

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

April 20, 2010

Board members present: Robyn Morin, George Brewes, Dick Lamers, Ted DeZurik, Dick Rueckl, Diane Bassett, Russ Ziebell, Lynn Englehorn, and Ted Ludwig. Absent: Justin Kemp.

Guests present: 6

- I. The board meeting was called to order by Robyn at 7:05p.m. She announced two UW Stout students were present to film and record part of the meeting for a class project creating a documentary on TMLIA for the historical museum.
- II. A motion to approve the February minutes was made by Dick R., seconded by Russ Z. Motion carried.
- III. Dick R. presented the Treasurer's report. Motion to approve by Ted L., seconded by Diane, motion carried. Dick R. was commended by the board for the letters he sent out to the memorial donators.
- IV. Robyn reported Justin is at the city council reorganization meeting but will be getting an update on the Wolske Bay project. Robyn has asked Justin or Randy Eide write an article for the newsletter on the project. Justin is inviting Randy Knaak to attend one of our meetings.
- V. Diane reported no news from the Town of Tainter. Dick R. received an E-mail from the bridge architect stating it is still in planning.
- VI. Discussion was held on the proposed economic survey. It was felt that the Whitewater samples were more in line with what we want and would be more effective. Funding was discussed including acquiring funding from local sources that would have an interest in this. A motion by Dick L., second by Dick R., that we proceed with the economic study using Whitewater at a cost of \$8000 was approved. Robyn will function as the contact for this. Dick R. will work on requests for cost sharing.
- VII. Robyn reported there was a conflict with the Fish & Game clubhouse for the annual meeting. After discussion, Russ motioned, Lynn seconded, a motion to hold the meeting at the Tainter Town Hall. Motion passed. Meeting will be July 31st at 9:00 A.M. We will invite Paul La Liberte or Dan Zerr to update us on the TMDL. Russ volunteered to coordinate the food for the meeting.
- VIII. Two names were suggested for the Good Neighbor Award. Ted L. motioned, Dick L. seconded, that both be awarded. Motion passed. The two awardees are John See and Dick Zeithaml.
- IX. The Home Show was discussed and it was felt it was worth the cost. Russ is developing a tri-fold that can be handed out providing info on TMLIA. The 4th of July event was discussed and it was determined we would host a booth at the event which will be manned from 10 to 2 with an hour for setup. George (Education Committee) will coordinate the event.
- X. Ted L. reported on attending the WAL Conference. He reported on the new laws regarding turf fertilizer. He attended a presentation about the Blue Thumb program which is very effective in controlling stormwater runoff and also shoreline restoration. He mentioned he was approached by a scout working on an Eagle project and suggested

- this as a possibility within Menomonie. He also attended training on AIS identification and reporting.
- XI. Ted L. and Dick reported on attending the St. Croix Conference. They have a very large and active group working within that basin. One session covered the pollution trading being done by Cumberland to offset the excess P in their wastewater.
 - XII. Robyn reported on a meeting re the basin coordinator position. It was determined there must be more effort to get other organizations and municipalities involved. Melanie will be working on this and anticipates submitting grant applications in June.
 - XIII. Robyn updated us on the TMDL. The EPA has reviewed it and it requires some changes. Paul stated they can be done so progress is being made and the public hearings may be held in the next 60 days.
 - XIV. The hearing on NR 102 was discussed. Ted L. prepared a comment from TMLIA to be submitted (Attachment 1). Motion by Dick R., second by Ted D., to send comment. Passed. Ted L. will send.
 - XV. The donation of the Jerry Bowker photos to the Historical Society was discussed. It was determined to table this for more discussion and possible appraisal of the photos.
 - XVI. Articles for the newsletter are due by May 15th.
 - XVII. Communication policies tabled until May.
 - XVIII. Committee Reports:
 - Finance: Previously done. An audit is necessary prior to annual meeting. This will be setup in May.
 - Membership: Russ has developed a tri-fold pamphlet to be used as hand out for information on TMLIA. Russ and LouAnne will get quotes on printing.
 - Environment: Some discussion on goals. CBCW training is set. Stream monitoring is set. Buoys will be in by May 1st. Dick R. and Lynn volunteered to help Ted L. with buoys.
 - Education: George covered some of the goals. They will be setting up the booth for the 4th of July. Discussion on publicity was held and George will add this.
 - Strategic Planning: Dick L. discussed the purposes of the committee.
 - Clean the Green: Discussion was held on the committee outline and its contents.
 - XIX. Bill Olson wants the Board to view the Lamb's Creek project. The Board will meet there at 6 P.M. prior to the May meeting.
 - XX. Discussion on septic systems and the disposal of the waste was held.
 - XXI. Dick L. reported he sent out letters thanking people for shoreline improvements.
 - XXII. Ted L reported that cyanobacteria monitoring will commence in May through a NOAA project.
 - XXIII. Motion to adjourn, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 10 P.M.

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Tainter/Menomin Lake Improvement Association, Inc is an organization with 160 active members working for the protection and improvement of Lakes Tainter and Menomin. The following is our position statement on the proposed revisions to Chs. NR 102 and NR 217, Wis. Adm. Code.

Nutrient overloading of the waters throughout our nation and world has for many years been a serious problem and is now a threat to our health, economic, and environmental wellbeing. The effects of the phosphorus and nitrogen overload in the Mississippi River Basin are easily demonstrated by the "dead zone" in the Gulf of Mexico. At the local level, we have our lakes, Tainter and Menomin, which experience massive algae blooms including toxic cyanobacteria each summer. These blooms reach the level that almost all recreational activity on the lakes ceases until the cold fall weather arrives. These blooms are the most visible display of the nutrient overload our waters are receiving but this problem is seriously affecting anything that lives in, on, or near the water.

Without numerical standards it is almost impossible to institute methods to control the excessive amounts of phosphorus entering our waters. These standards will provide goals for our TMDLs, nonpoint source performance standards, and effluent limits. The costs of reaching these goals will be borne by all of us as residents and consumers and may be substantial but the costs of not cleaning up our waters are even greater. Our municipalities must do everything possible to make their wastewaters cleaner. They have to accept responsibility for their wastes as these wastes affect everyone downstream of them. Clean water is not an option to the human species – we need it to live.

The Tainter/Menomin Lake Improvement Association firmly supports the proposed revisions to NR 102 and NR 117 and we would like to have the standards for nitrogen be developed as quickly as possible.

Signed for the Board of Directors

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