

**VELA Board Meeting
August 28, 2014
Statewide Real Estate Office**

Minutes

Attendees: Ron Mathison, Carole & Joe Plunkey, Janice Wilber, Dan Stock, Paul Rekowski, Celeste Creiger.
Absent: Tom James, Greg Cole, Leonard Brockhan.

Meeting called to order by President Ron Mathison @ 7 PM.

Selection of Officers – All to remain with Joe (secretary) & Carole (vice-president) switching positions. It was noted that Paul was up for re-election @ the Annual Meeting. This omission was corrected and Paul remains on the board.

Ron read the treasurers report – Savings = \$10,757.16, Checking = 8,338.94 and the membership report = 301 members.

The weed committee's report from Ron explained the new SAD process – the current amount in the SAD will be used next year and NO new taxes will be collected in 2014 winter taxes. The township will allow expenditures up to \$70,000 for 2015 with any excess above the current SAD fund to be in winter taxes for 2015. Thereafter, the township will allow expenditures up to \$70,000 per year and will collect taxes each winter based on expenditures for the prior year. In all instances the township board will continue to approve expenditures prior to implementation following the weed committee's recommendation. This was the proposed process and it is to be understood there may be additional adjustments.

Carole reported Endowment Fund has \$1,772.23 available for spending and total assets of \$16,248.72. Areas for spending will be investigated.

The October Newsletter needs articles – all are encouraged to contribute. There will be special recognition of all picnic supporters in the letter.

Carole indicated that watershed projects are awaiting permits and will likely not be completed until next year. Invasive species monitoring and removal on the 80 acre DNR site along the Pine River are nearly complete. Macroinvertebrate sampling will be completed this Fall.

Ron report on the removal of some of the deadheads near the mouth of the Pine River and the installation of buoys near 2 sites where the deadheads could not be removed due to their size.

Dan will continue to communicate with Jim Beyer regarding the point of sale waste water system inspection ordinance.

The picnic committee report is attached.

Submitted by,

Joe Plunkey
Secretary