

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
September 5, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn at 11:00AM. Commissioners Gehl, Sprenger, Tarcin were present.

Notice of the meeting was placed on our Web site, posted on signs around the lake and published in the Forest Republican prior to the meeting.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of July 11, 2015 were read by Gehl. Sprenger moved to accept, Tarcin seconded. Minutes approved as presented.

Treasurers Report:

Sprenger reported final tax payment has been received from Forest County. Balance today in Regular Checking Account, \$139.54. Balance of \$125,151.73 in the MM Account. \$5,000 will be moved next week from the MM Account to the Regular Checking Account for current expenses. Tax Freedom Account has a balance of \$70,000.00 with interest of \$157.19 in CD and \$30,090.14 in MM. Check for \$9, 675 was paid for the lake weed harvesting this summer. Check for \$1,282 was paid for insurance on PLPRD building and pier liability. Report Approved as presented.

Old Business:

Kloehn reported the Town has not replaced the staff gage at the dam as requested at our last meeting. Liability insurance for buoy pontoon boat was added to policy.

Gehl advised that buoys will be pulled in 2 weeks.

Kloehn spoke with Onterra regarding LMP action items. They will report back.

Tarcin reported our weed cutter will work with us to provide an updated cutting plan for the coming years permit, due Feb. 1, 2016.

Kloehn reported that nothing has been heard back from the Potawatomi regarding their assistance in our dredging project for the bathometric and sediment sampling survey.

Kloehn stated the lake level was set by the Public Service Commission in 1930 and again in 1959 at 91 feet maximum and 90 feet minimum , and is not subject to change by the DNR. Gehl read a letter dated October 29, 2014 from the DNR which confirmed this ruling. The Town is responsible for controlling the dam within this authorized range.

Tarcin reported that 40 harvester loads were removed from the lake this year. Hopefully the revised plan will allow for more acreage and to cut as needed on the lake.

Mark Ferris again asked for residents to sign a Grow North petition requesting improved internet and cell phone service for the area.

New Business:

Should crayfish be introduced into the lake to control the weeds? Needs further study. Volunteers needed.

What is the weed floating on the lake? Probably celery pond weed. It uproots in fall to propagate to a new location.

Can we get a DNR representative to attend our meetings? Probably not.

A link to the FCAL web site will be posted on our web site.

Ferris reported that a scenic byway is expected to be approved by the State from Hwy 64, Hwy 55 North, through Crandon, Laona, Argonne, Hiles, Military Rd. to Hwy 70, then back down Hwy 55. It is expected to bring more people to Hiles and restore values to the area.

The next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for March 19, 2016. **(Note: Rescheduled to January 16, 2016.)** Additional Quarterly Meetings scheduled for May 28, 2016; July 2, 2016; Sept. 3, 2016. The Annual Meeting will be July 2, 2016.

Between now and the next meeting, Tarcin agreed to secure the weed cutting permit, Gehl will finalize the 2015 CBCW data entry and request final payment and apply for 2016 grant money, Kloehn will get the surveys done.

The boat landing will be open through the last weekend in September.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

James Gehl,
Secretary, PLPD