

MINUTES: Quarterly Meeting
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 29, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Ferris at 8:02am. Present at the Hiles Town Hall was Mark, commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Terry Kloehn, EJ Kutchie and Jerry Duhn. Karl Tauer was in attendance representing the Town of Hiles. Also present was Larry Konopacki, from the office of Stafford Law. On a zoom meeting call was Tiffany Kleczewski from Flambeau Engineering. There were 30 Lake District members in attendance in person and 3 members in attendance by the zoom meeting.

The meeting was posted 24 hours in advance of the actual meeting time and signs posted on East and West Pine Lake Roads.

The agenda was reviewed. Motioned by Terry to proceed with the agenda, seconded by Jim. Passed

Jerry read the minutes from the previous special meeting held on May 13th. Motion to approve the minutes by Jim. Second by Terry Passed

EJ read the financial balances=
Account Balances as of 4/30/2021
Business Checking \$24,029.54
Money Market \$126,276.83
Money Market \$34,133.93
CD \$75,000.00
Total \$259,440.30

DNR Meeting Updates.

With Larry in attendance, Mark turned the meeting over to Larry to inform the district members about the different projects that we are working on as a district with the Town of Hiles and the DNR. Larry covered the following three topics-

Transfer of Dam Ownership. Larry reiterated that ever since he has started to work with the Lake District, he has been a proponent to get the District to own the dam. There are many benefits to having control of the dam both in the eyes of the DNR and the grant commissions for approval of grants for the new dam. Jerry informed the membership that he has reached out to 11 Lake Districts that have dam ownership. We are trying to compile information of pros/ cons, type of dams, operations, maintenance and costs. We will have the information compiled for the annual meeting coming up July 3, 2021.

OHWM. The DNR is very positive to work with the district to move forward with establishing the correct high water level in Pine Lake. The data was presenting to the DNR of the lake fluctuation and the average of the month to month hydrology of the lake. It is very difficult to control the lake level under the datum of 91.0 as a high water level. The DNR acknowledges that the high water mark was an arbitrary level set by what the lake owners were asking for at the time of order by the Public Service Commission in 1959. There was an email received by the DNR managers and Larry has reviewed these comments with the managers. The one comment that remains a concern is that the DNR claims that there is a wild rice bed on the south west corner of the lake. This rice bed may have been established

around 2010 when the lake level was very low. The DNR went to the dam on April 30th to determine the OHWM by stains on the dam and on rocks close to the dam. The data was discussed with the DNR and additional studies need to be completed.

Dam Design-

Larry explained to the membership that the first dam design, as a fixed crest dam, by the Town of Hiles has been put on hold and that Ayers Engineering has proposed 4 different adjustable gated dam designs. Rubber Bladder, Manually Adjusted, Hydraulic Adjusted and Horizontal Gated Manually adjusted. Once the dam is designed, a new dam grant will be submitted this fall. The grant will cover 50% of the cost of the dam up to \$400,000. The Town of Hiles and the Lake District will split the cost of the new dam 50/50. The cost of the dam will be around \$350,000.

Larry's final comment was that the OHWM and working with the DNR is the wild card. Depending how that decision goes will mean a lot on how we proceed with the dam design and how we will manage the lake level in the future.

A this point in the meeting the meeting was open to any membership comments or questions. There was a question on why fix crest dam design would not work. Jerry had 5 copies of the lake fluctuation data that Tiffiney had put together last fall. Larry explained the charts which shows with a fix crest design the low level in the months of July, August and September the lake would not be navigable for recreation purposes.

Another concern was how much will our taxes go up. Jerry said that the question will be shared and answered at the annual meeting based on the responses he gets from the other 11 Dam District owners that will respond to his email/ questions.

After the discussion Larry asked for a show of hands on who is in favor of owning the dam. A vast majority of attendees at the meeting raised their hands.

Next meeting will be July 3, 2021 at 8:00am.

Mark thanked those in attendance for attending and for giving input and feedback.

Adjourn

Being no further comments. Meeting adjourned at 9:12am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary