

**CITY OF DELAFIELD PLAN B DREDGING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Aldersperson Beth Leonard called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. ROLL CALL

Present

Beth Leonard

Tim Aicher

Mike Hausman, Dist 1

Caroline O'Brien, District 2

Bob Aulich, District 3

Mark Millot, District 4

Raffi Sharikian, District 5 (exited at 7:30 p.m.)

Al Zietlow, District 6

Don Bloomstrom, District 7

Absent

4. INTRODUCTIONS

The Committee members introduced themselves.

5. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS PERTAINING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Kent Attwell, 2816 Ridley Road, thanked everyone for volunteering and noted the Lake Welfare Committee appreciated all the forthcoming effort the Plan B Dredging Committee would be undertaking in the next few months. He also stated he would be available to help in furthering the goals of the Dredging Committee.

**A. ZIETLOW MOVED TO CLOSE CITIZEN'S COMMENTS AT 7:05 P.M. T. AICHER SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

6. CITY OF DELAFIELD MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor McAleer stated he appreciated the positive energy in the room related to the formation of the Committee. He explained an outline of the following possible goals for the Committee, noting these goals could fall into different categories as outlined below:

Immediate goals

- Assess who exactly wanted to be dredged
- Make use of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) permit related to the dredging if possible
- Work with the DNR to re-assess arsenic removal and disposal

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Short-term goals

- Identify runoff areas that currently silt to Lake Nagawicka
- Identify government entities that would be helpful in passing legislation to control runoff at the City, County, and State levels

Long-term goals

- *Develop long term strategies for the resolution*

He further noted the Committee should have an understanding of the dissimilarities of the Building Plan B Committee in this matter in order to learn from past mistakes and be able to work on similar goals. Funding would be a challenge for this project and as a result for the Committee.

Mayor McAleer stated he would be available to help in any way possible and encouraged interested parties to work with the Plan B Dredging Committee to provide workable solutions for all in this matter.

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

**R SHARIKIAN NOMINATED AL ZIETLOW AS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON FOR THE PLAN B DREDGING COMMITTEE. M. HAUSMAN SECONDED THE NOMINATION.**

**B. AULICH MOVED TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON AND TO ELECT AL ZIETLOW AS COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON. T. AICHER SECONDED THE MOTION. A. ZIETLOW ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON, NOTING HE APPRECIATED THE NOMINATION AND HE THOUGHT THE COMMITTEE HAD THINGS TO DO THAT WOULD TAKE SOME TIME. THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE A COLLOBARATIVE COMMITTEE IN HIS LEADERSHIP STYLE AND HE EXPECTED THERE WOULD BE JOBS FOR ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS TO DO. HE THOUGHT EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE OWNERSHIP ON THIE COMMITTEE IN ORDER TO BE REPRESENTATIVE TO ALL DISTRICTS FOR DISPERSAL OF INFORMATION. HE WANTED COMMITTEE ACTIONS TO BE TRANSPARENT WITH NEGOTIATIONS IN AN OPEN SESSION. VIDEO AND TECHNOLOGY WOULD BE THE MAIN COMMUNICATIONS TOOLS FOR THE COMMUNITY SO THAT THE COMMITTEE PROVIDED ACCURATE INFORMATION TO ALL. THE COMMITTEE SHOULD FUNCTION AS A TEAM AS ALL REPRESENTATIVES WERE A PART OF THE CITY AND SHOULD WORK TO REPRESENT ALL THAT WAS WITHIN THE CITY BOUNDARIES, INCLUDING THE LAKE. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

A. Zietlow assumed his duties of Committee Chairperson from Alderperson B. Leonard at this time.

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8. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO ELECT COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRPERSON

**M. MILLOTT (B. AULIK) NOMINATED MIKE HAUSMAN AS COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRPERSON. T. AICHER SECONDED THE NOMINATION.**

**B. LEONARD MOVED TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRPERSON AND TO ELECT MIKE HAUSMAN AS COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRPERSON. T. AICHER SECONDED THE MOTION. M. HAUSMAN ACCEPTED THE NOMINATION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

A. Zietlow thanked M. Hausman for agreeing to be Committee Vice Chairperson.

9. VIEW PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY DVD

T. Aicher explained he had requested this item be placed on the agenda as he thought it important for all to view the Public Officials Liability DVD to understand what types of responsibilities were expected of public officials and understand the implications of open meetings prior to being sworn in by the City Clerk as members of this Committee. He suggested everyone view the video individually rather than take up time at this meeting to do so. All agreed.

10. DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE PURPOSE

A. Zietlow explained the Mayor had provided information to the Committee on possible goals, but he thought the purpose of the Committee could also include being good listeners, to be a team, make promises together, and provide a clear picture to all with no assumptions made. He thought the challenge before the Committee was also to develop an equitable solution to what was a difficult problem.

T. Aicher stated he thought the goal of determining who wanted to be assessed to be one of the more complex purposes the Committee had in this matter. In addition, the funding goal combined with the determination of need and desire of individuals wanting to be dredged would help to clarify a short term goal of the Committee. He thought there should be a hierarchy of how funds would be made available to those people that might want to be dredged but could not afford it as well. He thought the determination of these two goals would need to be a priority of the Committee

To that end, A. Zietlow noted there would need to be a "forensic analysis" of the election results to determine why the votes were made as they were, and to do a compilation of categories to possibly determine trends within the election. One major goal of the Committee in the next month was to become educated on the dredging project as he thought it critical for all to have the same information from the same sources and to read the same words in order to move things forward.

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11. DISCUSSION OF REQUESTED BACKGROUND MATERIALS

A. Zietlow requested three sources of materials be provided to the Committee for education on the issue. The first was to gather the two engineering groups' recommendations for the project as he thought he recalled those were conflicting. Second, he requested the Chapter 30 application from the Lake Welfare Committee preparations and responses from the DNR to the application be provided as well. With this information, he thought it important to contact DNR Staff to begin to have a discussion on the status of the project, application and future timeline for the project with its current status.

In addition, he noted he would like to read the minutes of the public hearings held at St. John's and the Delafield Hotel on the proposed dredging as well as a half-sheet publication from the hearing at St. John's that provided residents with approximately six pages of summation of the project and other related minutes as well.

B. Leonard requested map sets for the project for all Committee members, including the prism maps depicting the areas to be dredged. In addition, she requested the handout from the Fish Hatchery public hearing that included final recommendations, survey results, etc, and the handout that showed all funding formulas with information on how each property owner's dredging cost had been assigned.

Bid documents should also be included in the educational reading materials for the Committee.

T. Aicher stated he also thought it helpful to invite the Lake Welfare Committee, engineers and any other parties that could provide information as to the timeline related to proposals, the hierarchy and history of the project – including how it went from being a cluster of smaller dredging projects into a large dredging project, why the DNR made the City go through the steps required, and costs that were needed in the process as a guide through the materials.

A. Zietlow agreed this was important but suggested all Committee members become familiar with the information and return with questions or comments ready for the guided session through the materials.

B. Leonard stated she thought some of the work of this Committee would likely be done through sub-Committee work that would come back and share the findings with the remainder of the Committee.

12. COMMITTEE MEMBERS - SHARING OF OPINIONS/THOUGHTS ABOUT DREDGING

A. Zietlow explained that it was important for all Committee members to share thoughts and concerns as part of the process and at the next meeting he would like to hear thoughts on dredging from each of the Committee members if all were comfortable doing so. This item would be placed on each agenda in the future so that all opinions were heard as part of the Committee process.

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13. DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO SET MEETING SCHEDULE EITHER ON THE 1ST THURSDAY OR 3RD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

**D. BLOOMSTROM MOVED TO SET THE MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. M. MILLOT SECONDED THE MOTION. THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED**

Without objection from the Committee, T. Aicher requested the Committee return to Item 9 on the agenda.

He thought it important to formalize the mission of the Committee in a statement. To that end, he suggested the following verbiage:

*The purpose of the Plan B Dredging Committee is to develop an actionable plan for dredging (the restoration of) Lake Nagawicka that would serve the common good and economics of all City residents.*

Discussion ensued regarding use of the words "the restoration of" in place of dredging. The Committee indicated consensus for use of the following verbiage:

*The purpose of the Plan B Dredging Committee is to develop an actionable plan for the restoration of Lake Nagawicka that would serve the common good and economics of all City residents.*

A. Zietlow stated he also wanted to open an email account that would allow all Committee members and residents to have a specific place where comments and communications could be received so that all had access to it.

Mayor McAleer stated he would forward any email communications on to the Committee as well, and suggested A. Zietlow work with Staff to set up the email address for residents.

Committee members confirmed the information to be presented on the City's website for communication at this time.

The next meeting of the Plan B Dredging Committee was slated for February 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the same location as this meeting.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

*Correspondence received has been attached to end of these minutes.*

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15. ADJOURN

**B LEONARD MOVED TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 21, 2010, DREDGING PLAN B COMMITTEE MEETING AT 8:15 P.M. M. MILLOT SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL WERE IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED.**

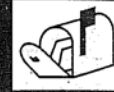
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## Letters From Readers



### **Holt only considering staying in Hartland**

*Editor's note: This is a copy of the letter sent to Village Administrator Wally Thiel of Hartland.*

Dear Wally:

In today's (Oct. 27) Lake Country Reporter, it was reported that Holt Electric had decided to expand its operations and remain in Hartland. Although this article quoted you as a source for this information, I believe you may have relied upon communications with a PDC employee before making this statement.

PDC was retained by Holt Electric to develop preliminary design and cost information as a part of a corporate operations study only. Planning Commission approval of design submissions was necessary to know if the preliminary building and site designs were acceptable to the village and, thereby, offer a viable facility option to our client.

Holt Electric has not made a decision to consolidate or retain operations in Hartland. If PDC has given you that impression, I apologize for that inaccuracy.

If additional questions arise, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Robert L. Gummer  
President  
PDC Midwest

*Thursday, Oct 30, 2003*

### **Nagawicka better served by a foundation**

To the Editor,

I read the letters written by Ron Miskelley and Gary Miller regarding the dredging of Nagawicka Lake. Both writers make some good points.

Many residents of the city who do not live on the lake will be opposed to paying for expensive dredging. However, Mr. Miller states that he would willing to personally help pay for dredging. This leads to an excellent point. Is there a charitable foundation set up to which those interested in contributing to the welfare of the lake can make tax-deductible charitable donations?

Charitable foundations have an excellent track record improving the quality of lakes in Wisconsin (Cedar Lakes Conservation Foundation and Chenequa Land Conservancy are two examples). These foundations have raised millions of tax-deductible dollars over the years and spent the money improving lake quality.

If Nagawicka Lake does not have such a charitable foundation, then someone is missing the boat and the residents of the lake should consider setting one up.

I don't live on, nor use the lake, but if there is a foundation with a plan to improve the lake, I'll join Mr. Miller and personally make a charitable contribution to it. However, I am adamantly opposed to being forced to pay additional property taxes for dredging of the lake.

Steve O'Brien  
City of Delafield