

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 1, 2023

Rough Draft- Minutes have not been approved

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Ferris at 8:02. Also present were commissioners Terry Kloehn, Jim Kurzynske, EJ Kutchie and Jerry Duhn. Brian Bukovic was in attendance representing the Town of Hiles.

Notice of the meeting was placed on the district web site, published in the Forest Republican and the Pine Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Newsletter prior to the meeting. Signs were posted at West and East Pine Lake Road. 55 members signed in on the sign in sheets.

The agenda was reviewed. Motion by Barry Fenendael and second by Jeff Seidl to proceed with the agenda was passed

Minutes were read from the annual meeting held July 2, 2022. A motion was made by Bruce Elliot and second by Steve Kutchie and the minutes were approved as written.

EJ Kutchie reviewed the financial report from January 1, 2022 to present. A membership committee was formed and met on June 3, 2022. Members for the review were Jeff Seidl and Bob Spangenberg. Lake District commissioners present were EJ Kutchie and Jerry Duhn. The conclusion of the meeting was that the books were indeed balanced, and no further review was needed. EJ had put together a Statement of activity from July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023 comparing actual costs to budgeted amounts. Major expenses for the year included dam design fees and attorney fees for the OHWM project.

The account balances as of 5/22/2023 are-

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| Checking | \$ 39,404 |
| Money Market | \$226,301 |
| Total | \$265,704 |

Sue Orvis made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report and the review findings. Seconded by Steve Kutchie. Passed.

Mark later in the meeting discussed how the we are moving out money from Associated Bank to Laona State Bank. With the amount of money we have and the money in CD's Associated Bank will give us 3.5% interest and Laona Bank will give us 5% interest. We will continue to maintain \$50,000 to \$60,000 in our checking account and will ladder our CD's to have access to the money through the year.

Water Level and Related Efforts First Mark address the concern of the low lake level. There has been minimal rain in the months of May and June which has not helped out lake level for potential incoming water from the input streams. On June 5th the center dam beam was lowered all the way down to the sill. The DNR received a notification from Little Rice Lake that no flow was coming from Pine Lake and the Wolf River. The DNR met with the Town of Hiles and placed 1 ½" wedges under the center beam. The DNR was satisfied with this amount of water flow into the Wolf River. It is a drought year, and we need rain.

Dam and Bridge Replacement Update: Jerry explained some of the activities on increasing the level of the lake. A team went around the lake in early November to determine the elevation of the OHWM (Original High-Water Mark) Three location were completed on the east side of the lake and 3 locations on the west side of the lake. Each location identified 3 OHWM indicators and survey elevations were recorded. From the data, the OHWM is 91.37 or 3.7 (10th) of an inch above our current high water order of 91.0. We will continue to work with the DNR to get the upper limit of the water level to be raised to 91.37. At this time the design is about 95% complete and Ayers Engineering is waiting for a statement from the DNR on the high water mark determination to complete the design.

A new dam estimate has been calculated by Ayers Engineering. The cost of the dam is now estimated to be \$472,192. Mark explained that ½ of the cost would be covered by the grant. The Town of Hiles has money set aside to cover 50% per the remaining amount \$118,048 (up to \$172,000) and the rest of the cost would be on the Lake District.

Weed Harvesting.: Mark is working with Ed Walders. A permit to harvest has been submitted and expect approval. We will be harvesting weeds the first few weeks in August.

Review of Board Members and elections. Mark Ferris, Terry Kloehn, Jim Kurzynske is up for reelection. Mark, Terry and Jim all stated that they would be in for re-election. A district member has emailed the board and has suggested instead of 3 being elected one year and then 1 and 1 the subsequent years that we should have the three year terms run, 2 commissioners then 2 then one. Mark suggested that the election can occur and then at the quarterly meeting the board can discuss how the division should occur. Joe Bergner made a motion to re-elect Mark, Terry and Jim. Seconded by Bob Bintner. Passed.

Other Business:

Jeff Siedel is working with Tiffiney for a larger project to do a total Lake Dredging project.

Mark thanked Steve Kuthcie for painting the Lake District Garage.

Marked thanked John Ginder for mowing the district boat ramp area.

Bob Binter commented on the potential of a very low lake level going into the winter months there could be a potential for a winter fish kill. Jerry will contact Larry to get his thoughts and comments.

Kara Kaufman encouraged the board to look into Stream Gauges to monitor incoming water flow. It would give us more data to manage the lake level better and have the data for our discussions with the DNR for a higher lake level.

Jerry reminded Mark that we still needed to discuss and vote on the 2024 budget. Mark asked for a motion to modify the agenda. Joe Bergner made a motion to add the 2024 budget hearing to the agenda. Seconded by Sue Orvis.

Jerry reviewed the budget sheet that was copied and available at the sign in table the board recommend a \$45,000 tax assessment for 2024.

Budget Hearing:

- The Proposed 2024 Budget was presented
 - Revenue \$45,600
 - Expenditures \$45,600
 - PROJECTED CASH BALANCES BEGINNING OF YEAR 2024
 - Checking \$ 30,000

- Money Market Account \$ 228,000
- PROJECTED CASH BALANCES END OF 2024
 - Checking \$ 30,000
 - Money Market Account \$ 228,000

Steve Kutchie made a motion to accept the proposed 2024 budget. Seconded by Jeff Seidl. Passed.

Old Business: No old business was presented.

Jerry shared that we have about 165 people in our email contact list and if anyone else would like to be in that list to stop by after the meeting.

The boat parade will be today, on Saturday, July 1st at 12:00 noon.

Commissioner's report:

- No comments from the commission

There being no other business the motion was made by Jeff Seidle to adjourn, seconded by Steve Kutchie and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Duhn, Secretary