



Lake Life

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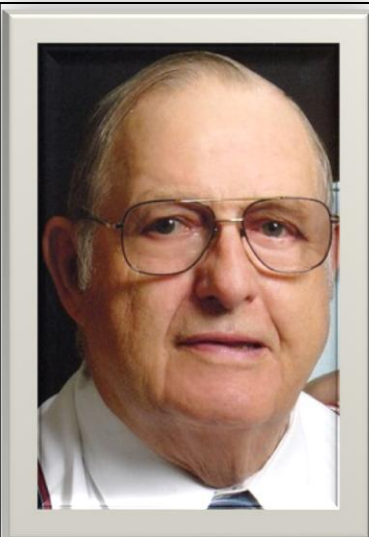


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MT. MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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For more detailed District information, or to contact a commissioner directly about an issue, go to our district website at: www.mmlmd.org



**In Memory and
 Thanks to
 Robert O.
 Greathouse Jr.
 Past District
 Chairman
 & MMLMD
 Founding Father**

Bob Greathouse passed away October 23, 2009, at the age of 82, at the place he loved the most, his home on Mt. Morris Lake. His wife Carol and his family were present.

Bob was good friend and leader of the Mt. Morris Lakes Management District for many years. He loved the lake life and committed himself to lake improvement during the early years of the lakes district. Even though Bob did not retire until 1989, he was MMLMD Treasurer from 1977 to 1983 and its Chairman from 1983 to 1995. Bob and other commissioners usually met in the evenings at the old Town Hall due to their busy schedules.

In 1979 Bob was first involved with addressing the aquatic plant problem in the lakes. Access to piers and through channels was a big problem. Bob did initial inquiry into the feasibility of using harvesting equipment to improve the lake access. He identified a state grant program for purchasing harvesting equipment and successfully obtained the grant for purchase of the MMLMD first harvesting equipment in 1983. Similarly in 1992, he headed the grant application process and the purchase of new harvesting equipment and slow-no-wake buoys. Bob forged a relationship with the best harvester builder in the state, Aquarius Systems, and bought the harvester at the best price including training for the operators.

During Bob's time as commissioner, it was customary that a picnic was held after the Mt. Morris Lakes Management District annual meeting. The potluck affair was well attended and Bob along with his wife, Carol were organizers. Bob is remembered to have provided roasted pig as well!

Bob was a great mentor to new commissioners. He would quickly get to know people and introduce them to the concept of lake management and the Chapter 33 Laws. He always attended the Wisconsin Lakes convention and took on the role in helping other commissioners meet state officials and other lake district managers. Bob knew what all the exhibits were about, and advised commissioners what key presentations to attend that had valuable information for the district.

Bob was also one of the founders and leaders of the Mt. Morris Mountaineers Snowmobile Club. He was a familiar figure on the trails driving the big Alpine Snow Trail Groomer to keep the club trail in peak driving condition. During many winter years, Bob could be found on Lake C in his cozy ice fishing shanty, enjoying a good day with friends.

The MMLMD expresses its appreciation for Bob's strong and insightful leadership that contributed much to the District's organization and operation in its formative years.

**34th Annual Mt. Morris Lakes District Meeting
 Mountain View Community Center,
 Saturday, July 17, 2010, 9:00 am**

- 8:00 am: Open Breakfast for all District members**
9:00 am: Call to Order, Introductions, Board Reports:
- Chairman's Report: Tim Dahlstrand; District Accomplishments
 - Treasurer Report: Greg Foster: What it cost us and why
 - Secretary's Report: Joe Slezak: What happened and who did it

Presentations: District Activities and Information

- Old Business:**
- Aquatic Invasive Species & State Grant Update
 Rob Adams
 - Summary of District shoreline restorations and activities
 Greg Foster
 - Fishing "tournament" activity follow-up: Tim Dahlstrand

- New Business:**
- Presentation, Review, & Discussion 2011 Budget
 Greg Foster, Treasurer.
 - NR 115 Shoreline Regs & New Boating Laws: Joe Slezak
 - Open Commissioner Elections: The commissioner terms of Tim Dahlstrand and Greg Foster expire. These are three year terms. Nominations taken from the floor at anytime.
 - July 31 Pontoon Boat Parade plans
 - Other Issues that you bring to the floor at any time.

11:00 am: Meeting Adjournment

SHORELINE MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS PASSED

NR115: A few letters and numbers that comprise a new set of regulations that will become more important to the lakeshore homeowner who may plan future improvement to their property. The changes in the regulation will not impact owners of existing homes. However, anytime you plan to expand, improve, remodel, or change the appearance of your property regarding tree cutting, land digging, sandy beaches, stairs, adding new paved areas, piers rafts... then you need to check the regulation.

NR115 specifies what can or can not be done in three zones in your property, starting from the shoreline high water mark:

Zone 1: 0-35 feet- Unlimited maintenance to principle building

Zone 2: 35-75 feet- Vertical expansion only - principle building

Zone 3: 75-300 feet- Vertical/horizontal expansions regulated

In each of these zones, there are guidelines concerning what you can do to your principle building. For more information regarding this code, get publications from the DNR or visit:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/shore/news.htm>

<http://dnr.wi.gov/waterways/recreation/piers.html> and

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_5ksCV7Rgus&NR=1

SOME LAKE BOATING USAGE REMINDERS

Each of Mt. Morris lakes has its own environment, and its own natural "logical usage" rules that make sense for that lake. Regardless of what's legal, it's what's more appropriate for the health of the lakes that counts! In that regard, Alfson Lake (A) is small, fishing oriented, not suitable for full wake boating; Russell (B) and Emerald Lakes (E) are a combination fishing, kayaking, and "park your boat & swim" type quiet lakes; Hannah Lake (C) is a fragile fishing system, canoe/kayaking, with limited full wake use. Morris Lake is a full-out ski/tubing lake during the day, a quiet kayaking/fishing lake in the evening. Boats should be at no-wake within 100 ft of the shore (ski drop-off excluded). Personal Water Craft need to be 200 ft. from shore!!!

Boats pulling tubes with people in them at "no-wake" through channels/lakes after ski hours still violate ski laws. Boats pulling skiers/tubes - Required to go counter-clockwise. Boats navigating through lakes without pulling anyone are **not required** to do so!

**MT. MORRIS LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2010-2011**

ACCOUNT	BUDGET 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2009-2010	PROPOSED 2010-2011
AIS Control	\$ 40,845.00	\$ 33,532.00	\$ 35,600.00
PHASE 1 STUDY	\$ -----	\$ -----	\$ 13,112.00
PHASE 2 STUDY	-----	-----	\$ 9,533.00
AP Harvesting			
Contract Labor	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,731.00	\$ 3,431.00
Parts/Equipment	500.00	556.00	250.00
Fuel/Oil/Mileage	-----	-----	300.00
Storage/License	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,500.00
Insurance	2,650.00	2,400.00	2,500.00
Commissioner's Compensation	1,200.00	1,124.00	1,200.00
Lake Convention Fees	600.00	-----	600.00
Lake Improvement	6,700.00	6,698.00	300.00
Newsletter/Website Newspaper Notices	1,000.00	417.00	500.00
Dam Operation & Maintenance	1,750.00	1,657.00	4,100.00
Affiliation Dues	375.00	315.00	376.00
General Operating Expenses	500.00	903.00	500.00
Annual Meeting	700.00	511.00	700.00
TOTAL	\$ 63,420.00	\$ 53,444.00	\$ 74,501.00
DNR GRANT – AIS	\$(17,104.00)	\$(17,741.00)	\$(13,000.00)
COUNTY GRANT	(5,620.00)	(6,293.00)	-----
STUDY GRANTS	-----	-----	\$ (16,976.00)
FROM OPERATING FUNDS	\$ (6,046.00)	-----	\$ (14,525.00)
FINAL TOTAL	\$ 34,650.00	\$ 29,410.00	\$ 30,000.00

TOTAL PROPOSED 2010-2011 LEVY: \$ 30,000.00

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

JULY 17, 2010: Annual District Meeting:

- Be aware of NR 115 Regulations when modifying your property
- We gain another State grant to continue our lake management
- Two Commissioner positions on the Board is up for open re-election at Annual Meeting. Contact a Board member if you want to run for a position or get nominated at the annual meeting.
- Mt. Morris Lakes tops County for shoreline protection @ 2300 sq. ft.-1300 in shoreline protection, @ \$80,000-70% cost shared.
- Come to the Annual Meeting-You never know what will happen! You could witness District history being made if someone makes a motion to ban offshore drilling in the Mt. Morris Lakes!