

## Abbreviated Mitchell Lake Association Board Minutes Effective January 2014

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January 12, 2014 At the December 3, 2013, annual Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District "evening with the Watershed" meeting MLA received a commitment from Watershed Board Manager Perry Forster to do a weed analysis of the lake and also to work with us on lake reclassification issues in conjunction with the city of Eden Prairie. President John Tyler has prepared a set of documents to be presented to City officials setting forth both Mitchell and Red Rock's goals for lake improvements. Concerned citizen Mike Casanova presented the Board with an outline on how to apply for a variance to treat the lake with herbicides. Since Eden Prairie has more than half the district's population and tax base, we can ask the City for more representation of Eden Prairie on the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District as Board positions become available.

A motion was made and passed effective 2014 that MLA will reimburse residents \$50 who elect to have their private lakeshore harvested in conjunction with the general harvesting of Mitchell Lake.

February 9, 2014 - Various members of MLA and FORRL have now met with Eden Prairie's Mayor, relevant City officials, and all four council members, in an effort to raise awareness of lake quality issues and concerns regarding the RPBCWD's Board Managers.

On February 5, 2014 the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District Board of Managers adopted Resolution No. 14-2 that states in part: "WHEREAS, the Board of Managers is interested in developing further policies concerning aquatic plant management, recognizing the priorities in the Plan to protect and restore water quality and address non-native vegetation, as well as citizen interest in appropriate lake recreation that is consistent with lake health. NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Riley Purgatory Bluff Creek Watershed District Board of Managers authorizes the administrator to solicit a scope of services from qualified aquatic biologists to develop vegetation management plans for Mitchell Lake and Red Rock Lake, for further review and consideration by the Board of Managers. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Managers authorizes the administrator to prepare a plan for involvement by the Mitchell Lake Association and the Friends of Red Rock Lake, the Citizens Advisory Committee, City of Eden Prairie, Three Rivers Park District, and other appropriate stakeholders in the development of these vegetation management plans."

In addition to the above-noted Resolution, various members of MLA and FORRL will attempt to meet with relevant City officials requesting to be put on the agenda for an upcoming City Council meeting for the purpose of asking the City to request the DNR reclassify lake to recreational and/or to obtain a variance to treat our lake with herbicides (chemicals).