

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
January 16, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn at 9:00AM. Commissioners Gehl, Sprenger, Gagnon and Tauer 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 September 5, 2015 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Treasurers Report:

Sprenger reported Balance today in Regular Checking Account, \$2,962.11 plus \$1,000 from DNR as prepayment of 2016 CBCW Grant. Balance of \$123,277.84 in the MM Account. Final 2015 CBCW Grant payment for \$3,000 was received in December. Tax Freedom Account has a balance of \$70,000.00 with interest of \$157.19 in CD and \$30,105.22 in MM. Report Approved as presented.

New Business:

John Preuss, Aquatic Invasives Coordinator for Lincoln, Langade and Forest Counties, was introduced and reported on the invasives of milfoil hybrid and curlyleaf pondweed and the successfulness of our CBCW program. John is available to present programs to school groups and lake managers regarding invasives. He recommended that the District contact James Kreitlow at the DNR office in Rhinelander to provide us help in our dredging survey. He mentioned that some lakes have been treating invasive milfoil with chemicals to somewhat limited success. Beetles have also been studied for control but have also not been universally successful.

Sprenger reported that she took a sample of Pine Lake sediment into the Forest County Land and Water Conservation Department, Pam Lavine, for testing. This may reduce the testing the District will be required to do in the future before any dredging is allowed.

Tauer reported on two Wisconsin Bills open for discussion to allow individual homeowners to remove mechanically up to 30 cubic yards, approximately 3 large dump truck loads, of sediment from in front of their property with a permit from the DNR.

Tauer also reported on the EPA studying the Wolf River Watershed, which includes Pine Lake as its headwaters, to determine if any chemicals are entering, the amount and location.

Kloehn reported the District has received a grant of \$3,000 from the Sokaogon Chippewa Community for Lake improvement projects. Commissioners recommended the money be used for the previously approved core sampling and be done ASAP.

Tauer reported the Town will be working closely with the Chippewa Tribe when it comes to rebuilding the dam, as they are concerned about protecting Little Rice Lake from sediment that will adversely affect the rice beds.

Kloehn reported on the DNR's investigation of the fish taken from the lake in October for study. Very little information has been released and the cause of the fish kill last spring has not yet been determined. They have also sampled other lakes.

Hiles has been included in a Scenic Byways route for Wisconsin. New signage will come in the spring.

Kloehn recommended the District support one half the cost with Hiles for the Grow North initiative with a donation of \$250. Motion made, seconded, and approved.

Dick Tarcin submitted his resignation due to the recent sale of his property and is therefore no longer eligible to hold office. He was thanked for his years of service. Chairman Kloehn may appoint a District Member to fill Tarcin's remaining term, expiring in 2016.

Gagnon reported on CBCW program grant being awarded to the District for 2016. Preuss involvement will continue at least through the end of the year. It was recommended we contact the Forest Service for improving the boat ramp to eliminate the drop-off at the end of the concrete pads. Gagnon agreed to do this. The Commissioners also agreed to continue maintaining the Campground with our CBCW personnel as time permits.

Kloehn agreed to submit a revised weed harvesting plan this coming week to the DNR. Tarcin provided a plan provided by our harvester with his recommendations. The intent is to also provide relief for properties on the north east end of Pine Lake, to allow cutting of fish lanes as necessary in the middle of the lake rather than fixed GPS coordinates and to clear out weedbeds near incoming streams for improved water flow. The permit is good for 3 years.

It was agreed to continue contributing to FCAL, but not to Wisconsin Lakes.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be May 28, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

James Gehl,
Secretary, PLPD