

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 1, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn at 9:00AM. Commissioners Gehl, Sprenger, Kurzynske and Tauer were present. 50 members of the District were also present and participated in the meeting.

Notice of the meeting was placed on our Web site, published in the Forest Republican and in the PLPRD Spring 2017 Newsletter prior to the meeting.

Chairman Kloehn appointed Mary Pieschek to fill the vacated position of former Commissioner Bob Binter. This position will be up for election at the Annual Meeting in 2019.

Copies of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of July 2, 2016 were distributed to the members prior to the meeting. Terry Scheller moved to accept, Gary Kavalor seconded, Minutes approved as presented.

Commissioner Sprenger presented the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for Year Ended December 31, 2016. Total Revenue, \$37, 549; Total Expenditures, \$28,961 resulting in Excess of Revenue over Expenditures of \$8,588. Total Assets, \$336,903; Total Liabilities, \$0; Balance Checking, \$13,657; Tax Freedom Account Money Market, \$30,618; Tax Freedom Account CD, \$75,000; Regular Money Market, \$122,467; for total of \$241,742 cash deposits. Expenses decreased in 2016 for weed cutting and increased for sediment and aquatic plant surveys for future lake dredging and harvesting projects. Sprenger also announced her desire to retire at the end of her term at the next Annual Meeting in 2018. Treasurers Report approved as presented.

Old Business:

Tauer reported on the Town dam and bridge replacement project. Ares Engineering has been hired to prepare plans. Current regulations require the dam and bridge to be separated. A year is required to study the inflow and outflow of water over time. A public hearing will be held when preliminary plans are completed, probably in the summer of 2018. Work would probably begin in the fall, 2 years from now. Estimated dam replacement cost is \$150,000 to \$300,000. Estimated bridge replacement cost is \$150,000 to \$300,000. The Town is hoping to get grant money. The Town has set aside \$200,000 for the dam and \$50,000 for the bridge. The Town is fully responsible for this project, not the District.

Mark Ferris presented the proposed changes to the Hiles Comprehensive Plan. A copy has been attached to these Minutes. Mark explained that to get a DNR permit for any sediment removal in Pine Lake, the support of the Town of Hiles would be required. Thus, the Hiles Comprehensive Plan was changed to include this language. All cities in Wisconsin are required to have such a plan. Hiles plan was filed in 2009. Ultimately, the desire is to provide a positive economic impact on Pine Lake and the Town of Hiles. The approximately 350 properties on Pine Lake contribute about 5% of the Town of Hiles taxes. The Hiles Comprehensive Plan is available on the Town of Hiles web site, www.townofhiles.org The proposed change will be presented to the full Town Board, published and a hearing held before it is approved. Adjoining towns and Forest County will also be advised of the changes for gathering their full support. A letter to our elected officials is also proposed. Motion made and seconded to indicate the District is in favor of the proposed changes to the Hiles Comprehensive Plan as presented by Mark. Motion carried.

Kloehn reported on the status of Flambeau Engineering's contracted projects. The Lake Management Plan is up for renewal. Grant money is available but must be filed by December 10 for the following year's expenditure. This may cost up to \$40,000. Motion made and seconded to apply for the grant before spending any money. Motion approved. Ferris described a possible method of dewatering the dredged material through perforated bags, then disposing the sediment on farm property as it is rich in nutrients. A core analysis has

been done and there is no indication of hazardous material, either mercury or other chemicals, present in the sediment, nor any record of such. In answer to question from the floor, Gehl responded that the Feasibility Study of 2014 is available on our web site that addressed this issue and when the Final Report from Flambeau is completed it also will be published.

Kloehn reported that the weed cutting for this year is scheduled for the week of July 17. The DNR is expected to be on the lake to monitor the previously approved lanes for possible relocation to increase the amount of harvested weeds. Kurzynske asked for an indication of how many thought the weed cutting was worth the expenditure of \$10,000. Reply from member was not if the current paths must be observed but if allowed to change, yes. Another member responded that for those on the north end of the lake the cutting is a tremendous asset to them for accessing the lake from their docks. Gehl mentioned that the mailed survey done last fall in accordance with the requirements of the Lake Management Plan, the majority of respondents approved that weed harvesting continue. Kurzynske replied it is a waste of money. Question from floor regarding picking up weeds since a few years ago many weeds floated into East shore. Gehl responded that this was not caused by the weed cutter, but a naturally occurring process for the curly leaf pondweed to propagate. This is further explained on the web site in our LMP. Question regarding timeline for dredging that may help with weed problem. Kloehn suggested possibly 4 to 5 years. Ferris recommended to continue weed cutting for at least the next few years to be good stewards of the Lake. Kloehn agreed.

Kloehn reported the Clean Boats Clean Waters program is operating again this year. He also reminded everyone of the 35MPH speed limit on the lake roads for automobiles and the 25MPH speed limit for ATV's.

Election of Commissioners:

3 positions were up for election. Kloehn and Kurzynske agreed to run, Gehl declined. Mark Ferris offered to run in his place. Motion made and seconded to nominate Kloehn, Kurzynske, and Ferris for 3 year terms. Motion carried.

Budget Hearing:

Proposed 2018 Budget was amended by Kloehn to leave the Tax Assessment at \$30,000 and increase the Expenditures by \$40,000 to the LMP. This will result in Deficit spending of \$36,200, to be paid from accumulated surplus. Motion made to accept Tax Assessment, seconded. Motion carried. Motion made to accept amended Expenditures, seconded. Motion Carried. Approved 2018 Budget attached to these Minutes.

There being no other business, motion made to adjourn, seconded and approved. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

James Gehl,
Secretary

Hiles Comprehensive Plan

The following are the proposed language changes to the Hiles Comprehensive Plan. The original text is in 'black font' with the proposed changes immediately following in 'red font'.

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Following existing second paragraph; add...

Lake Association Improvement Activities:

Pine Lake

- Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program using local part-time contractors
- Weed harvesting program
- Encouraging voluntary shoreline restoration activities
- Contracting with Flambeau Engineering for lake study.
- As Pine Lake has experienced an excessive level of sediment accumulation, the Pine Lake Protection District is working toward a plan to bring sediment levels to an acceptable level. This will improve water quality and potential health related issues creating a positive economic impact for Pine Lake and the Town of Hiles.

Kentuck Lake

- Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program utilizing University of Wisconsin System students
- Encouraging voluntary shoreline restoration activities
- Contracting with Onterra for five year lake management plan
- Installation of aeration system to remediate water quality and health issues related to widespread blue green algae problem.

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Reverse order of 'Goals', number 1 and number 2

1. Protect natural areas, including wetlands, water bodies, forest lands, wildlife habitats, open spaces and groundwater resources.

Protect and revitalize economically productive areas; shore land, farmland, forests, and recreational areas.

2. Protect economically productive areas; including farmland, forests and recreational areas.

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Objectives:

(insert the following as the (1.) objective

- 1 Promote and support all efforts to reverse eutrophication of waters. This is specific to Pine Lake and Kentuck Lake.

Note: Objectives currently listed as 1-4 now will be listed following the above.

2. Preserve the land now in agricultural use.
3. Prevent new development in the Town from negatively impacting natural resources.
4. Minimize impacts to the Town's natural resources from metallic or non-metallic mining.
5. Promote development that minimizes groundwater impacts from on-site septic systems and other sources.

Policies:

Number 1, 2, and 3 remain the same. Add additional policy:

4. Remove legacy sediment in lakes to protect the economic and environmental productivity.

PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT	
APPROVED 2018 BUDGET	
REVENUE	
Tax Assessment	\$30,000
Interest Income	\$300
CBCW DNR Grant Income	\$4,000
LMP DRN Grant Income	\$2,500
Dredging DNR Grant Income	\$2,500
Other Income (Schwamagon)	\$3,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$42,300
EXPENDITURES	
Administration	\$5,500
CBCW	\$8,000
Plant Harvesting	\$10,000
Other	
LMP Update	\$45,000
Dredging Application	\$5,000
Shoreland Assesment	\$5,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$78,500
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$36,200)
	Estimated
Projected Cash Balances Beginning of Year 2018	
Checking Account	\$5,000
Money Market Account	\$113,703
Tax Freedom Account MM	\$35,715
Tax Freedom Account CD	<u>\$75,000</u>
Total	\$229,418
Projected Cash Balances End of Year 2018	
Checking Account	\$5,000
Money Market Account	\$72,403
Tax Freedom Account MM	\$40,815
Tax Freedom Account CD	<u>\$75,000</u>
Total	\$193,218
CASH INCREASE/(DECREASE)	(\$36,200)