

Present: Bill Metnik, Jim O'Brien, Dale Hanson, Don Horstman, Tyler Gruetzmacher, Sue Zahrbock, Ole Severude, Dan Harrington, Jack Edson, Jim Cahow, Jim Pannier, Holly Kelly, Bernard Lenz, Duane Hebert.

County Board Chair welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

Jim Pannier offered to serve as Task Force Chair and Jack Edson offered to serve as Vice-Chair.

Hanson provided historical information regarding the lake which initiated questions on the extent of the proposed study and the potential for a DNR grant. Historical lake levels were provided as were fluctuations which have occurred since records of the lake level have been available. Overhead photos of the lake since the early 1990's were also presented.

Hanson noted that the plug was in place to block the flow of water from Sylvan Lake to Silver Lake. He also noted that there appears to be no correlation between County Road "B" work and the outflow of water from Silver Lake. Metnik added information regarding the bridge and culverts on 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

A history of Silver Lake Association and Barron County activities were provided as well as an explanation of the funding sources available. It was the unanimous consent of the Task Force to apply for the DNR Water Management grant.

It was noted that the study would need to include both scientific and personal recollection of water levels and clarity.

Lenz explained that USGS has been involved in scientific lake studies and the Task Force discussed the coordination of efforts between the DNR, USGS, Barron County and Silver Lake Association. Lenz noted that federal dollars are generally not available until October 1<sup>st</sup> but that arrangements have been made in other studies to obtain the dollars earlier if there are other partners in the study. It was the unanimous consent of the Task Force to enter into an agreement with USGS as part of the Silver Lake study.

Hanson provided a handout of components of the lake study and asked for additions amendments, etc.

It was noted that the DNR has a grant for control of exotic species however it did not appear as though these funds would be available for the study.

Attached is a list of items identified to be part of the study.

The next meeting is set for January 15, 2004