

ANNUAL MEETING
Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin
July 21st, 2001

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The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Vic Burkey, at 9:00 a.m. Also, in attendance were board members Pat Coraggio, Karl Tauer, and Patricia Balzer. Introduction of guest speaker, Pam Lebine. Vic read the posted agenda from the Forest Republican and made a motion to amend the agenda to allow Pam Lebine to present her presentation as the first order of business, seconded by Pat Coraggio.

9:05 a.m. - meeting turned over to Pam Lebine, Forest County Zoning Administrator.

The following is an excerpt from the presentation by Pam Lebine. Pam introduced herself and stated that one of her first duties as zoning administrator since October 2000 was to have the sanitary ordinance rewritten because the State Department of Commerce changed and therefore her department had to change to become compliant. The second issue the State Department of Commerce dealt with was the gravel pit ordinance. While she was addressing these two issues, she also dealt with the zoning ordinance passed in August of 1999. The word "non-compliant" is the big issue such as that going on in Onieda County. Under the new ordinance, Pam Lebine stated, if you are not 75 feet back from the lake, you are non-compliant and you are limited with what you can do with your home. She further stated that in some instances if your lot is not 100 feet or 200 feet in some places, you are non-compliant. If you do not have 20,000 square feet, you are non-compliant. Pam went on to state that this list only represents a small portion of things that can make you non-compliant. Pam also discussed the affects of selling and buying non-compliant property.

The big question Pam stated is "what are we going to do with word non-compliant?" Pam stated that (1) the County does not have to have the word "non-compliant". In the Statutes, the word is "may", the County "may" not "shall". Pam further stated that we wrote ourselves in non-conformity. The only way to undo this is to have consensus. She stated that there are two questions. (1) Houses too near the lake are going to pollute and (2) a conforming property versus a non-conforming property and that the County cannot afford to put any more restraints on the private tax base, which is what non-conforming would do.

Questions were taken from the floor by Pam that covered a variety of issues including but not limited to equalized value, enforcement of zoning violations, encroachments, out-houses near a river or creek that enters Pine Lake, filing a complaint, selling an 80 foot lot, holding tanks, 75 foot set-back ordinance, filling in a drainage ditch and applying for a rip-rap permit. She further stated that she now has the authority to do something about the violations because she has a citation form of enforcement and that she is focusing on health and safety violations. However, she further stated (they) are looking to rewrite the ordinance. Pam stated NR-115 is the legislation that gives zoning the power. Pam indicated she did not care who initiated the compliant, whether by an individual or by the "District", as long as it is in writing and you are reasonably sure as to what you are looking at.

Pam stated a zoning meeting has been scheduled for the evening of July 30th at the Crandon Court House (County Board Room). They will go through every change. The Board directed her to get rid of the current equalized value assessment, which is a formula by which zoning decides how much improvement you can put on the non-conforming property. Right now there is too much of a "thumb" on current development and there has to be another formula. The formula zoning is now looking at is referred to as the "foot print" formula. Zoning is hoping

to pass a 50% increase in the "foot print". Pam stated that if you think this new zoning formula is too restrictive, to please show up at the zoning meeting and voice your opinion. It will be up to the people as to whether or not the word "non-conforming" appears or not.

Pat Coraggio followed with indicating that a copy of NR-115 is available to those interested in receiving a copy.

A special thanks to Pam for giving up her Saturday morning.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes from the April 2001 quarterly meeting were published in the Pine Lake newsletter and available for those who needed a copy. B. Driggs from the floor made a motion to accept the minutes as published. D. Stober seconded, and the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pat Coraggio distributed copies of the treasurer's report covering the period of April 1, 2001 through June 30, 2001. The quarter starts out with \$28,840.22. Ending balance is \$8,714.88. Most of the expenses are identifiable except \$3,500.00 which is attributed to the building. On May 6, 2001, \$500.00 was paid to Waggoner Electric to start the electrical work. On May 6, 2001, the septic tank on the property was pumped and removed by Chaney Excavating. Pat further stated that the tank was removed as it was in the way for getting in and out of the building, the tank remains available in case it is needed for future use. On May 18, 2001, \$1,878.86 was paid to Waggoner Electric to do the electrical work. Pat stated that after the electric company would hook up the power to the building, Waggoner would complete the job. Waggoner's expense for this appears at June 18, 2001 in the amount of \$621.14.

Two questions from the floor were posed to Pat.

(1) Why was electric needed to the shed? (2) Were bids obtained for this job? Pat explained that zoning required lights by the exits and seeing that this is also a workshop area, lights were needed. Pat further explained no other bids were obtained as Waggoner Electric was recommended as the only electrician in this area who has the authority to go in and cut the clips on circuit breaker boxes and replace them.

No other questions were raised from the floor.

B. Reimer motioned to accept the Treasurer's report as read. D. Stober seconded. The motion passes.

The second item presented by Pat was in regards to the Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 1999 and 2000. Pat continued by highlighted the purpose of the audit (Page 1), going over the assets and liabilities (Page 2), revenues and expenditures (Page 3). Pat pointed out two items on Page 3. The first item pertained to real estate taxes. Pat stated that he filed for an exemption with the State of Wisconsin. The second item is that in 1999 Maintenance on the equipment increased from \$2,071.00 to \$2,359.00. Page 5 deals with the deposits, checking account and CD started 4-5 years ago. The CD was taken out and applied for a new 16 month CD. Currently the bank balance is at \$11,879.00. \$7,500.00 was then added to that and put into a new 16 month CD at 4.7%. We have a total of \$19,736.97. Pat indicated that there is an option under the 16 month plan that at the eighth month anniversary, we can look at what the CD's are paying and leave it ride at 4.7% or we can get a higher percentage, we can renew it at a higher rate and that CD would have to remain in effect for 12 month. Page 6, identifies the equipment and land improvements.

Just for informational purposes, Pat indicated he just received the annual membership for the Association of Lakes for \$275.00 and the CPA fee of \$950.00 for services rendered by Wayne Link. He also stated he wrote a check for \$25.00 to the Forest County Walleye Association.

The last item discussed was to set a budget for the next year. Pat Coraggio made a motion and recommended no change. A motion from the floor by S. Shampo was made to decrease the budget and use the CD to reduce the tax base. Pat explained that the concept of the resolution incorporated in 1997 required the Board to put \$5,000.00 per year into a "tax freedom account" and eventually the interest on that money would help offset or reduce the taxes. Pat further explained that the reason the \$7,500.00 was added was because last year the amount of money we had to operate on was not enough so we could not put in \$5,000.00. So we split it up \$7,500.00 for last year, this year and next year. S. Shampo also added to his previous motion, that the tax levy should be reduced by \$5,000.00. P. Nirchel seconded the motion. A vote was taken on the above motions. 6 members were in favor and 26 opposed. The motion was defeated.

Another motion from the floor (S. Stanislawski) was made to maintain the budget at \$40,000.00 for the upcoming year. Seconded by R. Balzer. 6 opposed and 27 in favor. Motion carried to maintain the tax levy at \$40,000.00 for the next tax year.

WEED HARVESTING REPORT

Vic mentioned that L. Handeland was not in attendance and therefore asked for a weed harvesting report from T. Wirth. Tom reported that besides bad weather, the equipment is in good running shape. Tom further reported that he was out in deep water with his pontoon and unable to find weeds and that if (you) are out in deep water and find weeds, just see Tom or Larry for a buoy to mark the weeds. A question was raised from the floor if a plan from the DNR is followed when cutting. Tom indicated we cannot cut closer than 1000 feet from the mouth of the creek and north of the island; however, Pat Coraggio stated that he has requested clarification from the DNR on that issue.

Another issue was raised from the floor in regards to a "weevil" that is used to control Eurasian milfoil. Vic indicated that Pine Lake has what is called North American Milfoil, and to date there has been no documented Eurasian milfoil. Vic indicated that the weevil seems to be working in Lake Metonga; however, because of the size of the weevil, you would need \$100,000 just to get started to be effective. Vic further stated that samples of weeds were taken into Crandon 3-4 times per year to the biologist. Pat added that the samples of weeds taken from the camp grounds were taken to Northern Lakes for testing and the weeds were not Northern or Eurasian, but a hybrid. Pat offered pictures showing the different types of milfoil.

FCAL REPORT

Viv Burkey introduced Pat Coraggio as the FCAL representative. Pat stated that FCAL had a meeting on July 20, however, he was unable to attend. Pat stated that he sent a letter to 300 Pine Lake residents for the purpose of joining FCAL. 28 responded by joining. As a result, Pat indicated that Pine Lake has the largest membership in Forest County.

Pat reported that some of the things FCAL is working on are the proposed zoning changes. FCAL has a committee that works with Pam Lebine on the zoning changes and what is going to be needed in that ordinance to make it more livable for us to live here. As far as the zoning changes go, we have lawyers look at these documents to tell us what we can and cannot do, and then there are some of us who have to proof read and some of us were picked to review the ordinance. Pat indicated the proposal was published in the Forest Republican. As a result of that, some of these changes will be recommended in front of the board on July 30, 2001.

Another issue FCAL is working on is condominium development. Silver Lake had a resort that the owner just started to sell the cottages under a condominium ordinance (that is a problem FCAL is watching) and that ties into what they call "key holding", where someone buys 40 acres off the lake, then buys 100 foot strip from the 40 acres to the lake, and then takes that 100 foot strip and allows the condo owners to have lake access. This is followed up with a court case pending in Lake Geneva called the "docominium" case.

Dick Yahnke of Roberts Lake is on the FCAL Board and really a zoning violation watchdog. Of concern is a new home that was constructed on the lake which apparently bulldozed 200 feet of lake frontage right into the lake. They are asking FCAL to take a more active role in enforcement zoning and giving zoning office some more "teeth". Robert's Lake went to FCAL and FCAL is pursuing getting Pam Lebine her own corporation counsel attorney to work on zoning issues. The corporation counsel we have is not interested in working with her.

FCAL is sponsoring a shore land restoration workshop for private landowners. Pat believes it is tentatively set on August 18, 2001 at the Crandon Committee Building, but he will confirm the date. Laura Herman will be there from the DNR who issues permits to discuss water way regulations and Pam Lebine on zoning regulations. There will be a \$10.00 registration fee.

FCAL now has two shelves in the Crandon Public Library where publications are available on shoreline restoration and water quality, including videos for purchase and use. Pat mentioned that some of the other counties have been establishing what they call a "courtesy code" CPR, courtesy, polite, and respectful. Pat had samples of the handouts that are being posted at boat landings and handed out as a welcome packet.

The issue of the zebra mussel is of particular concern as the zebra mussel is now present at lake Metonga. Pat indicated the Forest Republican recently published the story. Pat indicated that he and Vic recently met with representatives of the DNR and Corps of Engineers regarding a rinsing station at the federal boat landing. They laid out an area where the rinsing station could be implemented. They do have the go ahead. A question was raised from the floor as to who could be responsible for the upkeep of the well and the electricity. Pat indicated that the District would be responsible. Pat continued by indicating he asked for the installation of a pier and presented a copy of what it will look like. The District will be responsible for removing the pier in the fall, storing it and putting it back in the spring. There will be a sign indicating "no fishing". The pier will be approximately 24 feet.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Vic indicated this year Pat Coraggio is up for re- election. Pat Coraggio inquired "which Pat" and Vic confirmed Pat Coraggio. Floor opened for nominations. S. Stanislawski nominated Pat Coraggio, J. Zver seconded. Motion carried and Pat Coraggio was reelected for a two year term. Also, the Secretary position vacated in April 2001 by Pat Balzer, however, was not filled during the Annual Meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vic Burkey stated that a year ago at our Annual Meeting, a motion was made to contact the DNR about setting slot sizes on game fish. A letter was written to the DNR in January. The letter was published in our last newsletter. Vic received a letter from the DNR. Basically, the DNR said the slot sizes could be checked into but there is a resolution that needs to be passed before the DNR will look into it.

A discussion from the floor between several members pursued regarding maintaining Pine Lake as the "family" lake which produces all species. Pat Coraggio indicated that the DNR would be putting together a study. Money has been put in the budget for 2002 and 2003 and the DNR will be going to Pine Lake to gather information on the types of fish in the lake, size and numbers. Additionally, Pat Coraggio added that he would like to see what the DNR had to say about the lake and then go forward. A question from the floor was raised if the DNR uses the same method as counting deer. Another question was raised from the floor that if the DNR is no longer stocking Walleye, can they come and set up a study? A motion was made from the floor to table the size limits. Another motion was made to dump large loads of rock into the lake. Pat Coraggio indicated the Board wants to look at stocking Walleye in the lake through a purchase

program. Vic acknowledged several motions made were open on the floor that needed to be addressed. A vote was taken to table size limits, which passed.

Quickly, the interest moved to putting rocks on the ice to create a fish habitat. Vic moved on to indicate that a meeting took place on June 25, 2001 with Pat Coraggio, Michael Keefe from the Federal Corps of Engineers, Jane Wade, Laura Herman and Bob Young all from the DNR. The meeting held was to discuss the rinsing station and the fishery on Pine Lake. The idea of putting rocks on Pine Lake was brought up at this meeting and Bob Young of the DNR indicating introducing (dumping rock) was not allowed without a permit.

Vic mentioned one thing he is trying to work with the DNR on is trying to dredge out the creek. The north end of the lake is filling in and we cannot cut there. Samples of the muck will have to be taken and analyzed. The DNR will allow for two sediment holding stations and any sediment from dredging will have to be trucked. Vic further indicated that the Board is applying for a grant as soon as the paperwork is received from the DNR. Vic is putting together a feasibility study. Pat Coraggio discussed with Bob Young of the DNR about adding Walleye in Pine Lake. Bob Young stated that Walleye which are between 4"- 6" have an 80% survival rate. And the DNR only stocks 1" fingerlings. A motion was made to purchase approximately 900-1200, 4"-6" Walleye and spend \$1,000.00 for this stocking adventure. 15 were in favor and 8 opposed. Motion carried.

Paul Nirchel presented an issue to the Board on the "District Boundaries" and who is part of the District and who is not. A motion from the floor was made to redefine the boundaries of the Lake District. Karl T. indicated a "District" could not be changed by a motion and that to redefine the boundaries of the Lake District would have to be taken from a legal aspect through the courts. The "District" is like a town and you would have to individually petition the courts to get out. P. Nirchel continued to bring to the floor that there is a map at the Crandon Courthouse with the original Petition incorporating the Pine Lake District.

With no other issues from the floor, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Following the Annual Meeting, a short Commissioners meeting was opened at 11:20 a.m.. Pat Balzer advised Vic that she had resigned her position as commissioner. Vic tabled the appointment of the secretary until the next quarterly meeting and that he will appoint a secretary at the time. A motion was made by Pat Coraggio to maintain the same officers, seconded by Karl Tauer, passes unanimously. The officers for the next 12 months will be Vic Burkey, Chairperson, Pat Coraggio, Treasurer, and Karl Tauer, Town Board appointee. The Secretary position to be filled.

No other issues were brought before the Board and therefore the meeting closed at 11:30 a.m.

Note: The above minutes are a summary of what took place at the above referenced meetings. Due to space, the minutes have been condensed. A complete copy can be attained by Chairperson Vic Burkey.

PINE LAKE PROTECTION
AND
REHABILITATION DISTRICT

*Annual Meeting
Hiles Town Hall, Hiles, Wisconsin
September 1, 2002*

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Karl Tauer at 9:00 a.m. The chairman, Vic Burkey was not present. Also in attendance were board members Pat Coraggio and Gail Gentz. Commissioner announced that an acting Chairman would have to be voted in to chair the meeting. Commissioner Coraggio made motion to appoint Karl Tauer as Acting Chairman. Gail Gentz seconded the motion. Motion was carried. The agenda is: Call to Order, Reading of Minutes from last annual meeting, Quarterly Treasurer's Report, Annual Audit, Proposed Budget for 2003, Weedharvesting Report, Walleye Stocking. Old Business: Dockominiums. New Business. Election of Commissioner. Adjournment.

The minutes from the annual meeting held July 22, 2001 were distributed. Commissioner Coraggio made a correction to Page 4, election of officers. It was noted that Commissioner Coraggio was elected for a two year term and it should be a three year term. The minutes will be amended to reflect that. Motion from the floor to accept the minutes as corrected was made and seconded. Motion was carried.

The quarterly treasurer's report from April 1, 2002 through June 30, 2002 was distributed. The beginning balance was \$25,768.83, less expenditures showing an ending balance on June 30, 2002 of \$17,626.04.

The annual audit was presented. Copies were distributed. It was performed by CPA Wayne Link from Crandon. It is the financial statement and auditor's report for the year ended December 31, 2001 and 2000. Letter addressed to Pine Lake District Commissioners. We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Pine Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000 as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Pine Lake District Management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly and in all material respects the financial position of the Pine Lake District as of December 31, 2001 and 2000. The results of these operations for the years ended in conformity with general accepted accounting principles. It sets forth the balance sheet noting an increase in assets from \$233,891 in 2000 to \$248,193 in 2001. Liabilities were \$66,455 in 2000 and \$65,095 in 2001. Expenditures and changes in the balances of the fund balances over the two fiscal years were listed. On page four in summary it summarized the significant accounting policies. Under cash

notation there were no deposits or transactions during the year that were in violation of state statutes. The last page identifies the equipment owned by the district and when it was purchased and the notes payable for the loan on the building. The audit report has to be provided every year by statute. Motion was made from the floor and seconded to accept the audit report. Motion carried.

Proposed budget for the upcoming year was presented. A budget of \$14,600 for administration. Building loan was \$6,100. Weedharvesting \$13,420. Miscellaneous \$5,880. Total budget is \$40,000. Question raised on weedharvesting costs. This figure includes wages, equipment, maintenance. Harvesting starts in June and runs through the middle of September. Question raised if harvesting was completed for 2002. Harvesting was voluntarily stopped because of complaints made to the DNR. Question was raised about using pellets instead of harvesting. A study was done on the north end of the lake a few years back. It lasted for two years. Pine Lake has such a large area of weeds that financially this would not be possible. There were also questions about the poison in the water and the district decided to go with the weedharvesting. Question about proposed administration for \$14,600. The administration account covers a multitude of things consisting of annual audit, conference expenses, per diem and mileage, insurance, legal action fund, meeting notices, memberships in the Forest County Association of Lakes, Wisconsin Association of Lakes, newsletter and postage, office supplies, safety deposit box and \$5,000 which goes into the Tax Freedom Account. Question regarding cost of weedharvesting by an independent company versus owning the equipment. It was approximately \$6000 to \$7000 for two weeks. It was not cost effective. There was discussion on the weedcutting. The acting chairman asked to go back to the budget and discuss the weedcutting after dealing with the budget. A motion was made from the floor and seconded to reduce the budget by \$13,420 the amount proposed for weedharvesting. The question was raised if that eliminated weedcutting permanently? There were many other problems this year that factored into the weeds such as high water in the spring and possibly failing septic systems. There were concerns that if the weedcutting was eliminated, this would not eliminate all of our problems on the lake. The question was raised as to what the DNR's opinion on weedcutting. Several complaints were phoned into the DNR and the DNR did an investigation of the lake. A three page written opinion as to what the DNR believed were the reasons for problems with the lake was sent to Commissioner Coraggio. That opinion was to be discussed under the weedharvesting, not under the budget. One sentence from the opinion was read. "Back to whether or not to harvest next season, this is up to the District to decide." This opinion was given by Laura Herman, the fish biologist from the DNR. She goes on to say, "I am not opposed to halting harvesting for one season to see what will happen, that said I am not sure the residents will be happy with a lake full of plants that may free float along the shorelines because of boat traffic. I do know that lake users and residents will not be happy if the lake is so plant choked that they cannot boat or fish on the lake." There were many phone calls received some for weed harvesting and some against weed harvesting. Some residents felt

that weed harvesting was the sole cause of the condition of the lake. That question was posed to the DNR and the response was that it was not. Further discussion from the floor said that weedharvesting should be termed cleanup of the lake. Whatever dollars it takes to do that, this is what residents want. The discussion went back to cutting two weeks per summer. This didn't seem to be feasible as sometimes weather and machinery maintenance would be factors in determining if weedcutting is done. The question was raised as to try and make compromises between the weeds and keeping the lake healthy for the fish. The question was raised as to why channels aren't cut. The equipment was purchased with a grant. Part of the grant included strip cutting of the lake. This was the best for the fishing population and the boaters to cut lanes. That is how the weedcutters have been instructed to cut weeds.

There was much discussion on voting on the weed harvesting part of the budget prior to discussion on weed harvesting. The motion to reduce the budget by \$13,420 for weed harvesting was voted on. The motion was defeated.

A motion was made from the floor and seconded to defer setting the budget until after the discussion on the weed harvesting. Motion was carried.

Tom Wirth gave a report on the harvesting. 218 loads were taken out of the lake. The permit states what can and cannot be cut. Wild celery has been found in the lake. Laura Herman said it can be poisoned. It will last two years but you cannot poison the seeds. Every pod has about thirty seeds in it. When boats, jet skis or the weedcutter come in contact with the weed it rips the weed out because it has a very shallow root. It spreads rapidly. Changes are going to be made to the weedcutter so these weeds will not be torn out. What the winter will do to this weed is unknown.

Commissioner Coraggio read the letter from the DNR. The letter is available to anyone and will be reproduced in the newsletter. Two other things were discussed. Bob Young the fish biologist, advised Commissioner Coraggio that money has been budgeted and appropriated for 2003 to have a full colonization study of Pine Lake. It starts in the spring of the year where netting is started to determine the walleyes and the northerns. The DNR comes back and analyze the bluegills and perch and other small fish. Then come back at the end of the season a shocking test is done to determine the reduction rates. The DNR will be on the lake anywhere from 5 to 7 times. Commissioner Coraggio contacted him and told him there were strong feelings from the residents about weed harvesting for next year and if we do not harvest the lake at all, will this have an impact on this study. As of this date Commissioner Coraggio has not received an answer to this question. The other point is Commissioner Coraggio has been contacted by the zoning office. The zoning office also has been on Pine Lake and Pam Lebine said they are making arrangements to have fly overs because of the increased sediment they are seeing from the septic systems that are flowing into the lake. This is on their agenda to investigate Pine Lake to hopefully get people to correct their septic system problems and this will have a

positive residual effect on the clarity of the lake.

The question was raised if anyone knew what that liquid mustard floating around on the lake was this year? Commissioner Coraggio was told that the snails had an impact on that. This will remain until the end of the season. The question was raised if there were standards from the DNR regarding a floating mass of weeds, if you can go in with the weed cutter and pick this up. Tom Wirth stated they have been doing that. The question was also raised about picking up weeds in front of properties on the lake. If the District received a phone call, they have gone out and picked up weeds. There was continuous discussion on when to cut, what to cut and what weeds should be picked up. The question was also raised if the District should look into a smaller weedcutter to go into the shores to cut and pick up weeds. The District is looking for a solution to the problems with the weeds. If the wishes of the District is to hire a consultant, then this has to be directed to the District by the members. The DNR takes an analysis of the water and tells you where it comes from. When this was looked at for dredging out the mouth of the river that runs across Highway 32, the DNR and the Corp. of Engineers' suggestion was to dig out on both sides of the bridge so there is a sediment pond. To do that would cost a large amount of money. They also wanted the District to take a sample from the mouth of the creek. When the District went to R. T. Kreger at Northern Lakes Services, he asked what kind of a sediment test we wanted. He said you could do it for \$300 or you could do it for \$10,000. The DNR stated that they wanted a full test. If we have a full test and spend the money, that doesn't mean that we will get the permit so the decision was made not to spend the money.

The question was raised not only about the weeds but also the sediment in the lake and what the problems really are. It is felt that the District should be spending some money to make the lake cleaner and increase property values. Commissioner Gentz would like to look into what to do with the celery weeds such as harvesting. She asked if the District could give the Commissioners direction to do this. The second thing is to get an answer as to what will happen with the study that the DNR will be conducting next year if no weeds are cut next year. The third thing is to work with Pam from the Zoning Office on the septic problems. The fourth thing is to work with the DNR with the suggestions that were put forth in the letter. The Commission is looking for direction from the District as to how to proceed.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor that the District should have the septic systems checked within the District. The motion was carried.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor that the District look into some type of equipment that would be able to go into the shorelines. The motion was carried.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor that the District look into the

cost of using poison to control weeds. That motion was carried.

The question was asked about the lily pads coming out of the north end by the the Pine River. This area continues to grow. Commissioner Coraggio stated that the DNR has specifically ordered to stay away from lily pads. The Commissioners will work with the DNR on this issue. If District members have additional questions, these should be submitted in writing to the Commissioners which will be submitted to the DNR. We will ask for the DNR to respond in writing and these questions and answers will be published in the newsletter.

Proposed Budget. The proposed budget for \$40,000 is the same as last year. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to accept the proposed budget of \$40,000. Motion was carried.

There was discussion about a special meeting in the spring. If the Commissioners get the information requested from the motions previously made, a special meeting will be called next spring. Commissioner Coraggio said you can have a special meeting and take up any issue other than what was acted on at the annual meeting. This means you could talk about how to distribute the \$40,000, but you could not change the \$40,000 figure. Under special meetings it says that in addition to convening at the annual meeting, the electors and property owners may conduct business at special meetings. Any actions that can be taken at any annual meeting may be taken at a special meeting except as follows: No motion to consider the dissolution of the district may be taken up, the annual budget may not be approved at a special meeting, although it may be amended. The special meeting may not consider any matter that was resolved during any other special meeting. The law requires that the District have four quarterly meetings and one annual meeting. The annual meeting has to be between May and September. Special meetings may be called at anytime that is deemed necessary.

Walleye stocking. Last year at the annual meeting \$1,000 was appropriated to stock walleyes in the lake between four and six inches. In the fall the Walleye Club in Leona had problems with their ponds and the DNR would not allow them to take any of the fish out. It was too late to contact any other fisheries. This is for your information that no walleyes were put into the lake last year as a result of that motion.

Dockominium update. The dockominium case has been settled. The dockominium case originated in Lake Geneva. Some developers put out a pier and they wanted to sell the pier slips. Once you bought the slip you owned it for life. This went through the court system which took seven years. In July of this year the Wisconsin Association of Lakes prevailed. In the decision of the Wisconsin Supreme Court the court agreed that dockominium ownership violates the public trust doctrine because it transfers ownership of public waters to private individuals. Under the state of Wisconsin law, the waterways are open to everyone and you cannot sell those

rights.

New Business. Commissioner Coraggio reported that a new law was passed. There were three parts. It ordered the DNR to establish a program to protect and develop diverse and stable communities of aquatic plants and regulate how aquatic plants are managed. Under that particular section is where they develop this permitting of \$300 per year for cutting weeds. The DNR comes in and looks at the District and decides whether the permit will be given for one year or three years. If we get the permit for one year, then the District has to go back and apply again the next year and pay another \$300. The second part prohibits the launching of boats, boating equipment or trailers in navigable waters if the person has reason to believe that the boat, boat trailer or boating equipment has any aquatic plants or zebra muscles attached to it. The third part was to provide education and conduct research on evasive aquatic plants. The fines under the law are \$200 for the first violation; second violation can go from \$700 to \$2,000 or include prison and the courts have the ability to order restoration. The portion regarding the permit for weed harvesting states that anyone who wants to harvest weeds in front of their property can only do it up to 30 feet. If you go beyond 30 feet and you are caught there is a fine. The 30 feet has to include the area around your pier. They call it the 30 foot zone. You don't need a permit but if you go beyond 30 feet, you are subject to a fine.

Election of Commissioner. At this time the Board has one opening. Nominations were opened. Paul Nirschl nominated Paul Jenkins. John Chaney seconded the motion. No other nominations were made. Motion was made and seconded to elect Paul Jenkins as a commissioner. The motion was carried.

The question was raised if the District could vote who was the Chairman of the Board. The officers of the Board are voted on by the commissioners not by the District. There are five commissioners by statute. Three are elected for three year terms. One commissioner is appointed by the township that borders the majority of the district which is Hiles, and one is appointed by the Forest County Board from the Agricultural Committee. The Forest County Board Agricultural Committee has not appointed anyone to that position. The three elected commissioners are Pat Coraggio, Gail Gentz and Paul Jenkins. Karl Tauer represents the Town of Hiles. Pat Coraggio is the Treasurer, Gail Gentz is the secretary. Vic Burkey was the former Chairman. The commissioners will vote on the offices of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Gentz, Secretary

PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND
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ANNUAL MEETING
July 5, 2003

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Karl Tauer at 9:00 a.m. Also in attendance were board members Pat Coraggio, Gail Gentz and Paul Jenkins. Chairman Tauer called the agenda to order as follows: Approval of Minutes from last annual Meeting, Annual Audit Report, Adoption of Bylaws, Committee Reports, Newsletter, Website, Weedharvesting Report, Proposed Budget 2004, Set budget 2004, Election of Commissioner, Adjourn.

Commissioner Tauer stated that copies of the minutes and bylaws had been sent out to all members of the lake district. Commissioner Tauer asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the last annual meeting. Motion was made from the floor and seconded to accept the minutes of the annual meeting. Motion was carried.

Annual audit report. Commissioner Coraggio stated that all members received a copy of the report. This is the annual audit for calendar year 2002. Audit was prepared by Wayne Link, CPA. Assets were increased from 2001 of \$248,193 to 2002 of \$259,192. Liabilities were decreased from 2001 of \$65,095 to 2002 of \$61,166. Revenues through tax assessment and interest was \$40,971. Expenditures for 2002 were \$26,043. Excess revenues over expenditures is \$14,928. Cash on hand is \$5003 in checking account and certificate of deposit is \$28,489. For new members, there was a resolution passed several years ago to put a minimum of \$5,000 per year in investment certificates of deposit. Each year in November after all bills are in and paid, we determine what the surplus is and make a decision on how much can be put into the investment account. Motion was made from the floor and seconded to accept the audit. Motion was carried.

Adoption of bylaws. The original bylaws could not be found. The bylaws have been redrafted and updated according to state statutes. Discussion followed. There was a question regarding vacancy on the board under section 3. It states that the chairperson of the Board shall appoint a person to fill the remainder of the unexpired term, subject to the approval by a majority vote of the Board. The question was why does the Board decide what office the Commissioner's hold on the Board. Commissioner Coraggio explained that the statutes state the Commissioners elect the officers after the annual meeting. This is the reason there is a quarterly meeting after the annual meeting to fulfill the statutory obligation to elect or select the officers of the board. The statutes state there are three officer positions, a chairperson, a treasurer and a secretary. Another question was raised about members of the commission. The bylaws state that one member of the Town of Hiles and one member of the County Board for Forest County are appointed to the District. Commissioner Tauer is the representative from the Town of Hiles and also the chairperson of the lake district. The question was why does he hold both positions. Commissioner Coraggio stated that at the quarterly meeting in 2003 after the annual meeting, Commissioner Tauer was voted in as Chairperson of the Lake District by the

other commissioners. Question was raised about the bidding process in Section 7 which raised it from \$5,000 to \$10,000. Commissioner Tauer stated that was according to state statutes. Motion was made from the floor and seconded to adopt the bylaws. Motion was carried.

Newsletter report. Commissioner Coraggio wanted to discuss the newsletter. It allows us to disseminate information to members so that at the end of the year you will receive all minutes from the annual and quarterly meetings. The question is the cost of the preparation and printing of the newsletter. Commissioner Coraggio's office has been absorbing a lot of the cost of reproduction of this newsletter. A couple of members were asking why we were spending all of this money on the newsletter. The question is whether or not we should continue to have the newsletter. There was some discussion regarding a website being set up. Commissioner Gentz reported that this was next on the agenda. She has been investigating the cost of getting a website. The cost will be approximately \$40 per month to run a website. The cost of the newsletter is running between \$1,200 and \$1,400 per year. That is for a spring and fall publication. That includes postage and printing. Even if we have a website, not all people have access to computers to get the minutes. It was suggested to put something in the fall newsletter asking people if they would want a hard copy of the newsletter and to notify the commissioners.

Weedharvesting report. Commissioner Coraggio reported the lake district received a permit from the DNR to cut weeds on Pine Lake. The permit was \$300 and if we stay with the guidelines established in the permit, the permit will be good for three years. There are two changes. Harvesting will take place only in the areas where the water depths are great enough to prevent suspension of bottom materials. Cutting will take place a minimum of 200 feet from the shoreline and there is an exception for access to piers not in the conservancy area where there are lily pads and reeds which cannot be harvested. If those areas do not exist, we have access, if requested to go into a pier and cut going in and cut coming out, i.e. the width of the blade twice which is five feet or a total of ten feet. Anyone who wants this done must submit the request in writing to the commissioners. Free floating plants can be harvested in the shallows closer than the 200 foot perimeter. The harvester can only have the conveyer running. Anyone who wants this done must submit the request in writing to the commissioners. We will honor those requests as fast as possible, weather, equipment and help permitting.

Tom Wirth gave a report on harvesting for this year. Maintenance has been completed on the equipment. When coming into piers, there will be a flag that you can pick up and put it on your pier so that identification of the property can be made by the harvesting equipment. Commissioner Coraggio also reported on a meeting with the DNR. There were two things suggested. Set up some long range goals for Pine Lake. And in order to do that put together a survey. DNR will help put the survey together. The survey will talk about things that members would like to see happen with Pine Lake over the next ten to twenty years. Part of that will be the cost factors. The survey will be developed and sent out to everyone and will probably be done between now and next year. Any action on this survey would have to be taken at the next annual meeting.

Another suggestion was to have a core sediment sample taken to determine what the core of this lake is in a couple of different areas going back fifty to one hundred years. The cost of both the survey and the core sample will run between \$4,000 and \$5,000 and there is 75% matching funding from the DNR. The cost to the lake district will be somewhere between \$1,000 and \$1,500. This should give us an excellent idea of the lake and the survey will give us direction from the majority of the people who respond where you want the commissioners to go with Pine Lake. The question was raised about dredging the creek. The DNR and the Corp. of Engineers suggested the district look into dredging both sides of the bridge on Highway 32 and make a sediment pond so that the sediment coming into the lake would settle into the pond and then dredge that every four or five years. That would help free flow going out. The cost of dredging by the bridge is somewhere between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

Proposed Budget 2004. The proposed budget is as follows: Administration \$14,600, Building Loan \$6,100, Weedharvesting \$13,420, Miscellaneous, \$5,880 for a total of \$40,000. There was a question on what was in the Administration part of the budget. It covers the newsletter, liability insurance, per diems for commissioners, conferences for commissioners, certified public accountant. The annual report has a breakout of all monies that are spent. A motion was made from the floor and seconded to adopt the proposed budget of \$40,000. Motion was carried.

Election of Commissioner. Nomination from the floor and seconded for Gail Gentz. Nomination from the floor and seconded to close the nominations. Unanimous vote was taken from the floor to accept the nomination of Gail Gentz for a three year term.

Motion from the floor and seconded to adjourn. Motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Gentz
Secretary

**PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING
JULY 2, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Paul Jenkins. Committee members present were Gail Gentz, Pat Coraggio and Marilyn Pfeiffer.

Approval of Minutes from last annual meeting. The minutes were read by Commissioner Gentz. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to accept the minutes as read. Motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Coraggio report was handed out. The report covers April 22, to June 30, 2005. The beginning balance was \$16,426.98 and the ending balance was \$11,306.91. The money market balance for the tax freedom account is \$21,241.40. There was a question regarding the cost of the hydraulic oil. It is biodegradable oil because the equipment is used in the water. The cost was for the purchase of a 55 gallon drum which will be stored and used in the future as needed. Motion was made and seconded from the floor to accept the treasurer's report as submitted. Motion carried.

Annual Audit Report. Commissioner Coraggio handed out copies of the annual audit report. The audit is done every year by statute. The audit is for calendar year 2004. The opening auditor's report on page one indicates the district has complied with all of the accounting standards. Page two is Exhibit "A", the balance sheet. It shows the assets from 2003 to 2004. There is an increase in the assets of \$14,102 for a total of \$276,512.

The liabilities show a reduction of \$2,474. Page three Exhibit "B" Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances from 2003 to 2004. The tax levy in 2004 was \$40,000, interest income of \$772 and other income of \$420. Page four are the notes to financial statements. Page six covers the Equipment, Real Estate and Notes Payable. If the assets continue to grow the district should be able to pay off the Notes Payable to reduce the interest. There was a question from the floor regarding paying off the notes payable rather than putting money into the tax freedom account. Commissioner Coraggio reported that a resolution was passed in 1997 to make a deposit annually of not less than \$5,000 per year to accomplish the goals set forth in the resolution. Those goals were to establish a tax freedom account that will in the future provide revenues to fully fund the expenses of the Lake District so that taxes may be reduced to a minimum amount or be eliminated entirely. Motion made and seconded from the floor to accept the audit as presented. Motion carried.

Commissioner Coraggio read the resolution that was established in 1997 regarding the tax freedom account. A motion was made from the floor and seconded that a special meeting be held on September 3, 2005 to discuss and consider rescinding the 1997 Resolution Establishment of Tax Freedom Account. The motion was carried.

Weedharvester Repair Report. Commissioner Coraggio reported that the weed harvester and transporter locked and the transporter tipped over on its side. The motor was destroyed and several parts of the equipment were damaged and needed repair. The top canopy was damaged to the point that it could not be repaired. The district turned in an insurance claim and the insurance company paid for most of the repairs. The equipment was taken to Aurora, Wisconsin where the heavy duty equipment and the frame was checked. The tanks on the bottom were checked to see if there were any leaks because there was water coming out. The metal framework was repaired and a new motor was purchased. This was difficult because there was only one like it in the entire Midwest. The motor was purchased and stored for about five

months before it could be put on to the transport. It was recently put on and the repair work was done in Aurora , Wisconsin . The equipment was being returned and the trailer broke loose from the truck and caused some damage to the truck and trailer. One of the hydraulic lines broke on the equipment. The equipment is now sitting in the shop on the lake. The person that did the repair work will fix the light, jack and the wiring. The mechanic is coming over to the shop on the lake this week to give an estimate on the repairs to the hydraulic lines and getting the motor up and running. The equipment should be ready by the end of next week. A question was asked from the floor why the weed transport tipped over. It was not determined what actually happened. The insurance company assessed that when the weedcutter disengaged from the transport it did not fully disengage which caused the weight to shift on the transport and tip it over on the side. The walkie talkies were damaged and a claim was submitted. New walkie talkies were ordered with lapel microphones and holsters so that they will not fall into the water. The insurance covered the purchase of new equipment. So far, including the work that has been done thus far, we have paid out \$12,701.43. The insurance company reimbursed \$14,800.00. On the estimate that the insurance company approved the bottom of the transporter was to be painted. This was not done so there is some money left from that. Commissioner Jenkins asked if there was a breakdown of the repairs. Commissioner Coraggio reported as follows: The diesel engine cost \$5,950, repair damage to Dick and Jan Rausch's property was \$36, flushing winterizing and checking the diesel engine \$362.50, walkie talkie replacement \$3,255, Tony Votis to upright the equipment \$450, and Grailer Welding repair equipment, \$2,435.25. The maintenance on the equipment for 2003 was \$3,461, and 2004 \$3,060.

Weed Harvesting Report. Commissioner Coraggio gave the history he report. When the Lake District decided to look at weed harvesting, a grant was written to the State of Wisconsin . The grant was approved and there was matching funding for the trailer and the harvester. Another grant was written for the harvester. At the beginning of harvesting weeds Larry Hanlin took over the operations for harvesting weeds on the lake. After Larry decided to quit, Tom Wirth took over the operations and Jerry Wolf functioned as his assistant. When Tom Wirth resigned, Jerry Wolf indicated that he did not want the operations position but would help out until the district found someone. Karl Tauer, the Chairman of the District asked Commissioner Coraggio if he would oversee the operations. During this time the transporter was tipped over into the lake. Commissioner Coraggio felt it was his obligation to continue to oversee the operations. As Treasurer of the Lake District , Commissioner Coraggio puts in many hours, time, paperwork, and payroll. Commissioners are paid \$25 per meeting and Commissioner Coraggio has no problem continuing to do this. The problem is that he cannot do the work as Treasurer and continue to run the operations for the weedharvesting. It was suggested by Jerry Wolf we get people around the lake involved. Commissioner Coraggio would like to see someone step forward who is willing to take over the operations, run the harvester and work with the Lake District to keep the weedharvesting program going forward. There is a lot of money and equipment invested and the lake needs to have the weedharvesting program back on the lake and functional.

Fish Stocking Report. Chairman Jenkins reported he communicated with Bob Young from the DNR office on June 7th. He indicated they were going to stock walleye fingerling on Pine Lake on odd numbered years at a rate of 83,500 fingerlings per year. Two weeks ago the DNR put in 71,000 walleyes. Chairman Jenkins talked to Mr. Young about different ideas he had for Pine Lake . We can stock two fish walleye and musky. It has to be a true musky not a highbred. He made suggestions of putting a limit on large mouth and small mouth bass. One fish over 18

inches. Northerns three fish limit 26 inches. Walleye two fish limit 15 inches. Panfish 25 mixed bag limit. This decision can be made by the Lake District with input from the people on the lake. There was a concensus of the Commissioners that the Lake District needs something in writing from the DNR as to limits of fish for Pine Lake . Once we receive the letter, the commission will put this topic on a quarterly meeting agenda.

Commissioner Coraggio stated at the 2004 Annual meeting we put in \$2,500 for stocking fish and voted on stocking on walleyes. He checked with the DNR and places that furnish walleyes. The DNR said walleyes which are 5 inches or larger the survival rate is between 60 and 70 percent. We were looking for fish that exceeded 5 inches or more. The Forest County Walleye Association has two ponds outside of Laona that raise walleyes. This Association is not sure if they can provide the Lake District with \$2,500 worth of walleyes that are 5 inches or larger. Commissioner Coraggio is suggesting that we give this Association a donation of \$500. The walleyes run from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per fish. If we give the donation he will double the number of walleyes that we get for our money. Commissioner Coraggio talked to Hilger which is another source for walleyes. If we want to guarantee 1,000 walleyes 5 inches or larger, we could purchase them for \$2.00 per walleye. The balance of the \$2,000 could be used to purchase these walleyes.

Commissioner Coraggio's recommendation is to make the \$500 donation to the Forest County Walleye Association to keep a relationship going with this Association and get use the \$2,000 to purchase walleye from Hilger in Antigo. The question was raised from the floor about musky. Chairman Jenkins reported that the DNR would allow musky in the lake. Bob Young from the DNR does not want to allow Pine Lake to become overrun with musky. There would be a limit on the number that could be planted into the lake.

Commissioner Coraggio clarified that this is a two part process. Last year we appropriated \$2,500 for walleyes. Commissioner Coraggio's recommendation is to disburse the \$2,500 that was voted upon last year. The second part would be to determine what would be done for next year. Commissioner Pfeiffer asked what the benefit would be to put musky in the lake. Chairman Jenkins stated it would start thinning out the smaller fish in the lake. A motion from the floor was made to spend the \$2,500 as outlined by Commissioner Coraggio for this year. Motion was seconded from the floor. Motion carried.

Guest Speakers. Chairman Jenkins reported he contacted two gentlemen, Scott Vanegren from the DNR, who is the new Pine Lake representation from the DNR, and James Goheen with Aquatic Biologists, who are the chemical company. They both agreed to meet with the commissioners and go out on Pine Lake the week of July 11, 2005. At that time an assessment of the weeds will be done. This will give us an idea of what is the best treatments for Pine Lake along with cost figures. I would then like both gentlemen to come to a meeting. They both agreed so the Commissioners will set up a special meeting to be posted in the newspaper, so that members of the District can come and ask questions. There was a question from the floor about weedcutting for this year. Chairman Jenkins reported that he doesn't know if any weedcutting will be done this year because there is no one to run the equipment. At this time he has one person. Commissioner Jenkins reported that he is not antiweedcutter, he is sort of in between. You cannot poison the entire lake. His problem with the weedcutter is he feels cutting the weeds is spreading the weeds rather than controlling the weeds in the lake. Commissioner Pfeiffer asked about information on a Lake Management Plan that had been submitted and denied. Her opinion is this is the one thing that the Lake District needs. The unknown of cutting weeds or chemical treatment needs to be determined before we can go forward with any changes to the

management of weeds in Pine Lake . This professional input is essential in the management of weeds on Pine Lake . Commissioner Pfeiffer would like to see the Lake District pay for the Lake Management Plan, get it done and take it from there. Commissioner Coraggio and Commissioner Gentz reiterated this. Commissioner Coraggio reported last year he wrote to the DNR and asked for an application for a Lake Management Plan. At the January Quarterly meeting he presented this to the Board. He was told that if we get it into the DNR before the April meeting, we would not only get funds for a survey, but also some matching funds and the DNR would be willing to pay retroactive the \$2,100 for the study that was done by R. T. Kreuger. Commissioner Coraggio was not around in Feb. and March so he asked someone else to work on this. When he returned for the meeting in April, he found out that the study had been denied by the DNR. The commission never received a copy of the application nor any explanation why the study was denied. The Lake District needs to reapply and move forward on this because this is the document that will give the Lake District the ability to move forward on how to manage the weeds on Pine Lake . So far we have a macrophyte study that tells us to keep strip harvesting the weeds, be wary of chemicals because you can only poison certain weeds in certain areas, and the expense of chemically treating this lake. This is something that the Lake District needs to be willing to pay for. Karl Tauer reporter that the grant writer submitted the wrong information and was suppose to submit a new page for the grant and this was never done.

A motion was made and seconded from the floor to have a special meeting on August 6, 2005, on discussion and action to proceed with the Lake Management Plan. Motion carried.

Discussion on Communication from Jerry Wolf. Commissioner Coraggio reported that Jerry Wolf, who does all of the chemical testing for the lake, is as frustrated as some of you are as to what goes on at the Lake District meetings. He wrote a letter to the Lake District asking that we consider a few things. His first suggestion was to have donuts and coffee before the annual meeting so that was done today. An advisory weed control committee made up of three or four volunteers should be formed to work with the Lake District and help oversee the equipment and work with the people who are hired to operate the equipment. The Lake District does have a pay scale. A CDL license is required if you apply to operate the dump truck. The weedcutting crew should have a fulltime person to run the operation. If anyone is interested they should contact one of the commissioners. Other suggestions were boat landing inspections and shoreline issues that we could look at in the future. A suggestion from the floor was to put sign up sheets out for people to sign up today if they are willing to volunteer for any of these committees.

Proposed Budget for 2006. Commissioner Jenkins presented the proposed budget for 2006. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to accept the 2006 budget as presented. Motion carried.

Election of Officers. Commissioner Coraggio reported that one seat is open for a three year term as commissioner currently held by Paul Jenkins. As acting Chairman, nominations were taken from the floor. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to nominate Jim Krems. A motion was made and seconded from the floor to nominate Paul Jenkins. There were no other nominations from the floor so the nominations were closed. Paul Jenkins was elected to a three year term as a commissioner.

Motion was made and seconded from the floor to adjourn. Motion carried.

PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
September 23, 2006

Coffee and donuts were served and registration was at 8:30 a.m.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioners Jenkins, Ketterer and Pfeiffer were present. Commissioner Gentz was excused.

Approval of the agenda. Motion by Joanne Klein to approve, seconded by Dorothy Djupstrom. The motion was carried. The minutes from the 2005 annual meeting were read by Chairman Jenkins. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Dave Stover, seconded by Jerry Wolf. The motion was carried. The Treasurers report was prepared and ready by Sally Ketterer. Copies of the report were available to the attendees. Current balances:

\$14,000.00	Insurance Proceeds
8,358.87	Checking Account Balance
15,697.53	Money Market Account
5,298.09	Certificate of Deposit
36,799.41	Certificate of Deposit (Tax Freedom Account)

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented was made by Jerry Wolf, seconded by Dave Stover. The motion was carried.

Old Business. Paul Jenkins gave a report on 2005 weed harvesting, transporter repair and problems getting everything operating. Charlie Strusbeng and Gary Ellerson did the analysis for the final repairs on the transporter. Brad Roost of Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resources presented progress on the Pine Lake Management Plan. An aquatic plant survey was done in July 2006. 828 plants were tested. In 2004 curly leaf pond weed was found. This year it was not found. E.W.M. identified as a hybrid, was heavy in locations in the north end, west side and south side below the island, approximately 344 acres. Chemical treatment would be used in the southern half of the lake because submerged rocks make harvesting dangerous. Cutting could continue in the north end. On a scale of one to ten, the density of the weeds on the north end is about a nine and five to six elsewhere. There was discussion on hiring another weedcutter for next season to come in and deep cut in June and July along with our cutter. Repairs on our cutter will be finished next week and picked up. The insurance should cover all repairs. We will continue with weed pick up as long as it is feasible. When we have the Lake Management Plan, the DNR may approve chemical treatment along with mechanical cutting. The watershed of the district was discussed. It is not quite as much an issue for sediment as the property erosion from properties on the lake. The Lake Management Plan will address erosion and corrective actions by property owners on the lake which is known as shoreline habitat. The Lake Management Plan should be completed by February or March of 2007. A draft copy will go to the district first for any changes before presenting it to the DNR. Once it is approved by the DNR final acceptance will be presented to the Lake District. Once the plan is approved, applications for permits for harvesting and for chemical treatment can be applied for. Commissioner Pfeiffer stated it would be a good idea to have an advisory committee (volunteers from the lake district). Representation should be a lake front property owner from all four quadrants of Pine Lake, Northeast, Southeast, Northwest and Southwest. The details can be worked out if there is interest.

Jerry Wolf gave a presentation on water clarity and chemistry on Pine Lake. Chairman Jenkins reported that the weed harvester tipped over on August 3, 2006. Repairs are almost

complete. The repairs were completed at Aquarius in North Prairie, Wisconsin where it was purchased.

Fish stocking in Pine Lake. Sept. 29th the DNR stocked 8,300 six to seven inch walleye in Pine Lake according to Bob Young. They will be stocking larger fish than fingerlings. Ron Balzer made a motion to rescind the \$2,500.00 per year for fish stocking. Jerry Wolf seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

The budget was discussed for 2007. Karl Tauer made the motion to levy \$45,000 instead of the \$50,000 that was requested for the 2007 budget. Ron Balzer seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

There were no nominations from the floor for the commissioner's position. Chairman Jenkins made a motion to appoint Sally Ketterer for a three year term as commissioner. Ron Balzer seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Chairman Jenkins made a motion to adjourn. Dave Stover seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Commissioner Marilyn Pfeiff

DRAFT MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 5, 2008

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Pfiefer. Commissioners Ketterer and Ziesmann were also present. Approximately 20 members of the District were in attendance.

Commissioner Pfiefer read a letter from Past Chairman Jenkins whose term was expiring . Past Chairmen Jenkins had decided not to run for another term.

Commissioner Pfiefer read the minutes from the September 1, 2007 annual meeting. Motion to accept Secretary's Report was made by Terry Kloehn, seconded by Dennis Schumacher. Motion carried, Minutes were approved as read.

Commissioner Ketterer read the Treasurer's report. Motion to accept Treasurer's report was made by Tom Knaus, seconded by Terry Kloehn. Motion carried, Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

There was a discussion regarding the viability of continuing the District. There was agreement that the District was making progress with the DNR and that it would be a bad idea to disband. There was then a discussion on expanding the District Board from its current five members to seven. It was noted that the District holds four quarterly meetings, one annual meeting, one budget meeting and special meetings as necessary. A motion to increase the size of the District Board to seven members was made by Dennis Schumacher. Motion was seconded by Jim Gehl. 17 members voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed. By-laws will be amended to allow seven commissioners.

Nominations were then accepted for three new commissioners, the position vacated by Past Chairman Jenkins, and two new commissioners as approved. Terry Kloehn, Dennis Schumacher and Jim Gehl were all nominated and approved by the members. Terry Kloehn agreed to serve as the new District Chairman.

The status of the Lake Management Plan was discussed. Commissioner Ketterer noted that she had met with Kevin Gauthier and Tim Asplund of the DNR in May. DNR provided the following information to Commissioner Ketterer:

DNR wanted several additional items before the Lake Management Plan could be deemed complete.

DNR indicated that Pine Lake is a large complicated lake and that multiple actions would be required to address lake issues.

DNR wants to see clear documentation of public input into planning efforts.

DNR noted there is a difference between a comprehensive management plan and a maintenance plan. DNR indicated that it was too late to chemically treat the lake this year and that such treatment can only be performed in May.

DNR questioned whether there is a milfoil problem in Pine Lake.

Commissioner Ketterer then contacted Brad Roost of Wisconsin Lake & Pond Resource and requested that Brad submit additional information to the DNR.

Commissioner Pfiefer noted that Wisconsin Lakes & Ponds had submitted 19 lake management plans this year and that 17 had been approved. The only two that were denied were in the northeast district (which includes Pine Lake).

It was noted that Wisconsin Lakes & Ponds had taken additional aquatic samples last fall and that the DNR had most if not all of the information they were currently asking for. However, DNR indicated that they wanted all the requested information summarized in the Lake Management Plan.

Commissioner Ketterer noted that the DNR indicated that a weed cutting permit could be issued in approximately 10 days. A discussion ensued about the need for cutting and whether the District should continue to cut weeds using its own equipment or contract the service out to a third party. It was noted that the District's weed cutter only cuts to a depth of four feet, while most commercial cutters can cut to a depth of six feet. In response to a question from the floor, it was noted that the District's cutter is 13 years old and that the District pays approximately \$5,000 per year to insure the equipment. Selling the cutter was discussed. However, it was noted that the District purchased the cutter with the assistance of a grant from the DNR and that the grant may have certain restrictions on the sale of the equipment. Terry Kloehn made a motion to evaluate selling the cutter pending resolution of the grant issue. Motion carried.

Terry Kloehn made a motion to hire a contractor to cut weeds if that were deemed necessary later in the year. Motion carried.

A District newsletter was discussed. In the past, the District had determined that mailing periodic newsletters was fairly expensive. The cost of the last mailing was approximately \$1,700. Dennis Schumacher agreed to review this issue and be in charge of communication.

The 2008 budget was discussed. A member questioned whether the tax freedom account could be put against the building loan. However, because that issue was not on the agenda, the question was tabled. Karl Tauer made a motion to accept the 2008 budget. Motion carried.

Fish stocking was then discussed. Commissioner Pfiefer noted that the DNR will only stock fingerling walleye.

The commissioners agreed that the next annual meeting would be held on the Saturday closet to the 4th of July.

Terry Kloehn made a motion adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 4, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioners Gehl, Ketterer, Pfeiffer, Schumacher and Ziesmann were present.

Chairman Kloehn thanked Commissioner Ketterer for her service to the Board.

Commissioner Ziesmann read the minutes from the July 5, 2008 annual meeting. Member Bob Dixon made a motion to approve the minutes. Member Terry Schauer seconded. Motion carried, minutes approved.

Commissioner Ketterer presented the Treasurer's Report. It was noted that the District is paying unemployment insurance, although year to date the District had not paid any employees. Member Tom Knaus made a motion to accept. Member Joanne Klein seconded. Motion carried, Treasurer's Report approved.

Member Knaus noted that one plank on the dam was six inches lower on one side and the two ends should be even. Water was flowing underneath the plank.

Marker Buoys. It was noted that a permit from the DNR is required to place buoys. Commissioner Gehl filed the permit application. Chairman Kloehn indicated that the DNR had told him that the District would have no liability for placement of buoys. Commissioners Schumacher and Gehl purchased new markers at a cost of \$1,165 and placed them in the lake. Commissioner Schumacher said that any member could contact him for placement of new buoys. It was noted that Commissioner Gehl donated all the cables and hooks required to place the buoys.

Boat Launch. It was noted that the Forest Service had intended to replace the launch using stimulus funds, however, the request for funds was denied. Accordingly, the District agreed to help with the replacement as a joint effort with the Forest Service providing labor and the District funding the cost of the concrete pads. Chairman Kloehn noted that the cost of materials will exceed the amount previously approved by the Board, and requested approval to increase funding from \$5000 to \$5500. Member Tom Knaus made a motion to increase the funding. Motion was seconded and approved.

Dam. Chairman Kloehn noted that if the elevations on the Dam were believed to be wrong, the District could hire a surveyor to accurately determine the elevations. Commissioner Pfeiffer agreed to talk to the Town work crew to determine if planks in the dam had been properly installed.

Lake Management Plan. The District has retained Onterra, LLC to prepare the LMP. 4 grants are involved in the LMP. 2 grants have been submitted. The District has received two grants totaling \$11,777.06. The grants covers 75% of the work and the District will fund the remaining 25% which can be reimbursed through volunteer efforts.

In its lake weed survey, Onterra only found only one curly leaf pond weed and thus determined it would not be a management priority. Eurasian water milfoil was noted as being a more significant infestation. DNR will perform its own survey in July and will determine if the milfoil is Eurasian or a hybrid.

The kickoff meeting for the Lake Planning Committee will occur on August 15th.

Weed Cutting. The District does have a permit for weed cutting, if determined to be necessary. Commissioner Schumacher indicated the permit has certain limits on when and where the District can cut. Onterra indicated that mechanical harvesting would be addressed in the LMP. The LMP will also address chemical treatment.

The District has contacted Aquarius to consider the sale of the weed cutting equipment. Aquarius will broker the equipment for a 15% commission. Chairman Kloehn indicated that the District has received a refund for a portion of the insurance premiums. If the equipment is sold, the District could contract to a third party for harvesting. Also, it was confirmed that if the equipment is sold, the DNR grant would not need to be repaid.

Chairman Kloehn noted the District has two, \$1 million dollar liability policies.

The LMP will also address fish stocking.

Chairman Kloehn requested nominations for Treasurer. Mary Sprenger was nominated. Chairman Kloehn asked three times for nominations. On first and second motion, it was agreed to waive paper nominations. By hand vote, Mary Sprenger was elected to the Board and agreed to serve as Treasurer.

Budget Hearing. Total budget for 2010 was recommended to be \$45,000. Boat ramp will be in 2009 budget. The cost of insurance should go down if equipment is sold. Proceeds from the sale of the equipment would put in CD or savings account. Karl Tauer made motion to accept budget as proposed. Lee Kronbach seconded. Motion carried, budget approved.

There being no further business, Terry Schauer made a motion to adjourn. Wayne Fochs seconded. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Commissioner Ziesmann

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 3, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn at 9:00AM. Commissioner's Schumacher, Gehl, Sprenger, Pfeifer and Ziesmann 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 and various sign boards throughout the District prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Ziesmann read the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of July 4, 2009. Tom Ziolkowski moved to accept the minutes as read, Bob Dixon seconded. Motion carried, Minutes approved.

Commissioner Sprenger presented the Treasurers Report as of December 31, 2009. Total Assets, \$413,844; Total Liabilities, \$42,057; Fund Balances, \$371,787. Total Revenue, \$66,334; Total Expenditures, \$14,370. Balance Checking, \$4,528; Tax Freedom Money Market, \$68,106; Regular Money Market, \$102,863, for total of \$175,047. Notes Payable, \$42,057 due 2012. Jim Krems moved to accept the report as read, Wayne Pues seconded. Motion carried, Report approved.

Chairman Kloehn asked for discussion regarding the outstanding loan. Commissioner Sprenger noted the interest received in the Money Market was substantially less than that charged for the loan and the bank recommended that we pay off the loan. Bob Dixon motioned to pay off the loan, Bob Loewe seconded. A member questioned if our anticipated expenses for the coming year would leave the District in budget deficit. Commissioner Schumacher replied that harvesting could cost \$5,000 per cutting. Commissioner Ziesmann noted that our current cash position would not require additional borrowing at expected spending if the loan were paid off. Commissioner Gehl noted that the loan has a balloon payment and is due in full in 2012. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schumacher reported on the septic tank inspection presently being done in Forest County. Hiles will be done after the Town of Freedom.

Chairman Kloehn reported the marker buoys are placed by volunteers and are done as soon as possible. Discussion followed regarding the purchase of a GPS unit for marking locations. Purchase approved for under \$300.

Marlyn Pfeifer reported that one board on the dam is lower than the others to maintain lake level. The Town of Hiles crew is responsible for maintaining the level and that it is checked three times per week. When the dam is replaced it will be a Town expense. It was recommended that the Town work with the railroad and others to share the cost. The Town is liable for high water level above the limit set by the Public Service Commission. The white gauge is used to read the level. A reading of 1 is the authorized Maximum high level; a reading of 0 is the authorized Minimum, a difference of 1 foot.

Chairman Kloehn reported on the Lake Management Plan. 47% have returned the survey.

Commissioner Schumacher reported that a permit has been issued for harvesting aquatic plants up to 20 acres as determined by Onterra and the DNR. A motion was made and seconded to begin

cutting ASAP. Discussion on cost followed and avoiding areas with Eurasian water milfoil and picking up cut plants. Motion was amended to allow two cuttings. Motion carried.

Commissioner Schumacher reported the sale of our harvesting equipment for \$34,000 net to a town in New York. The equipment required cleaning before it could be transported. The truck will be sold at a later date.

Chairman Kloehn thanked Dennis Schumacher for his efforts on the sale of the equipment, Jim Gehl for the web site updates, Dennis and Judy Schumacher for the survey, Mary Sprenger and Marilyn Peifer for their help, Steve Ziesmann for his three years of service, and the district member for their advise and support.

Chairman Kloehn reported that four grants totaling \$17,000 for the lake plan have been received.

Positions for Commissioners Schumacher, Gehl and Kloehn will be up for re election in 2012.

An addition to the By Laws was recommended by Chairman Kloehn.

“Pine Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District to pay mileage per federal mileage plan to commissioners who are attending meetings and for other business that is done representing the District. If these meetings involve a meal the District will pay for the commissioners meal and significant other while attending meeting. If these meetings require a registration fee that fee will be paid by the District for the commissioner and his significant other to attend the meeting.”

Jim Krems moved to accept, Ruth Jennerhahn seconded. Discussion followed. Motion approved by voice vote.

Chairman Kloehn requested volunteers or nominations to run for the commissioner position vacated by Commissioner Ziesmann. Bob Lowie and Dick Tarcin volunteered. There being no other volunteers or nominations, nominations were closed. Dick Tarcin was elected by ballot vote and will serve a three-year term.

Commissioner Schumacher reported on the accomplishments of the District in the last two years. Assisted in the rebuild of the boat landing with the Forest Service. Initiated new Lake Plan with Onterra. Built better relationship with the DNR. Sold harvesting equipment after prior authorization. Progressed on Lake Plan with DNR approval. Worked with Jerry Wolf on survey. Purchased and placed new rock buoys. Made and placed signs for District meetings.

Commissioner Sprenger recommended a tax levy of \$45,000 for the coming year, the same as this year. Discussion followed regarding holding expenses within this amount, noting however that the District has additional funds carried over if necessary. Motion made to accept, seconded. No further discussion. Motion approved.

There being no other business, a motion from the floor was made to adjourn and seconded. Motion approved. Meeting closed.