

LAKE HELEN – Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Special Meeting -EWM Treatment

6:00 p.m. on February 24th 2014

Coldwell Banker TREG office located at 5725 Windy Drive Suite E Stevens Point WI 54482

The Lake Helen P & R District's special organizational meeting was called to order by Melissa Ferg Chairman. Present were: Commissioners Treasurer Kathy Grill, Secretary Robin Novak-Nelson and Commissioner Bill Pingel. Also present was DNR Representative Scott Provost, and Rob Hvizdak district member.

Based on the information we have from the PI survey completed in 2013 by the Portage County DNR, Scott Provost of the DNR has recommended a whole lake liquid treatment at a dosage of .3 ppm (parts per million) applied in the Spring of the year. Scott also commented that it is imperative that we follow up the treatment with hand pulling for the eradication to be successful and to keep on top of the EMF. The DNR will provide another mapping of the lake in August 2014 between hand pulling.

Scott stated that the application should be applied in spring of the year when the water temperature reaches between 55 and 60 degrees Fahrenheit. At this temperature and dosage, the pesticide will not affect the sensitive plant life growing. Scott also informed the district that we will need to find someone to sample the temperature of the water and alert the contractor when the lake reaches that 55 -60 degree mark, the optimal temperature for treating. Scott asked the district to enlist someone to obtain frequent water samples after the treatment so they can gain data and track the results at the DNR. A \$245.00 permit fee is required and needs to be completed and submitted as soon as possible. Melissa said that Kaycie Stushek, the Regional Aquatic Invasive Species Outreach Specialist has volunteered to help us complete the permit. Scott told us that if we fill out a form Portage County may pay half of the cost of the permit.

The Commissioners unanimously agreed to pursue the recommendation from Scott Provost. In addition, they agreed that Melissa should contact the three treatment applicators that had submitted quotes, asking them to update their quotes to match Scott's recommendations. If the quotes come in under \$5000, Melissa was given the authority to choose the applicator that could best handle the job within the required specifications and timetable.

It was discussed that we need to contact the Central WI Electric Co-op to reserve a room for the 2014 Annual Meeting, slated for May 24 at 9:00 A.M. Robin will make the phone call. Scott Provost asked for a later confirmation of the meeting and he would check his schedule to try to attend the Annual Meeting.

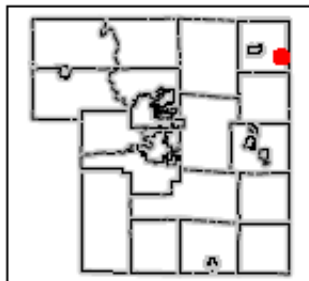
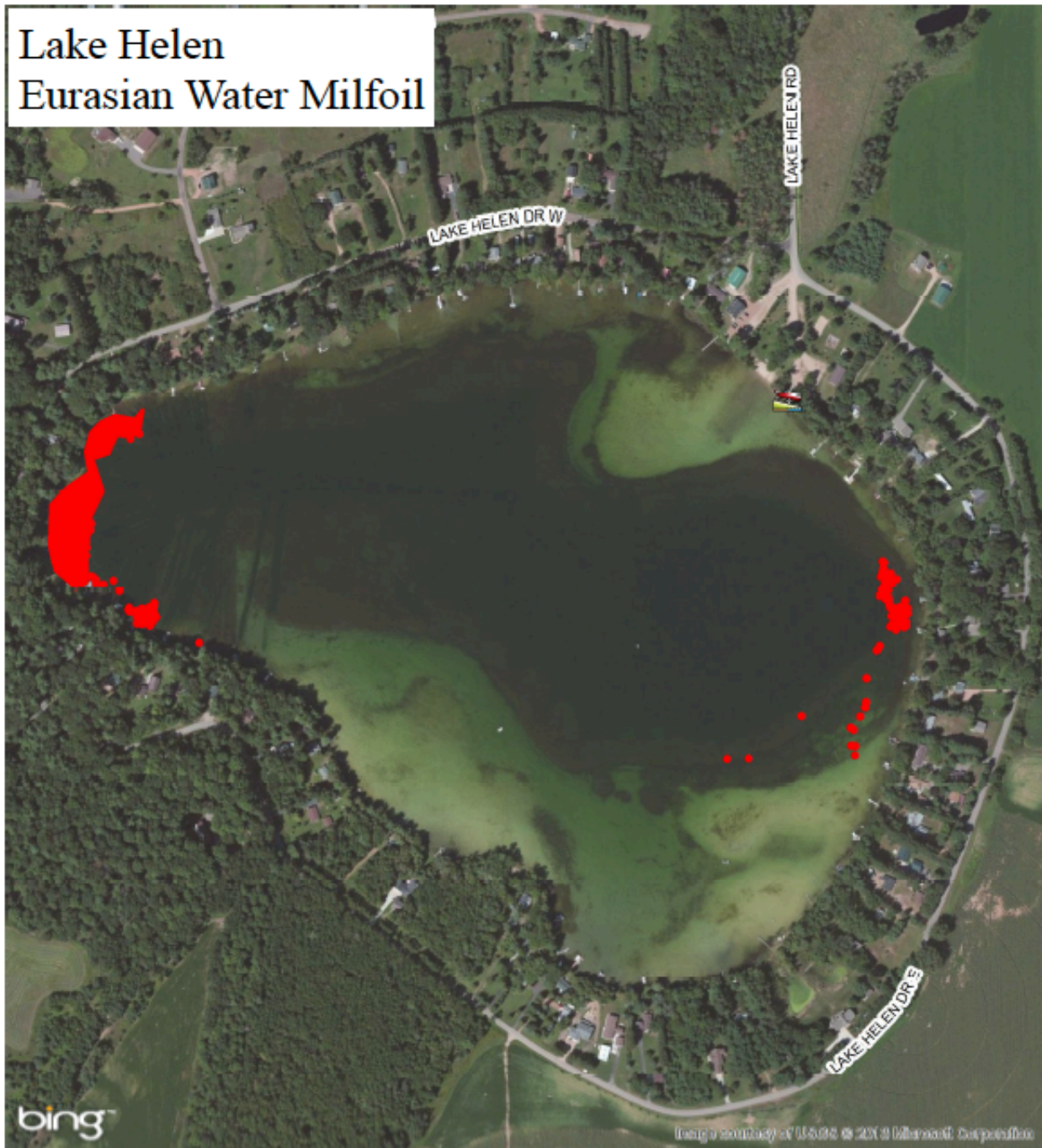
The district discussed the desperate need for Clean Water Clean Boat volunteers at the boat landing. Scott suggested we hire a few college students or young adults to monitor and maybe do some pulling and offer to compensate them at the cost of \$10.00/hour. He said we could develop a grant to reimburse the district the cost of hiring the students.


Motion was made by Melissa Ferg to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Kathy Grill seconded. Motion was carried.

Minutes submitted by,

Robin Novak-Nelson, Secretary, Lake Helen Protection and Rehabilitation District

Lake Helen Eurasian Water Milfoil



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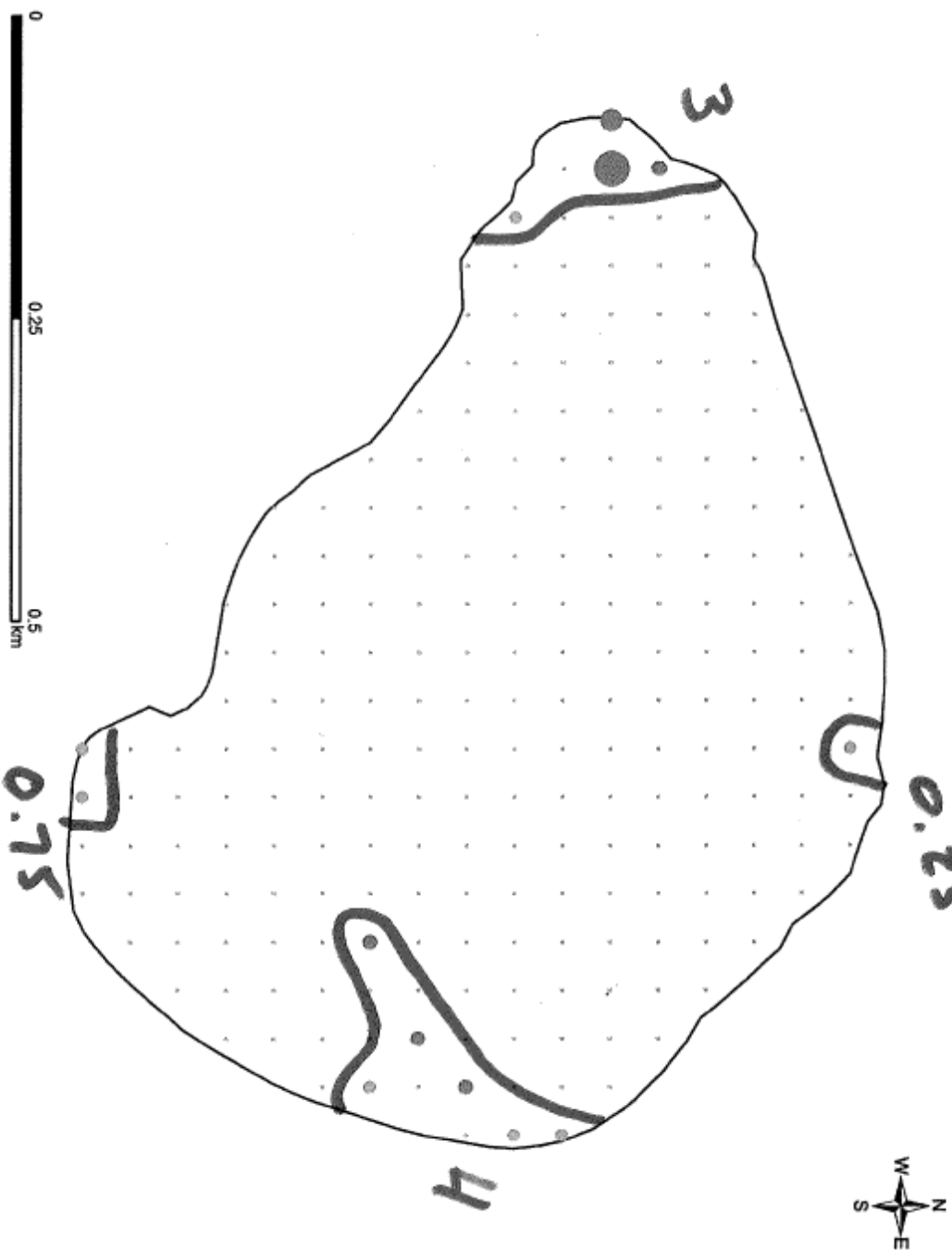
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with a Garmin GPSmap 62st
Date of Photography: Summer 2011

Location:
Town of Alban
Town 25N Range 10E
Sections 25 and 26
Portage County, Wisconsin



Lake Helen, Portage Co.

08/06/2013



Eurasian Watermilfoil

Rake Fullness Rating
No EWM



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