

# EMILY LAKES AND RIVER ASSOCIATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

June 12, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order at 2:100 PM. **Attendees:** Ken Scribner, Chuck Proshek, Jan Pope, Wayne Gapsiewicz, Jane Schulte and Steve Kolkind. **Absent:** Tom Hintz

**Ron Meyer** from the **Pine River Watershed** spoke to us about the water testing that has been done in cooperation with the Pine River Watershed and the MPCA as well as Crow Wing Soil and Water. The point was made that the data from these testing results will build a data base and helps to confirm the need for possible intervention later as well as grant monies.

**MEETING MINUTES:** The meeting minutes from May 7, 2011 were reviewed and accepted with the the correction of the balance of our savings and checking accounts at \$6909.66. Also noted was Chuck's absence at that same meeting. Jane made a motion to accept the minutes as amended and Chuck seconded the motion.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Jane Schulte presented her accounting of funds dated June 12, 2011. The savings account has a balance of \$\$4255.67. The checking account balance was \$2334.48. We have a total combined balance of \$6,590.15. Membership is currently 97 members. Jan made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Wayne seconded the motion.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Annual Meeting and Picnic will be August 13. Ken suggested we ask Kevin Graves from WHKS engineering firm to discuss the effects of phosphorous on our lakes. Jan made a motion to have Ken ask him to speak at the per diem rate of \$50. Jane seconded the motion.

Jan Pope will make a proposed amendment to the By Laws that will permit the Board to discuss issues outside of the meeting dates and to vote on issues that require rapid response using email communication.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Boat Parade is scheduled for July 3 at 1 PM. We will meet at the Emily Resort to start the parade then go up the river into Lake Mary. Signs will be placed at Ace Hardware and possibly at Redding's if they allow it. Steve Kolkind will lead the parade.

Remember to help recruit members to help fill the three Board positions that will be ending this year.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Discussion took place about the bi-annual Newsletters and it was decided that we should continue to do hard copies of the newsletters to all property owners as well as posting them on the website. Jane made the motion to continue hard copy newsletters and Wayne seconded the motion. Ken also said that Mark Drewitz has agreed to work on our website and keep it current with meeting minutes and all other important communication to be shared with our membership.

We will also give extra copies to Wayne's resort as well as the Emily resort for their patrons.

**Deadheads:** Wayne states that he and Tom checked the 2 lakes and river and found 6 or 7 deadheads and 2 of them should be removed for safety sake. He and Tom will follow up on these deadheads.

Discussion took place about the possibility of the City of Emily disbanding the Planning and Zoning division and turning over that authority to Crow Wing County. Our lake association has received great benefits from the city's Planning and Zone as far as carefully reviewing ordinances that will benefit the health of our lakes and their waters. A motion was made by Jane that Steve Kolkind representing the ELRA Board of Directors, will write a letter of support to the city that they continue to support our mission to protect the quality of the water and protect our shoreline. Jan seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Discussion took place about the variance requested by the Thalin's on Dam Lake RD requesting to divide their lot, which already is non-compliant with the intention of selling the back lot. The board feels it would make a bad situation worse. Jan made a motion to ask Crow Wing County Jane to write a letter of dissent and Wayne seconded that motion. The motion carried.

Jane has been in touch with people at the DNR regarding the beaver dam on Duck Lake being destroyed each he also asked about spraying of the Purple Loose Strife on Emily and the DNR said that they haven't sprayed in 2 years because beetles have been effective in that area.

Jane asked if the Board would approve a \$100 donation to Ruth Lake as their costs of destroying their Eurasian Milfoil have been rising and a donation would be a good will gesture. Following a discussion, Jane made a motion to donate the \$100 and Steve seconded the motion.

**NEXT MEETING** will be July 10 and 2 PM at the City Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jan made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Jane. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:17 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** July 10, 2011, 2 PM city hall.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 3:30 PM

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

**JAN POPE**