

PORTERS LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
Saturday, January 23, 2016

Present:

Don Dalton-Chairperson  
Skip Hansen-Treasurer  
Kris Helms-Secretary  
Pat Doyle-Property owner  
Dick Hansen- Property owner

Absent:

Bernadette Krentz-Waushara County Supervisor

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 am by Don Dalton, chairperson. Skip Hansen made a motion to approve the agenda. Don Dalton seconded the motion-approved.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1) Discuss and vote on the 2015 lake management plan draft prepared by UW-Stevens Point.

The draft of the 2015 Lake Management Plan was reviewed by the board members. Several changes/corrections were recommended. Skip Hansen made notes regarding the recommended changes/corrections and agreed to communicate them to the responsible staff at UW-Stevens Point. Skip Hansen made a motion to approve the Lake Management Plan with the changes/corrections as discussed. Kris Helms seconded the motion-approved.

2) Discuss and vote on a Resolution of Support for The Central Sands Water Action Coalition.

Skip Hansen explained that The Central Sands Water Action Coalition was established the fall of 2010. The Coalition's mission is to advocate for the protection and sustainable use of ground and surface waters of the Central Sands – the area comprised of parts of Waushara, Portage, Adams, Marquette, Wood and Waupaca counties and containing rich quantities of groundwater and scores of streams and lakes. The resolution needs to be signed by the directors of Porters Lake Management District indicating that they support the formation and operations of the coalition. Don Dalton, chairperson, signed the resolution. Don Dalton also made a motion that Skip Hansen is Porters Lake Management District's representative on the coalition. Kris Helms seconded the motion-approved.

3) Other business that may come before the board of commissioners:

- There was discussion and a suggestion that a welcome "binder" be established and provided to new lake property owners. A copy of the Lake Management Plan could be included in the information.
- There was discussion regarding the **new fishing regulation that will be in effect on Porters Lake as of April 1, 2016**. The reduction was made by the DNR with no consultation with PLMD board members. Porters Lake is one of only 94 lakes statewide with reduced bag limits due to the degradation of lakebottom plant beds and spawning areas. There are five lakes in Waushara

County where limits have been set (Porters, Witters, Big Hills, Kusel and Irogami). **The limit of pan fish that can be kept will be reduced from 25/day to 15(5)/day. That means 15 in total with no more than 5 of any species.** There was a suggestion made that notice of this change is mailed out to property owners prior to April 1. It was also suggested that the information be printed on an informational brochure that can be given to fisherman on the lake to inform them.

- Skip Hansen presented a concern from a fellow property owner, regarding concern of motorized boats going in the northeast bay, which is very shallow, has a lot of silt on the bottom and is habitat for some unusual but native aquatic and terrestrial plants. Motorized boats that enter the bay invariably get stuck and have to rev their engines to get free. In the process they scar the bottom, create a wake and destroy native plants. Skip recommends that the board of commissioners request the Town of Mt. Morris to create an ordinance to prevent motorized watercraft from entering the NE bay. This would then give the DNR and sheriff the legal right to issue tickets to offenders. It was agreed that Skip could make the request of the Town of Mt. Morris.

There was a motion made by Skip Hansen to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Kris Helms. Meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm by Don Dalton, Chairperson.