

## Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** November 13th, 2016 @ 10:30 AM

**Location:** Town of Green Valley Hall, Ancestor Lane, Mosinee, WI

1. Meeting Called to Order by Vice President John Kennedy @10:35 am
2. Introductions of Board members and all attendees were made.
3. Old Business:
  - a. Secretary's Report-Lynn gave a brief overview of the August 21<sup>st</sup> 2016 minutes.
  - b. Treasurer's Report- Michelle reported a current operating budget of \$9,313.91 with a Capital Improvement Account of \$5,032.25, Grant funds of \$3,183.08, for a total budget of \$11,163.08. Membership for 2016 is 153 families/households, 12 businesses, and 5 new members for a total of 170.
4. Committees Update:
  - a. John Kennedy gave an update of the grant status. Paperwork (invoices/bills, etc.) is being submitted to finalized the grant and obtain remaining dollars for remaining bills. He also explained some of the reasons for the delay with getting our lake planning report. The positive responses on our survey was mentioned as the summary provided by McGinley.
  - b. BEPCO'S membership is down considerably. There was a discussion about why our membership has decreased. It was suggested that we get someone or hire someone to conduct a membership drive. John also shared the new 3-tier memberships that the Board decided to implement in 2017. Top tier will be the Muskie for \$100 membership to include some BEPCO items yet to be determined and purchased. The next tier would be Walleye for \$50.00 to include BEPCO items and the Perch which will continue to be \$25.00.
  - c. Kevin Hamill reported on the successful 2016 Boat Tour occurring on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Big Eau Pleine Park. Participants included BEPCO members, area farmers, local, county, and state government official along with WDNR staff to network regarding shared concerns about the status of the Big Eau Pleine Reservoir. The participants were given pontoon rides to observe some of BEPCO'S officials noted on this website. The night was viewed by the attendees as a success with fostering continued partnerships as well as BEPCO'S objectives.
  - d. John shared that for 2017 we will have three meetings. There will be a spring meeting in March 2017 and a fall meeting in November 2017 with our annual meeting/picnic in June 2017. We discussed the possibility of bringing back food as the membership seemed to think that providing lunch is a factor in meeting attendance.
5. Additionally information-
  - a. Marathon County Update information was given by Sandi Cihlar, BEPCO Board Advisor & Marathon County Board member for the Town of Emmet. There have been regular meetings and there will continued to be held between the interested parties to work on the issues surrounding Farm nutrient management and the phosphorus issue. John Small, City of Marathon President and BEPCO member talked about the problems Marathon City is having to deal with prior to getting their waste management license that it due in 2017. Marathon City and local farmers are working under the direction of Marathon County Conservation, Planning, & Zoning Department. Marathon City would be purchasing phosphorus credits from farmers. The issue is not as simply as this but the concept is very positive and encouraging.
6. Meeting Adjourned @11:45 am

Respectfully submitted,

*Lynn J. Patton*  
Bepco's Secretary