

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 28, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn at 9:00A.M. Karl Tauer was introduced as the new Appointed Town of Hiles Commissioner replacing Marilyn Pfeiffer. Commissioner's Gehl, Gagnon, Sprenger and Tarcin were also present.

Notice of the Meeting was placed on our Web site, and various sign boards throughout the District.

Commissioner Gehl read the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of November 13, 2010. The minutes were approved as read.

Mary Sprenger presented the Treasurers Report. \$5,000 was transferred to the Tax Freedom Account, giving a balance of \$78,997.39. Balance Regular Money Market Account, \$137,313.66. Balance Check Book, 5/25/2011, \$1,382.84. Major expenses over the winter were \$1,700 for pontoon boat, motor and trailer and \$440 for insurance on building. Commissioner Gehl reported the existing boat would be sold for scrap value. The Treasurer confirmed the final tax payment would be received from the county in August. Commissioner Gehl gave an explanation to a member regarding the Tax Freedom Account. It was established to provide revenue in the future so taxes may be reduced to a minimum or be eliminated entirely. A copy of the 1997 Resolution is attached to these Minutes. The report was approved as submitted.

Old Business: Chairman Kloehn reported his request to move the pay box at the boat landing was not generally accepted by the Forest Service. Commissioner Sprenger confirmed after discussion with the Forest Service Recreation Department in Laona that no fee payment is required for only launching or taking out a boat. However, a fee is required if the car is parked in the lot. This was confirmed by Commissioner Tauer.

Chairman Kloehn reported on the Lake Management Plan. Onterra has not completed their work although a preliminary plan was presented in January. Sections necessary for securing the permit for harvesting this year have been completed with the three year management goal of maintaining navigation lanes in open waters and near shore. A map of the areas to be cut was included in the Newsletter sent to all members of the District. The DNR will monitor the eurasian water milfoil infestation. The Plan will be modified if necessary to allow for more or less harvesting in the future. Onterra will attend the Annual meeting.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program. He met with Dr. Cynthia Edlund, science teacher at the Crandon High School and interested students to explain the program. Volunteers from the school will receive service hours credit. So far, 18 students have been trained and 2 have volunteered to serve. Payment for travel was recommended. The District has purchased a training kit from the DNR for anyone interested in the 1 ½ hour program. Upon completion you can inspect boats coming in

or out for invasive species. The hours served count for \$10/hour credit towards our Management Plan grant. A sign up for volunteers will be posted on the Web site. Chris Hamerla, Aquatic Invasive Coordinator, Forest County, will do the training. It is considered an educational rather than an enforcement program. It will provide an opportunity to prevent the zebra mussels now in Lake Metonga from entering Pine Lake. Commissioner Tauer reported on the programs at Butternut Lake and Franklin Lake. The first year was very difficult but the program is now very successful. Signage will be placed at the boat landing.

Chairman Kloehn reported that this years harvesting would be done by Schmidt's Aquatic Plant Control on June 24-30 and August 4-11.

Chairman Kloehn confirmed that walleye continue to be stocked in Pine Lake in the even years. In 2010, 58,450 fingerlings 1 inch long were stocked. A copy of the email from Greg Matzke of the DNR describing the walleye stocking program on Pine Lake is attached to these minutes. Our representative to FCAL, Member Dennis Schumacher, requested the Board consider purchasing and stocking 7 to 9 inch long walleye for \$1.90 ea. from a firm in Antigo. The survival rate is estimated at 50%.

Dennis Schumacher reported on the recent FCAL meeting. The DNR is putting an Ordinance together, NR 115, that will prohibit cutting your lawn within 35 feet of the high water mark except for a 30 foot wide corridor for viewing the lake. Enforcement will occur when you apply for a permit, such as a septic or building permit.

Dennis Schumacher also recommended that dredging be included in the Lake Management Plan. Water clarity and phosphorous levels were also discussed. The county has begun testing and inspecting of septic systems in Hiles and Pine Lake. In 5 years everyone will be included.

Commissioners thanked Dick Tarcin for the Newsletter.

There being no further business, Chairman Kloehn closed the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
1997 RESOLUTION #3**

The Commissioners of the Pine Lake P & R District offer the following resolution for adoption.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Pine Lake P & R District are interested in establishing long range goals for maintaining the financial stability of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are interested in protecting the quality and beauty of Pine Lake for current and future generations; and


WHEREAS, the Commissioners are visionary in their goals to obtain financial stability for the District; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners are establishing a long range goal for the District of financial stability with a minimal tax contribution on behalf of the District; and

WHEREAS, these long range goals are offered for adoption at the annual meeting to establish a separate account to be viewed as tax freedom day monies which will not be spent by future Lake District Commissioners unless a 3/4 vote of the participants at an annual meeting elect to use the financial resources set aside for tax freedom day; and

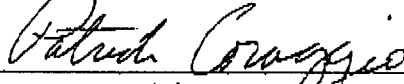
WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Commissioners to establish a tax freedom account that will in the future provide revenues to fully fund the expenses of the Lake District so that taxes may be reduced to a minimum amount or be eliminated entirely.

THEREFORE, let it be resolved that as of the October Board of Commissioners meeting, a separate account will be established by the Lake District which will receive a deposit annually of not less than \$5,000 per year to be set aside to accomplish the goals set forth in this resolution.




Chairperson Victor Burkey
Commissioner

June 28th, 1997
Date



Treasurer Patrick Coraggio
Commissioner

June 28th, 1997
Date



Secretary Charles Struebing
Commissioner

June 28th, 1997
Date

Terry

Here is a follow-up to our conversation where you expressed an interest in having more walleyes stocked in Pine Lake.

There was a comprehensive survey that took a look at the entire fish community in 2003. This survey was consistent with the findings of previous surveys done on Pine Lake. Here were the general results:

1. High density of average to slow-growing panfish (mainly BG, Seed, BC, YP)
2. Stable population of LMB with normal growth rates supported by natural reproduction. (approx 1.6/acre)
3. Stable population of NP with normal growth rates supported by natural reproduction.
4. A low density of walleyes with normal growth rates, supported almost entirely by stocking. (approx 0.8/acre)
5. High angling use.
6. Abundant to dense aquatic plant growth.

Walleye (2003 comp survey):

774 fish were measured during the survey. The most common size was 17 inches, and the average was 19.3 inches. The population estimate was 1261 adult walleyes in Pine Lake.

Walleye Stocking:

Pine Lake's walleye fishery is dependant upon stocking, there has been no evidence of natural reproduction. The WDNR has stocked walleye into Pine lake going back to 1937. It continues to be a stocked lake, and the most previous WDNR stocking is listed below:

2010	58,450	Sm. Fgl 1"
2008	63,844	Sm. Fgl 2"
2006	8,344	Lg Fgl 7-8"
2005	83,500	Sm Fgl 2"
1998	167,000	Fgl
1995	83,319	Fgl
1992	20,367	Fgl 2.7"

As you can see the lake is currently stocked, and it will be on the quotas to receive walleyes again in 2012. We only stock lakes on an every other year basis, to reduce the competition between fish (allowing them a better chance to survive).

Private Stocking:

Below is a link that will explain how our private stocking works. In short, you apply for a permit stating the species and number of fish you wish to stock and from which private hatchery. That permit comes to me to either approve or deny, once approved you can stock the fish in your lake and you will have to have the delivery driver sign off the # of fish stocked, size and species to me for my records.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/fish/faq/stock.htm>

-This link also shows you places where you can purchase fish to be stocked. In order for me to approve a permit the stocking facility must have a fish health certificate on file.

I hope this helps explain the process to you. Your main concern was on how to get fish to be stocked, and as you can see from the above information it is quite easy, the lake will continue to be stocked by the state every even year unless something changes. If you have any other questions feel free to email or call.

Thanks.

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