

Papakeechee Protective Association (PPA)  
Annual Meeting August 21, 2010

President Ron Schug called the August 21, 2010 Papakeechee Protective Association Annual Meeting to order at 09:02 am.

Roll Call:

President	Ron Schug
Vice President	Jon Korejwa
Secretary	Pat Ebetino
Treasurer	Sherry Doherty
District # 1 Director	Ron Corson
District # 2 Director	Bernie Ebetino
District # 3 Director	Larry Clough
District # 4 Director	Steve Herendeen
District # 6 Director	Jim Whitehead
District # 8 & 9 Director	Randy Girod

**Guests:**

Brian Catt	Williams Creek Consulting
Mike Wigger	Earth Exploration

**Secretary Report:**

The Secretary's Report from the August 08, 2009 annual meeting was made available at the table in the back of the room.

- Jon Korejwa made a motion that the minutes of the August 08, 2009 annual meeting be approved.
- Jim Whitehead seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

**Members with Lake Rights revoked due to non payment of Dues and Dam / Levee Assessment:**

- Brian Winebrenner
- Scott Adams
- Jain Zhen
- Michelle Creech
- Eric Enis / Richard Williams
- Michael and Margret Chestnut
- Thad and Laura Cooper
- Katherine Hurley
- Charles and Sharon Stuckman

Per PPA bylaws, these association members are permitted to attend the annual meeting, however may not comment, speak, or vote on any proposals, elections, or business discussed. Once their dues / dam and levee assessments are paid in full, they may come before the Board at our next meeting (September 11, 2010) and request that their lake rights be reinstated.

**A letter objecting to changes being made by the Stuckman Salvage Yard was circulated prior to the meeting.**

- As he hoped to address the issue, Dan Stuckman had his attorney attend and also sent letters out encouraging people to come to the annual meeting.
- Dan was advised that he needed to come to the Board and request that this be put on the agenda.
- Dan advised that earlier in the year, he tried to bring this to a board meeting, however that meeting was canceled.
- James Jagel advised that he did contact the board, however no one responded.

- His e-mail was forwarded to all of the Board members and was discussed at a Board meeting. As a board, we determined that we would have members attend the Board of Zoning meeting.
- Steve Herendeen recommended that Dan bring his concerns to the September 11, 2010 Board Meeting.

### **Treasurer Report:**

The Treasurer's report was distributed.

Steve Longstreet, District 5, asked how the monies for the Dam project will be paid out. He was hoping to see a 'Dam Plan'. Ron Schug referred him to the last PPA newsletter in which the approach was outlined. We also had members from Williams Creek, and Earth Exploration in attendance to discuss the progress. Once the construction phase begins, we will run out of money as we will not be in the 8<sup>th</sup> year of the collections.

Jeff Griffin District 1 asked if the Treasurer's Report is audited. Sherry Doherty advised that we have an Audit Committee review the books annually. Ron Schug advised that regarding an independent audit, we will be working with an accountant.

Dan Mikolajczak District 6 asked for information on how the \$30,000 in expenses from the Dam Levee fund was spent. The majority has been paid to Earth Explorations for their design work.

Jim Lesh District 4 – Asked for clarification on the date of the report. Sherry apologized for the error. The date of the report should read 08/09/2010.

- Ed Haffner District 1 made a motion to accept the Treasurers report.
- Dan Mikolajczak District 6 seconded the motion.
- Motion carried.

### **Dam / Levee Project:**

Earth Exploration's (EE) Mike Wigger provided an overview explaining why we have to do the project. The DNR has jurisdiction and has determined our Dam to be a high hazard dam. The DNR requires that we must pass 100% PMP (20 inches of water in a 24 hour period). At this time the plan is 50% complete. The intent is to get the water level back to the norm (which would be to raise the level 18 inches). The project will shore up the West Levee. This will make for easier maintenance of the levee. The existing spillway will be replaced. Once the planning has been completed, the next step would be to have the DNR, Army Core of Engineers (ACOE) and IDEM issue all required permits.

Before we can go much further, we need to address the fact that IDEM has declared the 3 fish ponds on PPA property wetlands. To move forward, we need a mitigation plan for the wetlands.

Mark Laurent, District 4, asked if we anticipate any negative issues getting approval from the DNR. Mike explained that in 2009, EE and Ron Schug approached the DNR with the concept of how we want to proceed. They (the DNR) have e-mailed approval of our concept.

Brian Catt, Williams Creek Consulting, was approached to assist us with addressing the Wetland mitigation of the old fish ponds. At this time, we have not contracted with Williams Creek to do the work. This will be discussed at a future board meeting.

Steve Longstreet, District 5, asked if there is a timeline available. Once we get through the mitigation of the wetland, the plans can be completed and move to the permit phase. The DNR and the ACOE want to see a plan for the entire project which is to include the West Levee, the Dam, and the East Levee. At this time, the hold up is the wetland mitigation.

Depending on the amount of public interest, the review and permit process can take anywhere from 2 – 8 months. Public notices will be posted.

Ron Schug advised that we will continue to send newsletters with updates.

John Hart, District 5, asked if any thought been given to trying to obtain loans to speed up the completion of the project. The only collateral we have is the PPA Building, the harvester, and the chemical boat. Most lending firms want collateral to secure a loan. We've received a grant of \$5000 for the Hydrology study. We've also received a donation of \$6,250 from an association member. That amount is not reflected in the Treasurer's report, as it was received after the fiscal year closed. Jon Korejwa has actively been researching grants.

#### **Questions / Issues:**

**A previous version of the PPA Covenants & Bylaws booklet included a Directory of members. Is there any plan to update the Directory?** *Ron Schug advised the names were taken out of the booklet the last time it was updated. There are 20 – 30 changes within a year, and it would be cost prohibitive to continue to update the booklet. Realtors and other organizations want to solicit our members; therefore we do not distribute property owner's names. We've been working on revisions to the By-Laws and the booklet will be updated at that time, however the Property Owner names will not be included.*

**When you change By Laws will those be done by the Board?** *The Board is recommending changes. A meeting will be scheduled. Notification of the meeting the meeting and the proposed changes will be sent to members. At the meeting, we will go over each proposed change and you as a member will be allowed to vote on each proposed change.*

**Is there a schedule of Board meetings?** *There is no set schedule. We try to meet every month. Once a schedule is created, we will update the Web Site. It is sometimes necessary to cancel a meeting. We will make every attempt to update the Web Site if meetings are canceled.*

**Thank you to Terry Radtke for the work he does cutting weeds on the lake.**

**For members in 5A, they cannot put piers or boats on the levee, where do they have access to the lake?** *They can use the boat launch at the PPA building. There is also an area at the far end of the levee. They can put your boat on shore at that location.*

**There is a pier in the corner, at the near end of the West levee. It is currently overgrown with weeds. Who is responsible for keeping the pier maintained?** *Typically, it's the responsibility of the members.*

**Why once a year, can't we send out a listing of the members? Could it be put it on the web site? Could we make it available at the meeting?** *Some members don't want their information published.*

**There is a purple water plant growing near the shore called Purple Loosestrife. This is an evasive plant. Pull it out. Don't let it take over our lake.**

**Is there any way to notify us when you are going to apply the chemicals to the lake?** *Prior to putting the chemicals in the lake Signs are posted. The chemical we apply does no harm to humans or pets. We attempt to apply the chemical two weeks prior to Memorial Day, but it depends on weather conditions. Ron starts at the far end and lets it filter its way across the lake. **Some suggestions:** Put buoys out on the lake when the chemicals are applied. Post on the Web Site the approximate time we will be applying the chemical. Post a sign on the PPA Building. We will look into these suggestions.*

**Concern was raised about weed killer (like Round-up) damaging frogs.** *There is a chemical called Killzall is not harmful to the frogs. It is an aquatic herbicide. Clayton's has Killzall it is about \$35.00 a quart however it is highly concentrated, so just 3 drops are required to a cup of water. The key ingredient is Glyphosate. If you can find that, use it a little Dawn detergent. On a hot day you can also use distilled vinegar. You will accomplish the same results. **Is there any way this could be put on the Web Site?***

**We have talked about dredging each year. Is there a way to get a figure for dredging?** *We contacted one firm and they advised they charge \$25,000 just to bring the equipment in. They would want to do a survey of the lake. This issue is money driven. Perhaps those folks who are in a swampy area would be willing to pull together and look into this. Any action taken would require board approval.*

**There appears to be a lack of communication between the Board and the Association. Is there a way that information can be put out on the Web Site? Perhaps set up a Face Book site.** *We are talking with company that set up the Web Site for better ways to utilize our Web Site.*

**Members want to get more involved, what is the process.** *Reach out to your District Rep, attend the Board Meeting.*

**Are powered augers allowed on the lake?** *No. Most often folks that have the power augers are Trespassers. You can approach them nicely and let them know this is a private lake, most often they will leave. If they don't leave you can call the Sheriff.*

**Where can we get phone numbers for our District Representative?** *Phone numbers were included in the Newsletter. They are also posted on the Web Site. You can also click on their name and send an e-mail.*

**Election of Officers:**

Due to the Dam Levee Project, duties and responsibilities have expanded for both the President and Treasurer. Ron Corson gave a comprehensive explanation of each officer's role.

Election Slate:

President:	Ron Schug
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Treasurer:	Sherry Doherty
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There were no nominations from the floor.  
Each Officer and Director was voted in unanimously.

**Adjourn:**

- Ed Haffner made a motion to adjourn.
- Chris Vitale seconded the motion
- Motion carried.