

**Agriculture & Extension Education/Land & Water Conservation Committee
November 13, 2010 (Saturday) at 10:00 a.m.
Public Hearing – Tomahawk High School
1048 East King Road
Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487**

Members present:

Chair Tom Rudolph
Romelle Vandervest
Carol Pederson
Matt Matteson (county supervisor)
Bob Evsich

Members absent:

Paul Dean (excused)
Greg Berard (excused)

Department staff present:

Dan Kuzlik, CNRED Agent
Nancy Hollands, County Conservationist
Barbara Payne, Administrative Assistant
Joni Hintz, Secretary

Other County Staff:

Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel
Mike Romportl, Land Information, Director
Lynn Grube, Information Technology Services, Director

Call to order:

Tom Rudolph called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m., at the Tomahawk High School, 1048 East King Road, Tomahawk, Wisconsin 54487 in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law. Rudolph stated the proper media had been notified. Rudolph also stated for the record that notices were mailed to property owners listed by the Oneida Real Property/Tax Listing Department.

Rudolph gave a brief overview of the County's role and the timeline required by the Wisconsin State Statutes. He went over the timeline involved and the County's role in this process. Rudolph went over the rules and the time limits for people wishing to present testimony.

Discussion/decision to approve the agenda

Motion by Matteson, second by Vandervest to approve the public hearing agenda. All ayes; motion carried.

Dan Kuzlik, Department Head, for the Oneida County Agriculture & Extension Education/ Land & Water Conservation Committee; Read into the public record the County Clerk's office received and recorded 23 letters of opposition to the proposed Lake District and one letter of support for the proposed Lake District. Kuzlik stated the letters are available for public review or duplication for (\$.25 per copy) upon request.

Approximately 77 people attend this public hearing.

List of Person Testifying at Public Hearing

- | David Nycz | Speaker 1 | in favor |
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| <p>David Nycz, President of the Board of Directors for the Lake Nokomis Concerned Citizens (LNCC), stated they have been working hard as an association for many years. Mr. Nycz stated the LNCC meetings are held the second Saturday of every month. The attendances at those meetings are usually the same ten to twelve people. The same few people make up approximately 90% of the workforce for the lake association. The same few people can't keep on financially and physically doing 90% of the contribution. Mr. Nycz, as a spokesperson for LNCC's expectation of the Oneida County Board is to not just hear the comments of the dozens of people at this hearing that are against the Lake District, but to hear the voices of hundreds of people that voted in favor of the formation of a Lake District that are not present here</p> | | |

today expect the Oneida County Board will do their job and make the lake association into a lake district. Mr. Nycz further commented that LNCC will be facing a \$40,000 - \$50,000 cost for treating Eurasian Water Milfoil in 2011. (Mr. David Nycz was allotted ten minutes to speak)

▪ **Ronald Ament** **Speaker 2** **in favor**
Ronald Ament, currently on the LNCC Board of Directors, reminded everyone present the annual lake association meeting is held annual sometime between May and September. At the annual meeting the working plan is discussed and decided what the needs are and where the work is needed for the upcoming year. Mr. Ament described what the requirements for a lake district are as required by State law. He strongly urged Oneida County Board to allow the proposed Lake District to move forward this time. (Mr. Ronald Ament was allotted ten minutes to speak)

▪ **Charles Kornack** **Speaker 3** **opposed**
Mr. Kornack stated he has owned property in the proposed boundaries for twenty – five years. He opposed the taxes and fees that could be levied on the property owners. It is impossible to be available to attend all the meetings. Mr. Kornack feels the State, DNR, and the County should be responsible financially not the property owners. He is opposed to the proposed Lake District. (Mr. Charles Kornack was allotted 3 minutes to speak)

▪ **Leonard Kubiowski** **Speaker 4** **opposed**
Mr. Kubiowski stated the LNCC was a good organization. Mr. Kubiowski felt there was a need for a boat patrol. He stated he has been responsible for installing and removing buoys that have LNCC's name on them and now at his age he is becoming unable to maintain them. Mr. Kubiowski approached LNCC on this matter and a fish kill which happened in the past and about his concerns. According to Mr. Kubiowski he did not receive any answers or assistance. Mr. Kubiowski is opposed to the proposed Lake District. (Mr. Leonard Kubiowski was allotted 3 minutes to speak)

▪ **Tim Dassow** **Speaker 5** **opposed**
Mr. Dassow spoke on the criteria needed based on four crucial points on how the Oneida County Board's is involved in the process in the final decision. Mr. Dassow emphasized the County Board has a lot of work to validate the petition signatures. He feels the LNCC is doing a good job. He also thanked the County people who are working in this process again for the second time. He commented he had been at the Courthouse to check signatures and made digital pictures of quite a few signatures on petitions. Mr. Dassow is opposed to the proposed Lake District. (Mr. Tim Dassow was allotted 3 minutes to speak)

▪ **Patricia Berg** **Speaker 6** **opposed**
Ms. Berg, a property owner asked several questions as to why this hearing was held in November and as to why the hearing was held at the Tomahawk High School and not the Nokomis town hall. She is concerned about the use of chemicals in the treatment of Aquatic Invasive Species and the long term consequences to the environment. Ms. Berg feels this is just more government and she is opposed to the proposed Lake District. (Ms. Patricia Berg was allotted 3 minutes to speak)

▪ **Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel**
Mr. Desmond responded as the attorney for Oneida County. Mr. Desmond explained the last hearing was held at the Nokomis town hall in May of 2008. He went to further state there was not enough room to accommodate the amount of people who attended that hearing. The fire codes were in danger of being maximized due to the amount of people who were there. In response to another question asked by Ms. Berg, Desmond explained when the hearing is held has nothing to do to the time of the year. It states under the Wisconsin State Statutes that after the signed petitions are submitted to the Clerk's Office the County has 30 day time limit to hold a hearing for the proposed Lake District. The signed petitions were submitted to the Clerk's Office on October 14, 2010 and that was the determining factor as to when the public hearing will be held. Mr. Desmond further stated it was decided to hold the hearing on a Saturday to help with getting as many people to attend as possible.

▪ **Tom Gerum** **Speaker 7** **in favor**
Mr. Gerum is in favor of the proposed Lake District. Mr. Gerum said he is originally from Kenosha County where the weeds were permitted to grow and nothing was done to control them. The lake eventually closed up and boats were unable to navigate in the lake. (Mr. Tom Gerum was allotted 3 minutes to speak)

- **Carlton Marvin****Speaker 8****oppose**

Mr. Carlton is afraid that this proposed Lake District is only one more layer of government. The more government the more rules we have to live by. Mr. Carlton worked for the DNR for 30 years and he stated the DNR tells people what they want to hear and they do not necessarily tell the truth. He wants to see a clear lake. Mr. Marvin is opposed to the proposed Lake District. (Mr. Carlton Marvin was allotted 3 minutes to speak)
- **David Bethel, Sr.****Speaker 9****oppose**

Mr. Bethel lives on the south end of Lake Nokomis and owns a subdivision of 25 parcels and he is against the possibility of increased taxes and the burden it will place on his family. Mr. Bethel has concerns about additional fees that could be charged and the potential for a Lake District to be sued. Mr. Bethel is opposed to the proposed Lake District. (Mr. David Bethel, Sr. was allotted 3 minutes to speak)
- **Paul Garner****Speaker 10****in favor**

Mr. Garner supports the proposed Lake District so there will be adequate funds in the future to deal with dam costs if they should arise. He mentioned what had happened to the Prairie Dells dam and the impact it had when the water was not controlled by the dam. He strongly urged the Oneida County Board and the Committee to support the proposed formation of a Lake District. Mr. Garner stated Wisconsin leads in the area of dam removal. (Mr. Paul Garner was allotted 3 minutes to speak)
- **Russell Wadzinski****Speaker 11****in favor**

Mr. Wadzinski has been a property owner for fifteen years. He agrees with Mr. Garner that Wisconsin leads in the removal of dams. (Mr. Russell Wadzinski was allotted 3 minutes to speak)
- **John K. Krueger****Speaker 12****in favor**

Mr. Krueger only briefly stated he supports the proposed Lake District. (Mr. John K. Krueger was allotted 3 minutes to speak)
- **Leonard Walkowski****Speaker 13****in favor**

Mr. Walkowski stated he is strongly in favor of the Lake District. He feels everyone should pitch and do their share and pay for their share. There is great concern about future of the dam. Everyone should work together for the welfare of the lake. As a Lake District there are many more opportunities for grants and other benefits to finance the needs as they come. (Mr. Leonard Walkowski was allotted 3 minutes to speak)
- **Mr. Brian Arnott****Speaker 14****oppose**

Mr. Arnott stated he believes using the dam is just a scare tactic. He feels the Counties of Oneida and Lincoln will not allow the dam to close. He said allowing the dam to close would lose revenue generated from the taxes. He is opposed to any more government.

The public hearing concluded with the Committee thanking the people for coming and expressing their views on the proposed Lake District. Chairman, Rudolph stated Monday, December 13, 2010 and Monday, January 10, 2011 are the next scheduled meeting dates for the Oneida County Agriculture & Extension Education/Land & Water Conservation Committee. The next Oneida County Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 18, 2011. The County Board Meeting is held in the County Board Room on the second floor of the Oneida County Courthouse. Rudolph announced the website for the listing of upcoming meetings can be located at www.co.oneida.wi.gov.

The Tomahawk Leader was present to report and take photographs.

Attorney Brian Desmond, representing Oneida County Corporation Counsel, read into the record the Oneida County Clerk's office received twenty-four letters. There were twenty-three letters opposed and 1 letter in favor of the proposed Lake District. Copies of the letters are available in the Oneida County Agriculture & Extension Education/Land & Water Conservation office located in the Oneida County Courthouse on the second floor.

Adjourn

11:20 a.m. Motion by Vandervest, second by Matteson to adjourn all ayes; motion carried.

"See Attachment A"

The following attachment "A" is a list of the people that submitted letters to the Oneida County Clerk's office.

“Attachment A”
Names and Addresses of Letters

1.	11/02/2010	Gary Grasmick, Home Owner	11195 Old 8, Tomahawk, WI 54487
2.	11/02/2010	Herbert Grasmick, Life Estate	11195 Old 8, Tomahawk, WI 54487
3.	11/03/2010	Mr. & Mrs. Richard Kulczek, Sr.	7765 N. Chadwick Road, Glendale, WI 53217
4.	11/03/2010	Mr. & Mrs. Edward N. Bajorek	N 11831 W. Rapel Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487
5.	11/08/2010	Mr. Donald J. Blarek	815 Winton Street, Wausau, WI 54403-3263
6.	11/08/2010	Ms. Celine Boxrucker	1341 Old State Hwy. 18, Prairie Du Chien, WI 53821
7.	11/08/2010	Mr. William F. Hale	ON421 Winfield Scott, Windfield, IL 60190
8.	11/08/2010	David & Rose Seidler	1420 North 12 th Avenue, Wausau, WI 54401
9.	11/08/2010	Beth A. Spect, Pinter Estate	F2460 Blackberry Road, Colby, WI 54421
10.	11/08/2010	John & Janet Pinter	183 S. Second Street, Dorchester, WI 54422
11.	11/08/2010	Alan & Brian Pinter	W180 Water Road, Dorchester, WI 54425
12.	11/09/2010	Gerald D. & Christine Luedke	N12011 County Road L, Tomahawk, WI 54487
13.	11/09/2010	Mark Kercher	2469 Smokey Drive, Tomahawk, WI 54487
14.	11/09/2010	Nancy Smith (Letter of Support)	N11858 East Deer Lake Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487
15.	11/09/2010	Leonard R. Osborne	2412 Smokey Drive, Tomahawk, WI 54487
16.	11/10/2010	Eileen Stewart	3580 East Oakwood Road, Oak Creek, WI 53154
17.	11/10/2010	Ed Drollinger	7530 Whitrock Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494
18.	11/10/2010	Gerald & Mary Dassow	2099 Lake Nokomis Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487
19.	11/10/2010	Tim Dassow	N12013 County L, Tomahawk, WI 54487
20.	11/12/2010	David & Rosanne Bethel, Sr.	N11765 Ella Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487
21.	11/12/2010	Andrew & Karen Beck	N11731 Ella Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487
22.	11/12/2010	Phyllis Erickson	W4181 County Road A, Tomahawk, WI 54487
23.	11/12/2010	Jean Erickson	N10426 Erickson Lane, Tomahawk, WI 54487
24.	11/12/2010	Bob & Julie Czaplinski	N11863 Klade Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487