

ONEIDA COUNTY LAND & WATER CONSERVATION
MAY 2, 2008 4:00 P.M.
PUBLIC HEARING – NOKOMIS TOWN HALL
2541 LAKE NOKOMIS ROAD
TOMAHAWK, WISCONSIN 54487

Members present:

Chair Tom Rudolph
Wilbur Petroskey
Matt Matteson
Jack Martinson

Members absent:

Gary Baier
Rod Kuczumarski

Department staff present:

Nancy Hollands, County Conservationist
Jean Hansen, Conservation Specialist
Jennifer Holman, AIS Coordinator
Barbara Payne, Secretary

Other County Staff:

Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel
Mike Romportl, Land Information Director

Guests present:

Patrick Goggin, UWEX Lakes Specialist

Call to order:

Tom Rudolph called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., at the Nokomis Town Hall, Tomahawk, Wisconsin 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.

Discussion/decision to approve the agenda

Motion by Matt Matteson, second by Wilbur Petroskey to approve the Public Hearing agenda. With all “ayes”, motion carried.

Motion by Matt Matteson, second by Jack Martinson to request the persons testifying to limit their testimony to three minutes. With all “ayes”, motion carried.

Motion by Matt Matteson, second by Jack Martinson to request the letters filed with the County Clerk’s office before the deadline be read into the record by Brian Desmond, Corporation Counsel after the oral testimony has been given. With all “ayes”, motion carried.

Ken Dirks, Chairman for the Lake District Formation Committee and President Elect of the Lake Nokomis Concerned Citizens, read into record a letter explaining some of the Lake Nokomis property owners’ views as to why they would like to see a Lake District formed. Mr. Dirks did not finish reading his letter because of the three minutes time limit.

Russell Wadzinski, President for the Lake Nokomis Concerned Citizens, finished reading Mr. Dirks letter into record.

David Nycz, Chairperson for the Weed Committee, stated he has been involved with Eurasian Water Milfoil in Lake Nokomis. He said he had received some donations to help with the costs. He commented that some progress has been made. Mr. Nycz reported Bridge Lake is heavily infested with Eurasian Water Milfoil and treating it could cost approximately \$25,000. He said a lake management plan for Bridge Lake is needed. Mr. Nycz closing statement was that the Eurasian Water Milfoil will spread if sufficient funding isn’t available to address the problem.

Attorney Robert Shannon representing Don and Sam Scaffidi submitted a letter which serves as the Scaffidis’ formal objection to inclusion of non-riparian property owned by them and located in the Township of Bradley within the proposed boundaries of the Lake Nokomis Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District. Specifically the Scaffidis object to the

boundaries proposed for the District and to determination that the lands owned by them will be benefitted by establishment of the proposed District. Attorney Shannon stated the law requires that an individualized determination be made that non-riparian property will be specifically benefitted by inclusion within the boundaries of a District. It appears however that the boundaries of this proposed District were established on the basis of convenient sectional or quarter – sectional lines within the township and not based on any determination that inclusion would result in specific benefit to the Scaffidi property.

Brian Desmond, attorney for Oneida County Corporation Counsel, went on record stating the Oneida County Clerk's Office had received 58 letters contained a total of 111 signatures. There were 110 signatures opposed and 1 signature in favor. Attorney Desmond stated the letters will be available for review at the Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Office located on the second floor of the Oneida County Courthouse.

List of Persons Testifying at Public Hearing

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| ❖ Reid W. Peut | Speaker 1 | opposed |
| Mr. Peut questioned the manner used in counting the owners? After the Lake District is established what else will be added into the tax levy? | | |
| ❖ Kenith Goldbeck | Speaker 2 | opposed |
| Mr. Goldbeck is opposed to the boundaries of the proposed Lake District. | | |
| ❖ Richard Klimek | Speaker 3 | opposed |
| Mr. Klimek agreed with Mr. Goldbeck in opposing the boundaries of the proposed Lake District. | | |
| ❖ Kenneth Dirks | Speaker 4 | in favor |
| Mr. Dirks stated he spoke at the beginning of the hearing as Chairperson. | | |
| ❖ David Nycz | Speaker 5 | in favor |
| Mr. Nycz stated he spoke at the beginning of the hearing as the Chairperson of the Weed Committee. | | |
| ❖ Patricia Soward | Speaker 6 | opposed |
| Ms. Soward is opposed to a Lake District for the following reasons: Poor economy, escalating fuel prices, taxes are already too high, and the proposed boundaries are unfair. | | |
| ❖ Michael Biels | Speaker 7 | opposed |
| Mr. Biels asked if a Lake District was really needed. He stated the Bradley dam wasn't included in the proposed boundaries. He would be in favor if it could be done without additional taxing. | | |
| ❖ Mike Orlowski | Speaker 8 | opposed |
| Mr. Orlowski is opposed and he felt that every name on the deed should have a vote. | | |
| ❖ Walter Dieter | Speaker 9 | opposed |
| Mr. Dieter is opposed to a Lake District and no testimony was given at hearing. | | |
| ❖ Joseph M. Dorava | Speaker 10 | in favor |
| Mr. Wadzinski spoke on behalf of Mr. Dorava, a professional engineer, Tomahawk native and a lake enthusiast. Mr. Dorava has been a consultant to the Lake Nokomis Concerned Citizens since 2001. Mr. Wadzinski read Mr. Dorava's letter addressed to Tom Rudolph stating the reasons why he supported a Lake District. | | |
| ❖ Russell Wadzinski | Speaker 11 | opposed |
| Mr. Wadzinski gave oral testimony in favor of the Lake District. | | |
| ❖ Nicholis Grish | Speaker 12 | undecided |
| Mr. Grish gave no oral testimony at the hearing. | | |
| ❖ Richard & Leslie Johnson | Speaker 13 | opposed |
| Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were opposed to the existing boundaries. | | |

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| ❖ John Russo | Speaker 31 | in favor |
| Mr. Russo is in favor of the Lake District. He asked the general audience if they have contributed monies to help with the AIS issues. | | |
| ❖ Kevin South | Speaker 32 | undecided |
| Mr. South didn't have an opinion at this time. | | |
| ❖ Clayton Opper | Speaker 33 | opposed |
| Mr. Opper is opposed and feels there are others ways to generate monies needed besides forming a Lake District. He also felt the people who aren't on the lake shouldn't have a say so. | | |
| ❖ Linda Opper | Speaker 34 | opposed |
| Ms. Opper registered to testify but she declined to testify when called. | | |
| ❖ John Joseph Goessel | Speaker 35 | opposed |
| Mr. Goessel is opposed to the Lake District because he can't see the water from his property. Where will this action lead to in the future? He feels there are other ways to generate the monies need. He doesn't want to see it added on to taxes. | | |
| ❖ Jeff Wurm | Speaker 36 | opposed |
| Mr. Wurm registered to testify, but was not available when called to testify. | | |
| ❖ Dave Wurm | Speaker 37 | opposed |
| Mr. Wurm registered to testify, but was not available when called to testify. | | |
| ❖ Robert Tegehman | Speaker 38 | in favor |
| Mr. Tegehman registered to testify, but was not available when called to testify. | | |
| ❖ Raymond Payne | Speaker 39 | opposed |
| Mr. Payne registered to testify, but was not available when called to testify. | | |
| ❖ Michael Meinhart | Speaker 40 | opposed |
| Mr. Meinhart registered to testify, but was not available when called to testify. | | |
| ❖ Russell Jenks | Speaker 41 | opposed |
| Mr. Jenks is opposed to the Lake District. | | |
| ❖ Ronald Ament | Speaker 42 | in favor |
| Mr. Ament feels the Lake District is a very good idea and a way to get everybody to help. | | |
| ❖ Margaret Behls | Speaker 43 | opposed |
| Mr. Behls is opposed and she felt she was not informed and had questions about the Lake District. Her concerns were higher taxes and finding an alternative method. | | |
| ❖ Paul Garner | Speaker 44 | in favor |
| Mr. Garner is in favor of the Lake District and feels it is long overdue. He said it is hard to please everyone all the time. He felt the creation of the Lake District is a good way to manage the lake resources. | | |
| ❖ Judy Schmidt | Speaker 45 | opposed |
| Ms. Schmidt is opposed to the Lake District. She stated she did not receive any letter regarding this hearing. Her property isn't on the water and she doesn't want the taxes to go any higher. | | |
| ❖ Ann Young | Speaker 46 | opposed |
| Ms. Young is opposed to the Lake District. She commented the general population didn't know what they were signing. | | |
| ❖ Andrew Lamer | Speaker 47 | opposed |
| Mr. Lamer agreed that EWM is a problem that needs to be funded. He felt one option would be to charge boat launch fees. He feels people who don't have waterfront property shouldn't have to pay for lake issues. Mr. Lamer feels there are too many government controls in place now. | | |

Chairman Tom Rudolph announced there would be a short recess.

Letters received for documentation in Oneida County Clerk's office

Attorney Brian Desmond, representing Oneida County Corporation Counsel, read into the record the fifty-eight letters that the Oneida County Clerk's office received. The 58 letters contained a total of 111 signatures. There were 110 signatures opposed and 1 signature in favor.

Copies of the letters are available in the Land & Water Conservation Department.

"See Attachment A"

Signatures on letters to Oneida County Clerk.

The next regular meeting of the Land & Water Conservation Committee will be held on May 21st at 9:00 a.m. in the Oneida County Board Room. The Lake Nokomis Lake District Petition will be on the agenda for this meeting.

Patrick Goggins, UWEX Lakes Specialist, stated he would be available if needed.

7:00 p.m. – The public hearing was closed.

Adjourn

7:00 p.m. Motion made by Wilbur Petroskey, second by Matt Matteson to adjourn. With all members present voting "aye", the motion carried.

Tom Rudolph, Chairman

Nancy Hollands, County Conservationist

"Attachment A"

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

"Attachment A"
Letter Signatures

4/18/2008	Debra Ingman Jeffrey Ingman Richard Hablewitz Lyle Hannahs	2253 Martin Dr Tomahawk 54487 2253 Martin Dr Tomahawk 54487 2217 Lake Nokomis Rd Tomahawk 54487 W5697 Daoust Rd Tomahawk 54487
4/21/2008	Hall Family Trust c/o Cynthia Hall-Shaw Gene Lokken Wayne & Norma Berens Mark Kercher Larry Karow	9625 Ross Rd Tomahawk 54487 12759 Elm St Blue Island IL 60406 N11860 Co Y Tomahawk 54487 4216 Briarwood Ave Wausau 54403 2469 Smokey Dr Tomahawk 54487 5465 Hwy DM DeForest WI 53532
4/21/2008	list of 37 signatures	from Patricia Soward
4/21/2008	Harold Pedersen Audrey Pedersen	2148 Krystal Kove Rd Tomahawk "
4/22/2008	John Slominski R. Betchwars Sophie Bruzan Ms. Ann M. Young Ted & Doris Ingman Joe & Lyn Piekarski Lee & Cathy Kercher Gilda M. Hale	1724 Cherry Street Wausau, WI 54401 707 Tee Lane Dr. Merrill, WI 54452 2131 Margaret Dr. Tomahawk 54487 11245 Old 8 Tomahawk 54487 10484 Schoettler Rd. Tomahawk 54487 2043 Elto Rd. Tomahawk 54487 2521 Rocky Rd, Tomahawk 54487 0N421 Winfield Scott Rd Winfield, IL 60190
4/23/2008	Richard & Leslie Johnson Ted & Doris Ingman	N11936 County Rd L Tomahawk 54487 10484 Schoetler Rd Tomahawk 54487 duplicate
4/25/2008	Sidney Fennema Ruth Fennema Terry D. Cole Robert Zeitelhack Oprha Zeitelhack James L Riemer Beverly Riemer Peter K. Lloyd Joseph Case Mrs. Joseph Case	2032 Elto Rd Tomahawk 54487 2032 Elto Rd Tomahawk 54487 408 W. 7th. St. Marshfield 54449 W6819 Kablitz Rd. Tomahawk 54487 W6819 Kablitz Rd. Tomahawk 54487 2026 Elto Rd Tomahawk 54487 2026 Elto Rd Tomahawk 54487 W5243 Selmer Rd. Tomahawk 54487 9811 Hull Dr Tomahawk 54487 9811 Hull Dr Tomahawk 54487
4/28/2008	Ed Bajorek Beverly Bajorek T.D. Cole Carolyn Lorenzen K.A. Lorenzen Edward Brandner Rosemary Brandner Patricia Soward Marvin Nelson Eugene Nelson	N11831 W Rapel Rd Tomahawk 54487 N11831 W Rapel Rd Tomahawk 54487 408 W 7th. St Marshfield WI 54449 9785 Deertrail Rd Tomahawk 54487 9785 Deertrail Rd Tomahawk 54487 2102 Old Rd Tomahawk 54487 2102 Old Rd Tomahawk 54487 2126 Nancy Dr Tomahawk 54487 N8575 Lakeshore Dr Fond du Lac WI 54937 N8575 Lakeshore Dr Fond du Lac WI 54937
4/29/2008	Don R. Scaffidi	(sec 1 T 35N R6E)

	Sam G Scaffidi	"	
	Chuck Medinger	N12060 Sunset Dr Tomahawk 54487	
	Cindy Medinger	N12060 Sunset Dr Tomahawk 54487	
	Leonard R. Osborne	2412 Smokey Dr Tomahawk 54487	
	Gary Steinhafel	9807 Hall Dr Tomahawk 54487	
	Ginger Steinhafel	9807 Hall Dr Tomahawk 54487	
	John Heisel	9820 Point O Pines Rd Tomahawk 54487	
	Eva Heisel	9820 Point O Pines Rd Tomahawk 54487	
4/30/2008	LeRoy Rupnow	W5406 Co Rd N Tomahawk 54487	
	Kenneth Goldbeck	N11949 Heafford Rd Tomahawk 54487	
	Herbert Grasmick	11195 Old 8 Tomahawk 54487	
	Ronald Evans	2224 Lake Nokomis Rd Tomahawk 54487	
	Juanita Evans	2224 Lake Nokomis Rd Tomahawk 54487	
	James Kuharske	2113 Woodsmoke Dr Tomahawk 54487	
	Donna Kuharske	2113 Woodsmoke Dr Tomahawk 54487	
	Francis T. Lamer	2259 Circle Dr Wausau 54401	
	Kathleen Lamer	2259 Circle Dr Wausau 54401	
	Donald Zabawa	2133 Nancy Dr Tomahawk 54487	
	Beverly Zabawa	2133 Nancy Dr Tomahawk 54487	
	Helen Kimball	N11899 Nokomis Dr Tomahawk 54487	3 lots
5/1/2008	Tim Dassow	N12013 Co Rd L Tomahawk 54487	
	Jerry Dassow	2099 Lake Nokomis Rd Tomahawk 54487	
	Ronald Dryfhout	(none shown)	
	Sandra Dryfhout	"	
	Larry Rydberg	1754 N Outagamie St Appleton 54914	
	Judith Sweet-Rydberg	1754 N Outagamie St Appleton 54914	
	Patricia Berg	1966 Point Rd E Tomahawk 54487	
	James Witocki	1966 Point Rd E Tomahawk 54487	
	Marcella Literski	2000 The Point Rd E Tomahawk 54487	
	Charles J. Berg	1966 Point Rd E Tomahawk 54487	
	Rod Berg	3284 Lakewood Rd Tomahawk 54487	
	Ryan Berg	2018 Point Rd W Tomahawk 54487	
5/1/2008 pm	Gerald D. Luedke	N12011 Cco Rd L Tomahawk 54487	
	Christine G Luedke	N12011 Cco Rd L Tomahawk 54487	
	Nate Carr	W5698 Co Rd N Tomahawk 54487	
	David St. Clair	1922 24 Co L Tomahawk 54487	
	Ron Ruechel	W5209 Selmer Rd Bradley	
	Adam Senoarske	W5145 Selmer Rd Bradley	
	Lynn Senoraske	W 5145 Selmer Rd Bradley	
	Terry Selmer	W5414 Selmer Rd Bradley	
	Marsha Schultz	N11827 Klade Rd Bradley	
	Milton Schultz	N11827 Klade Rd Bradley	
	Randy Sawyer	Wausau	
	Julie Sawyer	Wausau	
	Joann Apitz	2230 Co Rd L Tomahawk 54487	
	Clayton Opper	N11819 Klade Rd	
	Michael Apitz	2230 Co Rd L Tomahawk 54487	
5/2/2008	Reid Peot	821 N Broadway Green Bay 54303	