

MINUTES: Quarterly Meeting
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 28, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Ferris at 8:00am. Present at the Hiles Town Hall was Mark, commissioners Terry Klohn, EJ Kutchie, Jim Kurzynske and Jerry Duhn. Brian Bukovic was in attendance to represent the Town of Hiles.

23 Lake District members registered on the sign in sheets. 2 members were on the zoom link.

The meeting was posted 24 hours in advance of the actual meeting time. Signs were posted at West Pine Lake and East Pine Lake Roads. The agenda was reviewed. Motioned by Terry to proceed with the agenda, seconded by Jim. Passed

Jerry read the minutes of the May 12th Special meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by Terry, 2nd by EJ. Passed.

Balances from the end of the month statement May 9th were presented-

Account Balances as of 5/9/2022

Business Checking \$16,441

Money Market \$225,899

Total \$242,341

Motioned by Jim to approve the finances. Seconded by Terry. Passed

EJ stated that she has a team of members that will be meeting on Friday June 3rd to review the financial books of the district and she will have a report ready by the annual meeting.

Jerry asked Mark if this would be a good time to discuss the year over year financial amounts. Jerry explained that he found the financial amounts at the Memorial Day meetings from 2018- 2022. The finances ranged from \$286,072 in 2020 to a low this year of \$242,569. Average in the 5 year period was \$261,127. Also, in reviewing annual minutes, the tax assessment amounts have mainly been in the \$40,000 range in the early 2000's. The amount did increase to \$45,000 for years 2007- 2013. Reduced to \$30,000 in 2013- 2018 and has been \$40,000 since 2019. We have had extra expenditures in the past 2 years of legal consultation fees, engineering fees and the design of the dam. These amounts poise the question of what we should present to the membership for the tax assessment for 2023. Mark stated it would appear that we need to increase the assessment amount to \$45,000. He then opened the question to the floor to obtain thoughts from the membership. One comment was that we may as well do it now and try to rebuild the funds for the ownership of the dam later. Terry made a motion to present a tax assessment for \$45,000 to the membership at the annual meeting. Seconded by Jim. Passed. Jerry said he would generate the 2023 Budget sheet and send it out in the annual newsletter next week.

Pine Lake Dam Replacement- Mark reviewed that the Dam and Bridge projects will occur around August of 2024. Larry Konopka is working with the new railroad owners for and easement for the Dam and Road. Tiffiany Kleczewski and Larry are working with the DNR on the OHWM. Dam design is on hold until the OHWM is established. No current action or activities are required at this time.

By-Law Updated- At the meeting were copies of the proposed By-Law changes that will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting. The By-Law document with all the changes that was discussed and sent to a lawyer for comment back in 2014. Jerry will get copies to send out in the annual meeting mailing so the membership can review ahead of time. One of the members asked if the changes have been reviewed by a lawyer. Jerry will send a copy over to Larry for review.

Website Development- Our primary goal is to obtain a web development platform which is more user friendly for future web posting of minutes and information. Jerry presented pricing of 3 options One company would convert from Bluehost to Wix for \$2,800. Second web developer person would convert from Bluehost to WIX for \$1,000- \$1,500. The last company would remain on the Bluehost site and convert to a wordpress development page and charge the District \$500. Since we just renewed our 3 year membership with Bluehost Jerry' recommendation is to use the 3rd company, Focal Point Design, and not lose about \$300 in membership fees. Terry made a motion to proceed with the website change with Focal Point Design at a cost of \$500. EJ seconded. Passed.

Weed Harvesting- Mark has been in contact with Ed Walders and Tiffiney Kleczewski, Flambeau Engineering to develop some proposals to control the weeds this summer. Proposals will include weed harvesting and chemical treatment of weeds. Mark hopes to have proposals by the annual meeting.

Owner Shoreline Maintenance- Mark spoke to the membership concerning shore maintenance. As part of the dredging last year we know that weed cutting and elimination is imperative to occur prior to dredging. Due to this the district has ordered 2 Weed Rakes and 2 Weed Razors for the membership to check out and use. Also when we get closer to the dam replacement in 2024 the members may want to investigate shoreline rehabilitation with the DNR since the draw down of the water level will possibly be around one foot.

Dredging- Currently on hold until after the spawn.

Any other new business or items for discussion:

No other topics were brought up for discussion.

Adjourn

Being no further comments, Terry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, EJ second. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:10. Next meeting will be a Quarterly meeting on May 28th at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary