

Joint Rock Lake Committee



Meeting Minutes, June 7th, 2016, 6-6:45 pm at Lake Mills City Hall

Chairperson Wes Dawson called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Larry Clark, Wes Dawson, Bob Volenec, Glenn Zastrow & Stan Smoniewski

Others Present: Patricia Cicero-Jefferson County Land and Water Resource Conservationist

The agenda was accepted. The minutes for May were approved, Glenn motioned and Larry seconded.

Notice of the meeting was posted, and was published in the Lake Mills Leader.

Correspondence and Public Comment/Questions: none

Old Business:

- A. **Review Drafts of Proposed Rock Lake Town Regulations Regarding the Lake:** Patricia emailed a draft of Chapter 6, containing current and proposed language. The Committee reviewed and discussed the changes at length.
- B. **Progress on Public Safety Issues Regarding Swimming Beaches:** Patricia presented the final version of information sheets about algae and swimmer's itch. They will be posted on the RLIA, Town and possibly City websites, and sent to the County Health Department and Schools in Lake Mills. In addition, Bob will talk to Leader about printing 50 copies of each, possibly on plasticized paper. **Water Testing at the Beaches;** The Committee discussed that there are approximately 16 weeks where testing is done, and current testing is counting fecal coliform colonies. Bob motioned and Larry seconded - That "given the current information that fecal coliform testing is obsolete, we will draft a proposal to get accurate testing for public health", passed unanimously. Wes will reach out to the City Council Head to discuss the issues.
- C. **North End Pier:** No update.

New Business:

- A. **Election of Officers:** Glenn motioned and Larry seconded that the current slate of officers be retained. Passed unanimously; thus Wes will be Chairperson, Larry as Vice President and Stan as Secretary.

Reports:

- A. **Town:** none
- B. **City:** none
- C. **County Staff Representative:** Patricia reported a fish kill on Rock Lake caused by the common bacteria, Columnaris. Certain fish, mostly bluegills in this case, became vulnerable because of rain washing organic matter into the lake at the same time the fish were stressed during spawning.
- D. **RLIA Update:** Stan reported that the advisory committee for the Lake Management grant was filling in, and that RLIA was participating in the Arts Alliance show titled, 'the Lake'.

Next meeting July 5th at 6pm.

Adjournment: Glenn motioned and Larry seconded.