamarae Bay due to fact  
the bay gets so green in summer.  
General discussion on need for more  
testing. Some comments against  
more testing.

Liability Insurance - David says  
he will hold off for a while  
on a decision on insurance  
He is getting another quote. Cost  
is high compared to value.

Fishing Committee -  
40000 fingerlings were stocked  
into lake last year. (Pink  
Cornelius) Stock every other  
year (not every year)  
Spawning took 26 Walleyes this year

Deer Take - have an association  
not a taxing

Wisconsin ASSO of Lakes - \$250<sup>00</sup>  
Membership dues. - Motion Passed.

Bever Report - Rumor of Building Codes  
Not true.  
Have 63 acres in the bog.  
Wants Compensation for reduction  
in Value of their property

### Zoning discussion

Jim Smith - What are we talking  
about when we say zoning.  
From what to what.

Murdice - Can we sell our land  
after it has been zoned?

Jim Smith - A lot of discussion  
gets people confused about  
intentions.

Zoning is intended to establish  
buffer areas around and along  
sensitive areas.

Horan - Is the board reacting to  
our channel and pontoon docks?

### Boat Landing -

12 x 16 foot aluminum ladder will be installed

The lake bottom will be relevelled and the "ladder" will be laid from the end of the concrete.

Bev & Walt a hose installed for the purpose of washing weeds off boats before they are put into the lake. Concerned about Eurasian Millfoil.

### Shore line Planting -

Herb Offered to work on a committee to improve shoreline buffer strip installation.

Nominating ~~Committee~~ Community  
Need nominations by June 17.

Herb suggests that the board actively solicit input and ~~participate~~ participation of major land owners into the planning process to avoid a building "fences"

Jim Smith - are we planning on having a dumpster.

# Sherm Gardner - we need a sign for Half Moon Lake. Motion by Sherm. Recorded by.

Sign to be erected on the Kaiser property.

Jim Smith Black bear is active on the east shore.

Herb - Need to educate on issue of zoning, Wetland ~~conservation~~ conservation etc. We need to communicate with all. Need to communicate better.

Meeting adjourned. @ 10:40

Herb: Landscape <sup>info</sup> for Water Quality.

**HALF MOON LAKE PROTECTION AND  
REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
FINANCIAL REPORT MAY 1, 1999**

Summary from June 10, 1998 to April 11, 1999

Account #2201543 (Checking)

Beginning Balance June 10, 1998	\$8,630.10
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Income:

Interest - Polk County Bank	\$75.62	
Annual Meeting Lunch Fees	350.00	
Memories Booklet Sales	49.00	
Polk-Burnett Donation	25.00	
Sheila Waldoch (Memory Booklet Sales)	39.00	
Cash (Booklet Sale)	3.00	
Polk County (Tax Levy)	2,269.87	
Town of Milltown (Tax levy)	474.03	
Town of Milltown (Tax levy)	<u>2,071.26</u>	
	5,356.78	13,986.88

Disbursements:

Polk County Treasurer (Address Labels	4.50	
Sherm Gardner (Anchor rope)	34.95	

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James Smith (Annual meeting Beverages)	78.14	
Ron Weichelt (Annual meeting Catering)	400.00	
James Smith (Annual meeting Beverages)	10.29	
Martha Butler (Annual meeting supplies)	34.55	
Polk County Association of Lakes (dues)	20.00	
Robert Bursik (Balance, Lake Wetland Study, fee)	1,200.00	
Ledger Newspapers (Meeting notice)	93.00	
Dale Printing (Lake maps)	260.00	
Sheila Waldoch (News letter)	164.91	
David Butler (Administrative expenses 9/95 - 9/98)	888.83	
David Butler (Lake Grant expenses)	2,156.00	
Chris Neperud (Property line mapping)	162.50	
Cheryl Bursik (Property line border work)	870.00	
Wheeler, Van Sickle & Anderson (Lake study review & report)	3,205.08	
Wisconsin Association of Lakes (Dues & Subscription)	255.00	
Polk County Treasurer (Address labels)	<u>4.50</u>	
	9842.86	4,144.02
Balance on Hand, April 11, 1999		\$4,144.02



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<u>Account #3200526 (Savings)</u>		
Beginning Balance 6/10/98		\$6,351.00
Income:		
Interest - Polk Co. Bank	153.07	6,504.07
Disbursements:		
None		
Balance on Hand 4/11/99		6,504.07
 <u>Lake Study Grant Status</u>		
Balance on hand 6/10/98		\$4,429.81
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Robert Bursik (Balance, Lake Wetland Study Fee)	1,200.00	
David Butler (Lake grant expenses)	2,156.00	
Chris Neperud (Property line mapping)	162.50	
Cheryl Bursik (Property line border work)	870.00	
Wheeler, Van Sickle & Anderson (Lake study review and report)	<u>3,205.08</u>	
	7,593.58	(3,163.77)
Study Grant Status 4/11/99		(3,163.77)

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C.D. Status

<u>Number</u>	<u>Purchased</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Value 4/11/99</u>
27492	9-21-95	\$5,000.00	\$5,952.86
27945	4-25-96	5,000.00	5,662.37
28118	9-20-96	<u>5,000.00</u>	<u>5,669.74</u>
		\$15,000.00	\$17,284.97

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur E. McMahon, Jr.

HALF MOON LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL  
REPORT JULY 31, 1999

Summary from June 10, 1998 to July 11, 1999

Account #2201543 (Checking)

Beginning Balance June 10, 1998		\$8,630.10
Income:		
Interest - Polk County Bank	\$87.20	
Annual Meeting Lunch Fees	350.00	
Memories Booklet Sales	52.00	
Polk-Burnett Donation	25.00	
Sheila Waldoch (Memory Booklet Sales)	39.00	
Polk County (Tax Levy)	2,269.87	
Town of Milltown (Tax Levy)	<u>2,738.41</u>	
	\$5,561.48	\$14,191.58

Disbursements:

Polk County Treasurer (address labels)	19.49	
Sherm Gardner (anchor rope)	34.95	
James Smith (annual meeting beverages)	88.43	
Ron Weichelt (annual meeting catering)	400.00	
Martha Butler (annual meeting supplies)	34.55	
Polk County Assn. of Lakes (dues)	20.00	
Robert Bursik (balance, lake study fee)	1,200.00	
Ledger Newspapers (meeting notice)	93.00	
Dale Printing (lake maps)	260.00	
Sheila Waldoch (newsletters)	348.31	
David Butler (administrative expenses Sept. '95 - July '99)	1,024.89	
David Butler (lake grant expenses July '96 - July '99)	3,037.24	
Chris Neperud (property line mapping)	162.50	
Cheryl Bursik (property line border work)	870.00	
Wheeler, Van Sickle & Anderson (lake study review & report)	3,205.08	
Wisconsin Association of Lakes (dues & subscription)	<u>255.00</u>	
	\$11,099.83	\$3,091.75

Balance on hand July 11, 1999 \$3,091.75

Account #3200526 (savings)

Beginning Balance June 10, 1998		\$6,351.00
Income:		
Interest, Polk County Bank	197.14	
Disbursements:		
None		
Balance on hand July 11, 1999		\$6,548.14

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Lake Study Grant Status:

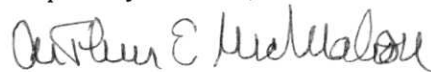
Balance on hand June 10, 1998		\$4,429.81
Disbursements:		
Robert Bursik (Balance, Lake Wetland Study Fee)	\$1,200.00	
David Butler (Lake Study Grant expenses)	2,156.00	
Chris Neperud (Property Line Mapping)	162.50	
Cheryl Bursik (Property Line Border Work)	870.00	
Wheeler, Van Sickle & Anderson (Lake Study Review & Report)	3,205.08	
Butler & O'Brien (Lake Study Grant Expenses)	<u>881.24</u>	
	<u>\$8,474.82</u>	(\$4,045.01)
Status on July 11, 1999 (deficit)		(\$4,045.01)

C.D. Status:

Number	Purchased	Amount	Value
27492	9/21/95	\$5,000.00	\$5,952.86
27945	4/25/96	5,000.00	5,799.58
28118	9/20/96	5,000.00	<u>5,733.19</u>
			\$17,485.63

Total value of checking, savings and C.D.s: \$27,125.52.

Respectfully submitted,



Arthur E. McMahon, Jr., Treasurer

The books were audited by Joe & Trudy Gores on July 30, 1999, and found to be in order.