

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gehl at 9:00AM. Commissioners, Sprenger, Gagnon, Tauer and Tarcin were also present. Chairman Kloehn was unable to attend. 30 members of the District were also present and participated in the meeting.

Notice of the meeting was placed on our Web site, various sign boards throughout the District and published in the Forest Republican prior to the meeting.

Copies of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of July 2, 2011 were distributed to the members prior to the meeting and approved as submitted.

Commissioner Sprenger presented the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for Year Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. Total Assets, \$317,748, up from \$296,791. Total Liabilities, \$0. Total Revenue, \$45,840 down from \$47,063 due to lower interest income. Total Expenditures, \$19,407, down from \$27,031 due mainly to Lake Management Plan being paid off in 2010. Balance Checking, \$12,553; Tax Freedom Account, \$79,205; Regular Money Market, \$124,023, for total of \$215,781. Tom Knaus moved to accept the report as read, Jan Rausch seconded. Motion carried, Report approved.

Commissioner Gehl reported on the Lake Management Plan. It has been submitted by Onterra and awaits approval by the DNR. The project was intended to fulfill three objectives. Collect data to understand the Pine Lake ecosystem, collect information on invasive species, collect information from stakeholders on their thoughts pertaining to past and current conditions and its management. To implement the Plan, three management goals are to be implemented. Goal 1 is to maintain navigation in open and near shore areas. Goal 2 is to maintain current water quality conditions. Goal 3 is to prevent further aquatic invasive species into and out of Pine Lake.

Jerry Wolf reported on the water quality testing that he has done for the past 12 years. Last year the depth he could see the measuring disk decreased to the 3 to 4 foot range vs. 4 to 5 feet in 2005 and 10 feet in 2003. In May of this year he could see the disk on the bottom in 12 feet of water. The location for testing is the same each year, in about 15 feet of water and weed free. This information is available on the DNR web site. The link to this site is available on our web site. Jerry also reported on the phosphorous and chlorophyll loading in the lake. Phosphorous causes algae to grow and the chlorophyll gives it the green color.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on the Clean Boats Clean Waters program. Additional volunteers are needed to monitor the boats coming into and out of the lake. Training is provided by a DNR representative. If volunteers are not forthcoming, people will have to be hired to continue the program.

Commissioner Gehl reported on the fish stocking last year of 2,500, 6 to 8 inch walleye fingerlings by the District. A 50% survival rate is expected. The DNR is scheduled to stock smaller walleye this year. 58,000 small fingerlings were stocked by the DNR in 2010, avg. length 1 inch. A question was asked regarding tribal spearing on Pine Lake. According to the LMP, in 2009, the last year of recorded data, 9 walleye were taken out of the allotted quota of 155 with a mean length of 18.5 inches. The last comprehensive fish survey by the DNR was taken in 2003.

Commissioner Tarcin reported on the weed harvesting that began June 24 by Schmidt's Aquatic. 24 acres were cut at that time. Another 24 acres are scheduled to be cut in mid-August. Comments were favorable regarding the cutting into piers to provide access to the lake. Jesse Houle questioned why the harvester did not pick up the floating weeds/algae along the east and south shore. Commissioner Gehl responded that Schmidt's was asked to investigate however Cliff advised that it would not be possible for his equipment to do this. Gehl suggested that the District would look at equipment that in the future would only pick up along the shorelines rather than cut in the middle of the lake. Commissioner Gagnon reported that the buildup of brown weed balls on the south shore is actually Cladophora Algae and only hand removal methods are possible at this time.

Jerry Wolfe questioned the members how many received a notice from the county regarding septic inspections. Representative Tauer responded that this is the 2nd year of a 3 year program where everyone with a registered system will be required to have an inspection. Within 5 years all systems will be inspected. Only licensed inspectors can perform the inspections and certify to the county the results. Outhouses are allowed in the state of Wisconsin however permits are required.

Mary Sprenger presented the proposed budget for the coming year 2013. As reference, last year's 2012 Budget was \$45,000. The proposed 2013 budget of \$30,000 includes \$7,000 for Administration Expenses, \$13,000 for Weed Harvesting, \$5,000 for Tax Freedom Account, and \$5,000 for Fish Stocking. Question was raised concerning if there is enough money in the Admin. expense or other funds available to pay for hiring workers as independent contractors to perform the boat inspections if enough volunteers are not found. The general opinion of the members was to fund the Clean Boats Clean Waters program as necessary. Question raised regarding reason for decrease in proposed budget. Answer, sufficient funds available if necessary in accumulated cash accounts to allow for tax break this year. Representative Tauer advised because of State mandates, future budget increases limited to 2% per year for three years. Member William Ferris asked for clarification regarding the Tax Freedom Account. Answer by Commissioner Tauer, the account total of \$79,205 can only be used to fund major expense and only with express vote of approval at an Annual or Special Meeting. It cannot be used to pay yearly expenses. There being no other comments, Tom Knaus made a motion to accept the Proposed Budget for 2013 as presented, Dick Rausch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The floor was opened for nominations to elect a Commissioner for the Office of Treasurer, succeeding Mary Sprenger who has served a three year term. Dick Raush nominated Mary, Ruth Jennerjahn seconded. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. Mary Sprenger elected unanimously. Commissioner Tarcin's three year term will expire in 2013, Commissioners Gehl, Gagnon and Kloehn terms will expire in 2014.

Comments were requested from the floor regarding any issues of concern. Question was asked if a back hoe could be used to clean up shorelines of washed up algae/weeds. Answer, it is believed this is possible without a permit as long as the machine did not touch the lake bottom and the weeds could be disposed of in a dumpster and landfilled. Question was asked why the District continues to own the storage building. Answer, it may in the future be used to store equipment better suited to the removal of shoreline weeds. We presently store our pontoon boat for buoy tending. Insurance cost is \$520 per year and electricity cost is minimal. Question was asked why the weed cutter did not pick up washed up weeds. Answer, every effort is made to collect weeds during cutting, however most washed up algae/weeds are not caused by cutting but by normal boat traffic and nature. The District is not responsible for removal but continues to investigate possible solutions.

There being no other business, Tom Caravello moved to adjourn, Ruth Jennerjohn seconded, motion carried.