

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 6, 2013

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

Notice of the meeting was placed on our Web site, the Summer 2013 Newsletter, and published in the Forest Republican prior to the meeting.

Copies of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of July 2, 2012 were distributed to the members prior to the meeting. Jan Rausch moved to accept, Tom Knaus seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Sprenger presented the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for Year Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011. Total Assets, \$337,032, up from \$317,748. Total Liabilities, \$0. Total Revenue, \$45,791 down from \$45,840 due to lower interest income. Total Expenditures, \$26,507, up from \$19,407 due mainly to final Lake Management Plan expenditure. Balance Checking, \$6,046; Tax Freedom Account, \$84,599; Regular Money Market, \$144,420, for total of \$235,065. Ken Mischler moved to accept the report as read, Dennis Schumacher seconded. Motion carried, Report approved.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on the Clean Boats Clean Waters program. Because of the difficulty in finding volunteers to man the boat landing, two individual independent contractors, Dave Houle and Paul Johnson, were hired for the 2013 season. No DNR grant money was available for this year. The District's 40 foot pier was installed at the boat landing in addition to the Forest Service pier.

Commissioner Tarcin reported on this year's harvesting. A new contractor was hired. Because of the late season, the first harvest will begin this coming Monday and the second harvest is scheduled for late August. The DNR has approved a new plan of 87.4 acres but will allow flexibility in locating the fish lanes depending on weed density. Anticipated cost for this year's harvest is \$10,000. Chairman Kloehn answered a member question regarding picking up of shoreline accumulation of weeds. The District has a Policy that the removal of washed up weeds, algae, and other debris/muck is the responsibility of the lakefront property owner. No DNR permit is required for hand removal of up to a 30 foot wide, 150 foot deep area. A permit is required for mechanical removal. Every effort will be made by the District contracted weed harvester to collect weeds during the cutting operation. Conditions permitting, shoreline pickup with the harvester will be conducted with assistance from the property owner.

Dennis Schumacher reported on FCAL, or Forest County Association of Lakes. FCAL's mission is to inform and educate people of the activities of other lake associations in Forest County. It has no authority to regulate or control. Elwood Lake in Florence County has experienced significant absence of fish less than 7 years old, or since a program to eradicate Eurasian Water Milfoil with 2-4-D was started. It is believed this is the indirect result of the loss of too many of the aquatic plants that small fish need to survive. The DNR has denied the Lake Ellwood Association a permit for chemical treatment in 2013. Pine Lake has good fishing because of its aquatic plant communities.

Commissioner Gehl reported that the District has contracted for the stocking of 2,500 walleye fingerlings, 6 to 8 inches in length to be done in the fall at a cost of \$5,000. The DNR has revised their fish raising program and will stock walleye of this size in the future. Dennis reported that 28 fish were spear

harvested in 2007, 0 in 2008, 9 in 2009, 0 in 2010,11,12, and 2 this year. The DNR and tribal wardens monitor the boat landing to verify the number speared.

Dennis reported on septic pumping requirements. Unless required it is best to delay pumping to allow the bacteria to do its' job.

Commissioner Tauer reported that all septic systems on record in Forest County have been inspected. Work continues on locating and inspecting systems not on record. Fines of up to \$500 can be charged for failure to correct failed systems.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on investigating the silt buildup in Pine Lake and Pine Creek. Motion made by Gary Kavalar, seconded by Dick Rausch to appropriate up to \$10,000 to hire a consultant to conduct this study. Motion carried. Grant money may be available through Forest County and the DNR.

Chairman Kloehn reported the objective of the District is to preserve and protect the quality and beauty of Pine Lake. The complete Lake Management Plan can be ordered at cost or viewed and printed off of our web site.

James Gehl nominated Dick Tarcin for a three year term as Commissioner, Mary Sprenger seconded. There being no other nominations, Dick Tarcin was elected.

Please let Paul Gagnon know if you are interested in volunteering to help with the dredging project.

Mary Sprenger opened the Budget Hearing. The Board recommends \$5,000 for the Tax Freedom Account, \$5,000 for CBCW, \$13,000 for Weed Harvesting, \$7,000 for Administration. Total 2014 Budget, \$30,000, the same as 2013. Mark Ferris questioned that because of fund balances in excess of \$300,000 should not the District be more aggressive in harvesting and dredging. Actual cash balances are closer to \$235,000. Dredging can cost upwards to \$50,000 per acre. Commissioner Tauer reported that grants up to 80% may be available. Motion made by Jan Rausch to accept a Budget of \$30,000, Dick Rausch seconded, motion carried.

Tom Knaus questioned the Board on its' intention for using the District storage building. Chairman Kloehn answered that it is insured and because of unknown possible usage in the future it will remain for District storage only.

Dennis Schumacher questioned the Board on what it plans to do now that the Lake Management Plan is approved. Commissioner Gehl responded that there are three management goals. Goal 1 is to maintain navigation in open and near shore areas. Commissioner Tarcin is responsible for this. Goal 2 is to maintain current water quality conditions. Septic control is being administered by the County. Goal 3 is to prevent further aquatic invasive species into and out of Pine Lake. Commissioner Gagnon is responsible for this. The District members must also be involved in doing their part to achieve these goals. Volunteers are needed to help when needed. It was recommended that more communication be forthcoming. Also, that the signboards be used to announce the meetings.

Chairman Kloehn reported that speeding is a problem on the lake road. All were reminded of the 35 mph speed limit that is set by the Town.

There being no other business, Bob Dixon moved to adjourn, Paul Gagnon seconded, motion carried, meeting adjourned.