

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

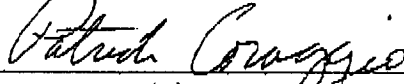
WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Commissioners to establish a tax freedom account that will in the future provide revenues to fully fund the expenses of the Lake District so that taxes may be reduced to a minimum amount or be eliminated entirely.

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

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Date



Secretary Charles Struebing
Commissioner

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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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MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
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July 2, 2011

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

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of May 28, 2011 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Gehl moved that the current officers remain in their positions for the following year. Seconded by Commissioner Tarcin. Motion carried.

Commissioner Tauer described the reasoning behind the Tax Freedom Account. Over 10 years ago the District considered a large dredging project. However, there was no money available. The Tax Freedom Account was established in 1997 as a means of providing revenues in the future to fully fund expenses of the District so that taxes may be reduced to a minimum or be eliminated entirely. A copy of 1997 Resolution #3 is attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Gehl recommended that he continue as lead person for the fish stocking and buoys, Commissioner Tarcin for aquatic plant harvesting, Commissioner Gagnon for Clean Boats Clean Water, and Commissioner Tauer lake level. Chairman Kloehn will keep everyone on track, insure they have everything they need and follow up on dredging.

The Commissioners agreed that the District would not provide shore pickup of weeds.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be September 3, 2011.

There being no further business, Chairman Kloehn, made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Gehl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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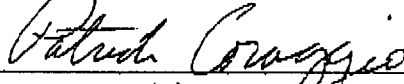
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September 3, 2011

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The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of July 2, 2011 were approved as read.

Commissioner Sprenger gave the Treasurers Report. Balance Tax Freedom Account, \$70,077.07; Money Market Account, \$133,655.10; Check Book, \$8,323.84. All money due from the Tax Levy has been received by the county for this year. Total harvesting expense for this years two cuttings equals \$10,700. A total of 17 truckloads were harvested. This compares with 10 smaller loads harvested last year in one cutting. Discussion followed regarding this years experimental cutting in and out of piers to provide access to the deeper parts of the lake. It was recommended that this be looked at as part of the plan for next year. Currently we must have annual DNR approval of aquatic plant harvesting until our Lake Management Plan is approved. Motion made by Commissioner Gehl to approve the Treasurers Report, Commissioner Gagnon seconded, motion carried.

Member Jerry Wolf reported on his testing of water quality this year. Results are posted on the DNR web site, with a link provided on our web site.

Member Dennis Schumacher reported on the recent meeting he attended of FCAL. Other lake associations have been extremely happy with our contracted lake planner, Onterra. Once their plans have been approved, they have received grants, aid and other support for their lakes. One lake treated milfoil with liquid 2-4-D forced into the roots. Results to be determined. Another lake roped off the milfoil area, and used divers to pull out the plants. At this time there is no one best method to deal with lake quality issues. The lake management plan is expected to provide the science to best protect and improve our lake. The next meeting will be September 10.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on the Clean Boats, Clean Water Program. To date 10 lake people have been trained. They will be present at the boat landing to make people aware of the rules and regulations governing transport of live well water and inspecting boats and trailers for aquatic plants. It is hoped another 10 people will be trained for next year. Every volunteer hour is worth \$10 that can be used for equipment purchases.

Commissioner Gehl reported on fish stocking. Gregory Matsky of the DNR has approved our plan to stock approximately 2,500, 5 to 8 inch walleye fingerlings this year. The small fingerlings stocked by the State have not been able to create an abundant walleye population due to the larger predator fish population in Pine Lake. Estimated survival rate is 50% for the larger fish.

The radios purchased over the years have been sold at market value for \$176.07. A new GPS system has been purchased to locate weed beds, install buoys and monitor harvesting for \$165.

The Lake Plan Wrap up Meeting scheduled for August 27 was cancelled. Chairman Kloehn will reschedule. The final bill has not been submitted by Onterra.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be November 12, 2011.

There being no further business, Commissioner Sprenger made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Gehl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
November 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gehl. Commissioners Gagnon, Sprenger, Tarcin and Votis were also present. 5 District members were also present and participated in the meeting.

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

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of September 3, 2011 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to this meeting.

Commissioner Sprenger gave the Treasurers Report. Balance Tax Freedom Account, \$79,106.99 which includes a CD of \$69,000; Balance Regular Money Market Account, \$133,948.48; Balance Check Book, \$3,910.53. Motion made by Commissioner Gehl to approve the Treasurers Report, Commissioner Gagnon seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Gehl reported on the Lake Management Plan. A draft copy of the summary and conclusions was received from Onterra. It was noted that the reported science of Pine Lake differs from general perceptions and it will require education on the Commissioners and Onterras part to convey these findings. Results of the Stakeholders survey indicated the 92% of respondents indicated the aquatic plant growth negatively impacts their enjoyment of the lake and 84% believe aquatic plant control is needed. The District has contracted for harvesting the past two years and will continue a 4-year trial study with the goal of maintaining reasonable navigation on Pine Lake and open predator fish cruising lanes to reduce slow-growth panfish. The complete Management Plan will be posted on our Web site when available.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on the Clean Boats, Clean Water Program. As noted in the Fall 2011 Newsletter the Committee is still looking for volunteers. It is not necessary to spend a lot of time to monitor the landing, only a few hours in the morning and afternoon.

Commissioner Tarcin was thanked for his efforts on the Newsletter.

Member Dennis Schumacher reported on the recent meeting he attended of FCAL. Dennis presented a letter from Chris Hamerla outlining his work for FCAL members throughout this past year and recommended that the District make a donation to FCAL to support his work in the future. Commissioner Gagnon moved to donate \$300, Commissioner Gehl seconded, motion carried. The District also agreed to sign a letter of recommendation for Chris Hamerla. Commissioner Gagnon will follow up on this. Schumacher also reported that Lake Metonga treated 39 acres on milfoil with direct injection of 2-4-D at a cost of \$32,000. 65% was paid for on a DNR grant.

Commissioner Gehl reported on a meeting to be held December 7 in Rhinelander regarding Pine Lake being selected by the DNR to investigate weevil control of milfoil. Commissioner Sprenger offered to attend.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be scheduled at a future date.

There being no further business, Commissioner Tarcin made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Gehl seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 26, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioners Gagnon, Gehl, Sprenger, Tarcin and Tauer were also present. 20 District members were also present and participated in the meeting.

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

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of November 12, 2011 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to this meeting.

Commissioner Sprenger gave the Treasurers Report. Balance Tax Freedom Account, \$84,113.22 which includes a CD of \$69,000; Balance Regular Money Market Account, \$138,944.85; Balance Check Book, \$9,422.91. Final payment made to Onterra in January. Report accepted as presented.

Chairman Kloehn reported on the Lake Management Plan. Although completed by Onterra, the DNR has not yet approved because of staff changes.

Commissioner Tarcin reported on plant harvesting. Two cuttings are scheduled by Schmidt's this year, June 24-30, and again in August. It was recommended that a volunteer with a CDL license drive the truck to speed up the operation.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on the Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program. Paul needs volunteers for this valuable program to protect Pine Lake from invasive species. An informational meeting will be held May 29 at 5:00 PM at the Crandon Library.

Dredging of Pine Lake and its inlets was extensively discussed. A report on the silt buildup was made in 1976. At that time it was estimated there was 13 million cubic yards of silt in Pine Lake, enough to build a road 6,500 miles long. Motion made by Tauer, seconded by Kloehn to get a current dredging proposal. Motion carried.

Discussion followed on the algae ball/weed situation occurring on the south east shore. Some Members recommended that the District do something. The Commissioners agreed to gather more information from the DNR, Schmidt's and a dredging company to remove some of the buildup if possible. 8 Members requested the information we received previously from the DNR to be emailed to them. Commissioner Gehl agreed to do this.

Member Dennis Schumacher reported on the recent meeting he attended of FCAL. Dennis recommended that each speaker at our meetings give his name so all may know him and the Annual Meeting begin with a coffee-donut social at 8:30. Dennis suggested the District pier be used at the swimming beach on the south end of the Lake. There was some concern that the District would become liable for any accident. The District will review its insurance policy. Dennis advised that some lakes in Forest County have experienced illegal spearing. The Fall Forum will be held on Sept. 9, 2012 at Roberts Lake, and the FCAL Annual Meeting will be Oct. 13, 2012 at T Bob's in Laona.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be on July 2, 2012, immediately following the Annual Meeting.

There being no further business, Commissioner Gagon made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Sprenger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 2, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gehl. Commissioners Tarcin, Sprenger, Gagnon and Tauer were present.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of May 26, 2012 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Sprenger gave the Treasurers Report. Balances as of 6/30/2012: Checking Account, \$8,205.10, MM Account, \$139,012.05, Tax Freedom Account, \$15,115.65 plus CD of \$69,000. Report accepted as presented.

The buildup of Cladophora Algae on the south shore was extensively discussed. It was noted the Cladophora moves in and out due to natural wave and wind action. Cliff, from Schmidt's Aquatic Plant Control, advised that it would not be possible to pick up the Cladophora with his harvesting equipment because of the shallow lake bottom on the South shore. Commissioner Tauer advised that the Town of Hiles does not have equipment or jurisdiction on Pine Lake for this service. Commissioner's Tarcin and Gagnon will continue to investigate possible equipment or service providers to control the buildup.

It was agreed that when the Lake Plan is approved, a printed color copy would be offered for purchase for approximately \$40. The Plan would also be available for printing and viewing on our web site. A Draft copy is currently on-line.

The Commissioners plan on a Spring newsletter to include the next year's Budget and the Agenda for the July Annual Meeting and a Fall newsletter with results of the current years projects.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be September 1, 2012.

There being no further business, Commissioner Gehl made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Sprenger seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
September 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Kloehn. Commissioners Gagnon, Sprenger, and Gehl were present. 15 District members were also present and participated in the meeting.

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

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of July 2, 2012 were read and approved as corrected.

Commissioner Sprenger gave the Treasurers Report. Balance Tax Freedom Account, \$84,117.02 which includes a CD of \$69,000; Balance Regular Money Market Account, \$144,264.29; Balance Check Book, \$7,051.30. Motion made by Commissioner Gehl to approve the Treasurers Report, Commissioner Gagnon seconded, motion carried.

Commissioner Kloehn reported on the Lake Management Plan. The Plan waits final approval from the DNR but is expected shortly.

Two plant harvesting sessions were conducted this year. Results will be reported in the Fall Newsletter.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on his inquiries into equipment for muck and shore line weed removal. A meeting with the DNR will be scheduled to determine what must be included in a survey to get DNR approval. A video of a small harvester was shown after the meeting. It was suggested that a notice be placed in the Newsletter for forming a committee to find a local landscape contractor to do the work.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on the Clean Boats, Clean Water Program. The program needs more volunteer support to continue. Commissioner Sprenger will contact the Lake Metonga Association about their volunteers.

Member Dennis Schumacher reported on the recent meeting he attended of FCAL. Of the 200 members, 20 to 30 are active. Most lakes have experienced an unusual year of high algae growth, however none have reported the harmful blue-green algae.

Member Jerry Wolf reported on his lake water studies for the year. He noted lower phosphorous loading during May, June and July and improved water clarity for the summer months. Complete Pine Lake results are found on the DNR web site at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/lakes/CLMN/Station.aspx?station=3880>

The next Quarterly Meeting will be November 10, 2012.

There being no further business, Commissioner Gehl made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Gagnon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
November 10, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioner's Gehl, Tarcin, Sprenger, Gagnon, and Tauer were present.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of September 1, 2012 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Sprenger gave the Treasurer's Report. Balances as of 10/31/2012: Checking Account, \$6,668.33, MM Account, \$144,359.93, Tax Freedom Account, \$15,120.82 plus CD of \$69,000. Report accepted as presented.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on the Clean Boats program. He will advertise in the Forest Republican and Pioneer Express for two self employed subcontractors, possibly college students, to man the boat landing on the weekends next summer. Other lakes have been successful with this approach, as finding volunteers did not work well last season. DNR grant money may be available.

Commissioner Gehl recommended that a second proposal be received for next years plant harvesting. Commissioner Tarcin will follow up on this.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on his preliminary work regarding dredging the silt buildup in the lake, and in particular, Pine Creek. Chairman Kloehn will contact the DNR next week regarding permit requirements and their recommendations, before proceeding with getting quotes for the survey. Member Houle suggested we include the Forest County Zoning office and work together on this. Grant money may be available.

Chairman Kloehn reported on the Lake Management Plan. He will follow up with Tim Hoyman of Onterra to present the Planning Committee's recommendations and bring this issue to a close with the DNR.

Volunteer Jerry Wolf was thanked for his continued reporting of water clarity and chemistry throughout the year. Results were included in the Fall 2012 Newsletter.

Member Houle will remove the obsolete fuel and holding tank currently stored on District property at no charge.

The date for the next Quarterly Meeting will be May 25, 2013. The Spring Newsletter will follow that meeting but before the Annual meeting scheduled for July 6, 2013 and contain the Proposed Budget for 2014. Other Quarterly Meetings are scheduled for August 31, 2013 and November 16, 2013.

There being no further business, Commissioner Sprenger moved to adjourn, Commissioner Gagnon seconded, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 25, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioner's Gehl, Tarcin, Sprenger, and Gagnon were present.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of November 10, 2012 were read. Commissioner Gagnon moved to accept, Commissioner Sprenger seconded, Minutes approved as read.

Commissioner Sprenger gave the Treasurer's Report. Balances as of 4/30/2013: Checking Account, \$3,070.24, MM Account, \$158,923.44, Tax Freedom Account, \$20,128.58 plus CD of \$69,569.64. Two tax payments of \$9,787.58 and \$9,344.85 have been received from the Town of Hiles. Balance from Forest County due in August. Commissioner Gehl moved to accept, Commissioner Gagnon seconded, Report accepted as presented.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on the Clean Boats program. Two independent contractors have been hired to man the boat landing this summer. They will work mainly on the weekends and holidays. No grant money was obtained from the DNR as the funds were already committed by the time we applied. Providing we receive approval from the Forest Service, we will place our dock alongside the boat landing to allow additional access for fishing and docking.

Chairman Kloehn reported that the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan – May 2013, has been approved by the DNR. It will be posted on our web site for viewing and downloading. Commissioner Gehl advised that color and black and white copies will be made available for purchase by the stakeholders.

Commissioner Tarcin reported on the scheduled plant harvesting for 2013. A new harvester has been contracted to cut a revised plan of 84.5 acres from 24.6 acres in 2011 and 2012. The additional acreage will result in more acreage cut in the minimum 40 hours contracted for. Harvesting is scheduled for the last week of June and the first week of August.

Commissioner Tarcin displayed a rake from Shoreland Industries that sells for apx. \$80. The rake is claimed to be more efficient in gathering in floating weeds and other shoreland debris.

Commissioner Tarcin asked for material to be included in the next newsletter. In accordance with the By-Laws, the Commissioners recommended a Budget for FY 2014 of \$30,000 to be published in this newsletter. The Budget hearing will be held at the Annual Meeting on July 6, 2013.

Dennis Schumacher reported on the recent FCAL meeting. Septic tank inspections are ongoing. Year-round residents must have their tank inspected every 3 years, seasonal residents every 5 years. Lake Lucerne and Lake Metonga hold a photo contest and publish a calendar to raise funds for their lake associations.

The date for the next Quarterly Meeting will be July 6, 2013 following the Annual Meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioner's Gehl, Tarcin, Sprenger, Tauer and Gagnon were present.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of May 25, 2013 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Commissioner Sprenger gave the Treasurer's Report. Balances as of 6/30/2013: Checking Account, \$9,623.34, MM Account, \$148,957.41, Tax Freedom Account, \$20,131.94 plus CD of \$69,623.96. Commissioner Gehl moved to accept, Commissioner Gagnon seconded, Report accepted as presented.

Chairman Kloehn volunteered to continue as Chairman for the remainder of his term, Commissioner Gehl as Secretary, Commissioner Sprenger as Treasurer. Commissioner Gagnon will continue with the CBCW program and dredging. Commissioner Tarcin will continue with the harvesting program. Commissioner Gehl will also handle all grant applications. Up for reelection in 2014 will be Gehl, Gagnon and Kloehn.

Commissioner Sprenger was advised that to cover cash needs, she is authorized to draw from the Regular Money Market account and transfer to the Checking account.

Commissioner Gehl will prepare a list of emails of volunteers.

The date for the next Quarterly Meeting will be August 31, 2013.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
August 31, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioner's Gehl, Tarcin, Sprenger, Tauer and Gagnon were present. 20 Members were also present and participated in the meeting.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of July 6, 2013 were approved as read.

Commissioner Sprenger gave the Treasurer's Report. Balances as of 8/23/2013: Checking Account, \$14,253.31, MM Account, \$139,805.34, Tax Freedom Account, \$20,133.65 plus CD of \$69,623.96. Commissioner Gehl moved to accept, Commissioner Tarcin seconded, Report accepted as presented.

Discussion followed regarding the District pier, use of which was donated to the Forest Service at their boat landing. Some monies were spent for repair and bumpers. The tire bumpers are on the Forest Service pier. The pier will be removed mid-October and stored in the District building. Commissioner Gagnon has taken responsibility for the pier. It was brought to the attention of the Members that once the Campground is closed, no parking fee is required.

Chairman Kloehn reported that together with Commissioner Gehl, the Lake Management Plan grants will be closed out with the DNR.

Commissioner Gagnon advised that the CBCW program will continue until the end of the month on weekends only. For the record, in 2011, 30 boats were inspected with 28 volunteer hours. In 2012, 42 boats were inspected with 21 volunteer hours. In 2013, for May, June and July, 1,356 boats have been inspected with 560 paid hours. Over 3000 people have been contacted and made aware of the CBCW program. These records are available on the DNR web site. A link will be added to our web site. Next year a DNR grant of \$4,000 will be received to offset the approximate \$10,000 cost of this program for the District.

Commissioner Gehl reported on the volunteer efforts of Jerry Wolf regarding the water quality of Pine Lake. Ice out on May 3rd. Clear water until mid June, then algae present. Level high to normal throughout summer because of heavy rains. Average Secchi depth 3ft. vs. 10ft. in 2003.

Members were reminded of our new web site. www.pinelakedistrict.org

Commissioner Tarcin reported on the weed harvesting this year. Two cutting were done, with a total harvest of 21 truckloads at 63,000lbs. Special effort was made to clear lanes from docks to open water. Because of the murky water this year not much growth was experienced in the center of the lake. A second off-loading site on the south end of the lake would speed the process. The harvesting equipment is not able to pick up the black ball algae experienced by some. A form of dredging equipment is required. Member Orvis advised the Board of someone in Sheboygan who has this equipment. To contact the Board, use our email address: pinelakeinfo@gmail.com

Commissioner Gagnon reported on the hiring of Lake and Pond Solutions Co. to pursue the study of dredging Pine Creek and other silted in areas of Pine Lake. First step is to measure depth and calculate amounts of sediment in these areas. The DNR requires this action to move forward and possibly receive grant money. Commissioner Tauer reported that the Hiles sawmill never used chemicals to treat their logs. The District's responsibility ends at HYW 32.

Commissioner Gehl gave Dennis Schumacher's report on FCAL. 27 people on Pine Lake are paid members, application forms are available. Fall Forum, September 14th at Lake Lucerne clubhouse. Annual Meeting, October 12th at T-Bobs. A pocket size booklet published by Sawyer County was shown to the Board. Chairman Kloehn will suggest FCAL publish a similar book with Pine Lake District involvement to reduce costs.

Chairman Kloehn thanked the Board for their work on harvesting, dredging, financials, and CBCW program. Member Tom Knaus will look for past records on sediment studies.

Commissioner Gehl reported that 2,500 walleye fingerlings, 7 to 8 inches in length will be stocked again this year by the District. The DNR has rebuilt their hatcheries to stock this size in the future. Mole Lake is also building hatcheries.

Commissioner Tauer reported the dam gates are open due to recent heavy rains and will remain open until the minimum regulated depth of 90.0 ft. is reached.

Member Bob Loewe requested that the District regulate northern and walleye size with slot limits. Chairman Kloehn will get an opinion from the DNR.

Member Jim Kurzynske requested that members be allowed to store boats in the District building. Concern for losing the tax exempt status for the District, building insurance, and control of operation were expressed by the Board. A legal opinion will be sought.

Commissioner Tauer reported on the blue algae bloom experienced on Kentuck Lake this year.

The date for the next Quarterly Meeting will be November 16, 2013.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
November 16, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gagnon. Commissioner's Tarcin, Sprenger, and Tauer were present. Terry Kloehn and Jim Gehl were not present.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of August 31, 2013 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Sprenger gave the Treasurer's Report. Balances as of 10/31/2013: Checking Account, \$8,480.22, MM Account, \$136,240.29, Tax Freedom Account, \$20,138.72 plus CD of \$69,000. Report accepted as presented.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on the testing of silt buildup in the lake, and in particular, Pine Creek. The areas originally selected need refinement before requesting additional cost estimates. A committee meeting with the DNR is also recommended.

Commissioner Gagnon reported that the District has not as yet received a legal opinion regarding the renting out of space in the District building.

Commissioner Tarcin was thanked for the Fall 2013 Newsletter.

The last LMP grant payment of \$5,046.15 was received from the DNR. Total cost to the District for the currently approved LMP was about \$15,000.

Representative Tauer reported on the lowering the level of the Hiles Mill Pond every three years to sustain rice beds. Currently the upper dam boards are removed to slowly release water. Years past the water was let out through the bottom of the dam which resulted in silt being released along with the water.

The District has contracted with the Forest Service to remove and set in the pier at the boat landing.

Members were advised the allowable pier length is set by the DNR and is determined by the depth of water necessary to bring in your boat and motor.

Future meeting dates will be determined next year. The Town Hall will not be available August 23, 2014.

There being no further business, Commissioner Sprenger moved to adjourn, Commissioner Gagnon seconded, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 24, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioners Gagnon, Gehl, Tarcin and Sprenger were present. Commissioner Tauer was not present.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of November 16, 2013 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Sprenger gave the Treasurer's Report. Cash Balances as of 5/22/2014: Checking Account, \$10,536.68, MM Account, \$145,199.14, Tax Freedom Account, \$25,150.40 plus CD of \$69,000. Report accepted as presented.

Jim Grafelman of Chequamegon Bay Group, Inc. presented his Draft Report of Task 1 of a Feasibility Study for the Pine Lake Dredging Project, or silt removal, commissioned by the District with approval at the last Annual Meeting. A copy of his report is attached to these Minutes. Discussion included an estimated time-line before any actual dredging could occur. The DNR has up to 250 days for permit approval based on scientific information provided by this study. It is possible that dredging could occur in 2015 but most likely it would be 2016. After further discussion with the attending members and the Board, it was agreed to proceed with completing Tasks 2 through 8 to provide a Final Feasibility Study Report by August 31, 2014. This study is designed to help the District decide whether it is feasible to continue on to the next phase which includes: Applying for permits from the DNR. This is when bathymetric surveys and sediment sampling are actually done. It is cheaper to do the bathymetric surveys in the winter through the ice. It is cheaper to do the sediment analyses in the summer when the sampling equipment can be used in a boat. Jim Grafelman will make a presentation and progress report at the PLPRD Annual Meeting on July 5, 2014.

Commissioner Gehl will scan and forward to CBG a prior dredging application by the District to the DNR in 2004 that was later withdrawn for lack of support and insufficient data.

Commissioner Gagnon reported the CBCW program was continued again this year and he also distributed Cold Paks from the DNR for keeping your fish cool.

Commissioner Tarcin reported the weed cutting will be done by the same firm as last year. First cutting expected to be done the last week in June. Question was raised about lowering the lake level to do a better job of cutting. Since the lake level is controlled by the Town and is legally set at between 90 and 91 feet, no attempt will be made to do this by the District. A second cutting will be scheduled in August if deemed necessary.

Chairman Kloehn reminded everyone that his term of office, along with Commissioners Gehl and Gagnon will be up for re-election at the Annual Meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

A proposed Budget for 2015 will be published in the upcoming Newsletter. The Commissioners agreed to recommend holding the tax levy at the same amount as last year, and that the anticipated added Dredging Study expenses would be paid for by existing reserve funds.

Commissioners discussed the possibility of selling the small garage owned by the District. Chairman Kloehn will get an appraisal and present it at the Annual Meeting.

Commissioner Gehl reported on a town in Door County that leases space in their storage building. Individuals must provide their own \$1,000,000 liability insurance, and rent is at market price, not free for taxpayers. Advice from a member to the Commissioners was not to get involved in this since he has been sued twice by renters even though he has legal contracts. Also, being in competition with nearby private storage facilities is questionable for a government taxing district. Increased liability insurance would also be required by the District. Commissioner Sprenger will look into the insurance requirements and cost, Commissioner Gagnon the number of boats that could be stored. The issue and it will be discussed again at a later date.

Member Schumacher reported on the FCAL Fall Forum to be held at Lake Lucern on September 13, 2014. Overwinter fish kills were minimal this year.

Commissioner Tarcin again asked for volunteers for help and information to be put in the newsletters.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be held immediately after the Annual Meeting on July 5, 2014.

There being no further business, Commissioner Gehl moved to adjourn, Commissioner Gagnon seconded, motion carried, meeting adjourned.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 5, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioner's Gehl, Tarcin, Sprenger, Tauer and Gagnon were present.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of May 24, 2014 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Commissioner Tauer moved to re-elect Terry Kloehn as Chairman, Mary Sprenger as Treasurer, and James Gehl as Secretary. Commissioner Gagnon will continue with the CBCW program, Commissioner Tarcin will continue with the harvesting program. Motion carried.

It was recommended that the Commissioners stay in contact with each other via email, phone or other means. Commissioner Gehl recommended that a Forest County representative be appointed to the Board to bring the total to 7 members. Chairman Kloehn will call the County to inquire.

Commissioner Sprenger questioned expenses relating to the pier. Apparently no one from the Board knew beforehand that money was spent for lights. It was agreed that no further expenditures would be made without specific approval from a Board member and included in the budget. Other current expenses relating to the maintenance of the pier were approved by Paul. To reduce costs in the future, volunteers will be sought to move the pier in and out of the storage building.

Commissioner Gehl recommended that our attorney draw up a resolution for approval at the next meeting that will state the Boards intention not to rent out the large storage building. A resolution is preferred over a motion in that all pros and cons are stated and the Board members sign the statement. Chairman Kloehn will ask the attorney to prepare this document and also follow up on the rewriting of the By-Laws.

Chairman Kloehn will advertise for bids for re-roofing the small storage building.

Treasurer Sprenger reported moving \$10,000 from the Money Market Account to the Checking Account to cover current expenses.

The date for the next Quarterly Meeting will be August 30, 2014.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
August 30, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioner's Gehl, Tarcin, Sprenger, and Gagnon were present. 16 District members were also present and participated in the meeting.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of July 5, 2014 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Commissioner Sprenger presented the Treasures Report. Balance MM Account: \$119,879.72, Balance TFA: \$25,159.90 plus CD \$69,833.07 due 9/11/2104. The CD will be renewed for \$70,000. Balance Checking Account: \$10,139.37. All tax receipts have been received from the County. Major expenses since last Meeting include \$6,000 for 1st weed harvesting, \$17,000 for initial lake dredging feasibility study, and \$1,400 for insurance. Report accepted.

Commissioner Gagnon reported that CBCW signs have been given to the Tom Ferris at the campground for posting. Gagnon received a call from Graling Brant of the Forest Service notifying the District that bass tournaments require a Special Use Permit issued by the Forest Service for use of their boat landing. Published bass tournaments of more the 20 participants also require a DNR permit.

Commissioner Tarcin reported on the weed harvests. Celery weed was in abundance and evidence of the large ball Cladophora algae was also present mainly on the north shore. The harvester offered to pick up weeds from anyone who would rake their shoreline weeds into his machine. He commented that Pine Lake was not in bad condition compared to other lakes. One more year of harvesting is allowed by the DNR under the existing permit before it has to be renewed for another 3 years.

Commissioner Gehl reported on the Dredging Feasibility Study. It is finalized and in the mail. Because it is quite voluminous it will require considerable review. Estimates were used to draw conclusions and recommendations. The County may be a source of funding for this project as the removed material is beneficial for cropland restoration. The Dredging Committee will meet in the future to discuss its findings. The report will be posted on our web site.

Chairman Kloehn reported on the re-roofing of the small garage on District property. Only 1 bid was received for \$1,700. Discussion followed. Motion made to accept bid, motion carried 4 yes, 1 no.

Commissioner Gagnon recommended the old pontoon boat be sold for scrap. In order for the junk yard to accept the boat the deck must be removed.

Commissioner Gagnon offered to speak to Graling about filling in below the boat ramp.

The date for the next Quarterly Meeting will be November 8, 2014.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
November 8, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Commission Gagnon. Commissioner's Gehl, Tarcin, Sprenger and Tower were present. Mr. Larry Summer was introduced as the Forest County Representative. 3 District members were also present and participated in the meeting.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of August 30, 2014 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Commissioner Sprenger presented the Treasures Report. Balance MM Account: \$11,491.73. Balance TFA, MM: \$25,055.26; TFA, CD \$70,000.00. Balance Checking Account: \$5,416.86. Report accepted as submitted.

Member Wiedenhofer expressed concern that he has lost shore line property that he attributes to the lake level being maintained at above the legally authorized maximum elevation of 91.00 feet. Wiedenhofer was advised that the PLPRD does not have control of the dam gates, as this is the responsibility of the Town of Hiles. Town of Hiles Representative Tower reported that the center gate has been wide open for a month to drain the lake as rapidly as permitted by the DNR. Wiedenhofer also expressed concern that his septic system has been found noncompliant by Forest County because of inaccurate measurements. Again, Wiedenhofer was advised that this is not the responsibility of the PLPRD and that he should address his concerns to Forest County. Wiedenhofer also expressed concern that the former saw mill in Hiles contributed to excessive phosphorous levels in the lake. Commissioner Gagnon answered that the levels of contaminants will be determined during the dredging survey. Weidenhofer requested the mailing list of all PLPRD members.

Commissioner Tarcin reported on the two weed harvests this year. Most weeds were found in the north end of the lake. One more year remains on the current DNR permit that allows for cutting of approximately 87 acres.

Commissioner Gehl reported on the now completed Dredging Feasibility Study. In summary, it is feasible to dredge parts of Pine Lake. However, a new bathymetric survey and sediment sampling and analysis are required. These are separate operations and best performed in the winter. To help offset the dredging costs it may be possible for cost sharing with the Forest County Land and Water Conservation Department and by offering for sale the dried sediment. Discussion with the County will be pursued.

Discussion followed regarding dredging only portions of the lake and Pine Creek. The Board agreed to contact Chequameon Bay Group for a proposal to manage, coordinate and supervise the survey and sediment analysis. Funds for this were approved at our last annual meeting. Commissioner Sprenger moved to proceed with the study, Commissioner Tarcin seconded, motion carried.

The roof replacement to the storage outbuilding was completed.

Commissioner Gehl reported on a new DNR Grant program to encourage simple lakeshore projects to boost healthy lakes. Up to \$25,000 will be awarded to lake associations and \$1,000

to individual property owners for small scale projects at least 10ft wide and up to 350 sq feet. The deadline to apply for grants is Feb. 1, 2015. More information can be found on the DNR website.

Date was set for the 2015 Annual Meeting on July 11, with a Quarterly Meeting following. Other Quarterly Meetings to be on March 14, May 23, and September 5.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
March 14, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Commission Gagnon. Commissioner's Gehl, Tarcin, Sprenger and Tauer were present. 11 District members were also present and participated in the meeting.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of November 8, 2014 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Commissioner Sprenger presented the Treasures Report. Balance MM Account: \$133,385.19. Balance TFA, MM: \$30,067.61; TFA, CD \$70,000.00. Balance Checking Account: \$1,470.11. Report accepted as submitted.

Town of Hiles Representative Tauer reported on the condition of the dam, now at level 4 on a scale of 1 to 10. A weight limit of 10 tons will be placed on the road. The Town will request grant money and is working with Forest County to get help from the Potawatomie for grant writing. The District will be asked for input as the process continues. The Town will spend \$10,000 for the initial survey. Over the years it has set aside \$50,000 for the dam/road replacement. Construction will be at least 3 years away.

Commissioner Gehl reported on the sediment removal project. Chequameon Bay Group was contacted as agreed to at the November meeting. However, they are no longer interested in this project. Terry Kloehn has contacted others and will report his findings at the next meeting.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on a letter he received from Greyling Brandt, Assistant Ranger, Recreation & Lands, requesting volunteers to help maintain the Pine Lake Campground adjacent to the boat landing. Anyone interested in helping the Forest Service with this should contact Greyling Brandt at the Laona Ranger Station.

Gagnon advised that anyone using the Forest Service boat landing for a published fishing tournament is required to obtain a Special Use Permit from the Forest Service. Violators are subject to fine.

A request has been made from Pam LaBine, Forest County Land and Water Resources, to comment on the DNR's proposed rewrite of the DNR regulation for nonpoint source (NPS) pollution. Specifically the request is to recognize the fact that our lakes are actually filling in, (Eutrophication), with decomposing organic matter caused by internal vegetation and not from erosion, timber harvest, etc. Commissioner Gehl agreed to respond favorably to this request.

The District has been notified by the DNR of a members request to deposit fill material on the bed of Pine Lake to a previously established bulkhead line and install rock riprap along the wateredge of the fill. The Board agreed not to comment, as this is a reasonable and worthy project and done in accordance with all DNR requirements.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be May 23, 2015.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 23, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioner's Gagnon, Gehl, Tarcin, Sprenger and Tauer were present. 25 District members were also present and participated in the meeting.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of March 14, 2015 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Commissioner Sprenger presented the Treasures Report. Balance MM Account: \$129,631.34. Balance TFA, MM: \$30,071.23; TFA, CD \$70,000.00. Balance Checking Account: \$5,386.67. Two tax payments have been received from Forest County plus a \$1,000 payment to start up the CBCW program from the DNR. Report accepted as submitted.

Chairman Kloehn reported that the Potawatomie Tribe may be interested in helping us with the dredging project. A letter will be sent by Kloehn requesting a proposal to provide an up-to-date bathymetric survey, along with sediment sampling and analysis. Kloehn will determine the scope of the survey and sampling study. Funds have already been budgeted for this work. Competitive bids are not required in this case.

Commissioner Tarcin reported that weed cutting will continue this year according to our DNR permit, which allows 87 acres to be cut. This is the last year for the permit and a new application will have to be submitted.

Tarcin also reported on the bass die off this spring. The DNR was notified and they came on the lake and collected fish for further study. Results will be published as soon as we receive them.

Commissioner Gagnon reported on the CBCW program. \$4,000 in grant money has again been received. We have agreed to help the Forest Service maintain the campground when time is available. They have also requested additional volunteers. Contact Greyling Brandt at the Laona Ranger Station if anyone is interested.

Through the CBCW program last year, over 125 boats were inspected over the July 4th weekend, and over 2000 boats during the season. This program helps keep invasive species out of Pine Lake and from being transferred to another water body.

Gagnon reminded everyone that if any bass tournament is conducted on Pine Lake using the Forest Service boat landing, a special use permit must be obtained from the Forest Service. Under certain conditions, a DNR permit is also required.

Commissioner Gehl reported on the earlier decision not to stock walleye this year from District funds, since the DNR is now stocking 6 to 8 inch fingerlings every other year, starting last year.

Commissioner Tauer reported on the dam and how to read the lake level gauge. According to the DNR the level must be maintained by the Town of Hiles between 90.00 ft. and 91.00 ft.

They are now holding below the high mark to avoid problems with the DNR, but are presently still above the low mark.

Discussions followed regarding a Proposed Budget for 2016. It was concluded that the Budget should remain the same as the past 2 years and will be presented as such to the members in the Newsletter and voted on at the Annual Meeting in July.

The position of Treasurer, currently held by Mary Sprenger, will be up for election at the next Annual Meeting.

The current mailing list will be available after this meeting for review. If you are not included, please advise.

It will be at least two or more years before the dam is replaced at an estimated cost of over \$500,000. Dams are generally rebuilt in the fall. The Town is responsible for this.

The Annual Meeting will be July 11, 2015 with a Quarterly Meeting immediately following.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 11, 2015

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

Copies of the Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of May 23, 2015 were distributed to the Commissioners prior to the meeting. Minutes approved as presented.

Election of Officers:

Motion made and seconded to re-elect current Officers to their present positions. Motion carried.

New Business:

Wisconsin Lakes increased dues from \$250 to \$750 for a lake of our size. Motion made to pay \$250 as donation, seconded. Motion carried.

Commissioner Gehl recommended that the District fund if necessary the Town replacing the staff gauge at the dam or providing other means of determining current lake level. It's important to get this done to avoid continual discussion of this issue.

Commissioners approved upcoming insurance payment for buildings and liability for pier. Kloehn will determine if we carry liability insurance while operating the buoy boat.

Commissioner Gehl suggested we look at the Lake Management Plan and address the issues that require attention before the end of the year. Point intercept survey is past due, weed cutting plan due, plan to improve shore lands needed. Recommended that each Board member study the LMP and get together to prepare action plans.

The next Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for September 5, 2015.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

James Gehl,
Secretary

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

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

**MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 28, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn at 9:00AM. Commissioners Gehl, 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 January 16, 2016 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Treasurers Report:

Balance today in Regular Checking Account, \$903.13. Balance of \$142,433.32 in the MM Account. Tax Freedom Account has a balance of \$75,000.00 in CD and \$30,435.40 in MM. Report Approved as presented.

Old Business:

Kloehn reported on receiving a check for \$3,000 from the Sokaogon Chippewa Community for Pine Lake aquatic plant management projects.

Gehl reported on the DNR results of the fish surveys done in the fall of 2014 and 2015, and also on the fyke netting of panfish this past week. Specifically, Little Rice Lake experienced a 99% fish kill during the winter of 2013-2014 and the DNR conducted the netting on Pine Lake to restock Little Rice. 1,965 bluegills, pumpkin seed, hybrids, perch and crappies were transferred. Nothing over 7 inches was removed. This represents less than 1% of the population of pan fish on Pine Lake, currently estimated at 300,000 to 600,000 adults.

Gagnon reported on an aquatic invasive species book prepared by FCAL. Orders will be taken at the next meeting for those interested. The price is \$10.

Gehl reported on the harvesting permit for this year. Because the District had not followed up on all harvesting requirements specified in the LMP, the DNR would only issue a one year permit under the same conditions as in the past 3 years. A cutting will probably be scheduled in mid July.

Kloehn reported on a proposal presented to the District for a new plant point-intercept survey to document any changes or lack of changes within the native and non-native plant communities within the lake. Also, a DNR approved satisfaction survey will be sent out to all District members to determine whether or not the harvesting program should be continued or altered in some fashion. These surveys are required to move forward with a harvesting permit in 2017.

Also, in conjunction with the point-intercept survey, a new sediment survey, and an analysis of the sediment is to be completed this year. Question was raised by Gehl as the number of points for sediment survey seemed excessive as our intent is to only attempt a limited dredging project to relieve extreme sediment deposits where they exist, not through the center of the lake or to a depth of 10ft. These surveys will provide the District with a better understanding of the amount of material, and whether or not it is hazardous, and the resultant cost for dredging any portion of Pine Lake. Gehl requested to have the contractor provide the District with a clarified Proposal of Service and costs before proceeding with a contract. Kloehn will do this.

Gehl noted that the position vacated by former Commissioner Dick Tarcin has been filled with the appointment by Chairman Kloehn of Bob Binter. This position is up for election at the next Annual Meeting.

Kloehn reported that the provision to allow lakeshore property owners to remove up to 30 cu. yds. of sediment annually did not pass the State Legislature. There will also not be any Federal grant money available for our considered dredging project.

Gagnon reported the CBCW program is going forward for this season. The US Forest Service awarded the PLPRD a plaque of appreciation for Dave and Paul's work at the campground and boat landing. The Forest Service is also looking for volunteers to keep the campground in service. The roadway will be repaired and the ramp filled in with large stone. Because of our work at the boat landing the Forest Service has waived its \$85 fee for installing our pier for 5 years. The fee box for parking has finally been relocated to the landing area. The District will continue to work with the Forest Service to insure the boat landing remains open. Gagnon reported the landing on Roberts Lake has been closed recently.

Request made from the floor to maintain the harvesting landing site of overgrown trees and also the roadway. Gehl indicated he will take care of this. A lawn mower was recently donated to the District.

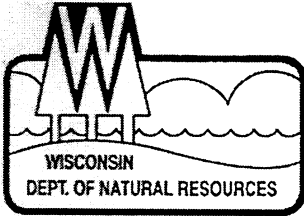
Question raised from the floor as to why not poison weeds on Pine Lake rather than cutting. Answer is that generally the invasive weed will spread to that area. Gehl offered to follow up on any new information available.

The issue of the lake level was again raised. Gehl explained the history of the lake level and its legal maximum and minimum as determined by the State and the requirement that the Town regulate the dam gate opening and closing to maintain the level between these points. Using the DNR approved White Gauge attached to the dam, a reading of 0.00 indicates the Authorized Minimum, while a reading of 1.00 indicates the Authorized Maximum. A copy of a 2004 letter from the DNR to the Town of Hiles explaining this is attached to these Minutes. Also attached is DNR Water Level Data Form: 3500-27, from 1928 to 1990 recording the lake level. Tauer reported the Town will install a new white gauge. Gehl reported the lake level today was just slightly below the legal maximum.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be following the Annual Meeting of July 2, 2016. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

James Gehl, Secretary PLPRD



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July 9, 2004

Mr. Karl Tauer, Chair
Town of Hiles
10831 W. Pine Lake Road
Hiles, WI 54511

SUBJECT: Water Surface Elevation at Pine Lake

Dear Mr. Tauer:

On July 9, 2004 I measured the water surface elevation at Pine Lake at the request of Mr. Paul Jenkins. On that day the elevation of the lake was 91.17 based on local datum. I also recorded the gauge reading that corresponded to the lake elevation. The gauge read 1.17. With that information, and referring to the past records in our file, I put together a table for the Town to correlate the lake level with the gauge. The table will refer to both local and mean sea level data.

	<u>Local Datum</u>	<u>Mean Sea Level Datum</u>	<u>Gauge Reading*</u>
Benchmark 663-C	96.95	1640.00	-
Benchmark 663-E	96.85	1639.90	-
Authorized Minimum	90	1633.05	0.00
Authorized Maximum	91	1634.05	1.00

*Using the white gauge

Descriptions of the above referenced benchmarks are included on the attached field notes.

I hope that this information is useful to you. Since the elevations would be recoverable if the benchmarks were ever lost or damaged, it is recommended that the Town use the Mean Sea Level datum for future use or at least retain the information. As noted in the field notes from the survey, the lake was 0.17 feet (2.04 inches) above its authorized maximum on July 9th.

If you have any questions concerning this information, feel free to contact me. I can be reached at (715)365-8938 or at the above address.

Sincerely,

Terry Cummings, P.E.
Water Management Engineer
Northern Region, Rhineland

CC: Jim Grafelman, Rhineland

Lake or Stream Pine Lake Outlet Dam Wolf River
Location S.E. 28, T37N, R12E, Forest Co.

Date	Taken by	Field Book No.	Lake Level or Gage Reading	Remarks
7/21/28	W. Muegge	750	90.14'	datum - Assumed B.M. 663A - 100.00'
7/28/38	W. Muegge	889	91.90'	Same
9/28/43	W. Muegge	898	91.30'	Same B.M. 663-C.
6/26/50	J. Sivley	916	90.71'	Same
8/24/61	G. Tamke	960	90.75'	Same
7/11/68	J. Whiting	999	1634.22' 91.17	U.S.G.S. B.M. N.E. 16-D B.M. 663-E.
6/18/74	Mc Cluskey + Ries		91.15' → 1634.20	B.M. 663-C elevation 96.95'
1-23-76	C. Mastaglio		91.72	
8-31-76	C. Mastaglio		90.65	Same
6-22-77	D. Lang		90.88	"
7/15/81	O. Keefe	1032	91.20	Set gage gage 1.17
8-27-85	D. Lang		91.08	gage c. 1.05
9-30-88	D. Lang		91.00	Tom set new gage (white) 1.00
5-17-90	D. Lang		91.52	new gage (white) 1.52

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 2, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioner's Gehl, Binter, Sprenger, Tauer and Gagnon were present.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of May 28, 2016 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Commissioner Gehl moved to maintain the current slate of Officers, Terry Kloehn as Chairman, Mary Sprenger as Treasurer, and James Gehl as Secretary. Commissioner Gagnon will continue with the CBCW program, Commissioner Binter will continue with the harvesting program. Motion carried.

Binter recommended that the Commissioners stay in contact with each other via email, phone or other means. He will submit a Satisfaction Survey for approval to the DNR to fulfill that requirement for future harvesting.

Binter suggested the District help in removing a floating tree in Bacon's Bay as it is a navigation hazard.

Gehl recommended a program be initiated to reduce the nutrient load into Pine Lake as required by our LMP and future harvesting permits. Kloehn will inquire if Flambeau will include a Shoreland Assessment in their proposed work this year. Commissioners authorized Kloehn to sign the contract with Flambeau and move forward.

The date for the next Quarterly Meeting will be September 3, 2016.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

James Gehl,
Secretary, PLPRD

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
September 3, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioner's Binter, Sprenger and Tauer were present.

Chairman Kloehn asked for a volunteer to fill the position vacated by former Commissioner Gagnon as he is no longer a resident of the PLPRD. Jim Kurzynske volunteered. Commissioners described the Clean Boats Clean Waters duties Gagnon fulfilled among other things. There being no other volunteers, Chairman Kloehn appointed Kurzynske to the position until the expiration of Gagnon's term at the 2017 Annual Meeting when an election will be held. Kurzynske joined the Commissioners table.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of July 2, 2016 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Treasurer Report: As of July 1, 2016, paid \$1425 for insurance for building and pier; paid \$1,500 for down payment for lake weed and sediment survey; \$6,750 for weed harvesting; \$500 for harvester landing repair. Checkbook balance: \$8,099.88. Received 3rd Tax Assessment payment of \$9,877.41. MM balance: \$127,389.34. Tax Freedom Account Balance MM; \$30,504.77, CD; \$75,000. Question by Kurzynske regarding money being spent for survey. Kloehn reported original engineering firm went bankrupt and contract for surveys may go above the \$13,000 already approved because of addition of Pine Creek and Shoreland assessment survey. The \$1,500 is a down payment only. Report approved as presented.

Member questioned why taxes are continued to be collected with over \$200,000 in bank. Kloehn answered that if dredging were to be conducted, this money would be required to fund the possible \$3,000,000 project.

Binter presented the 2015 bass die-off report from the DNR.

Harvesting Report: Because the paths allowed for cutting is strictly controlled by the DNR, this year's harvest did not find weeds in 2/5 of the areas permitted. Question from member regarding chemical treatment. Kloehn answered that it is not recommended because of fish die-off and possible fish contamination. Secretary posts all available information on web site for everyone to view.

Kloehn reported that the Forest Service has a dredging permit but no money to dredge. There may be grant money available from the State. Application due Oct. 1, 2016. There is also grant money for rivers that may provide for dredging Pine Creek. Application due Dec. 10, 2016.

Kloehn reported on a preliminary report by Flambeau Engineering that they found a decrease in Eurasian Water Milfoil since the survey done in 2009.

Kloehn reported on the possibility of hiring an attorney to advise the Board on matters that come before it. He also reported on contacting Greg Matzke of the DNR regarding size limits on northern pike.

Binter reported on FCAL's recommendation of placing barley bales in the water to reduce algae.

Dates for next year's Quarterly Meetings as follows: April 8, 2017; May 27, 2017; July 1, 2017; September 2, 2017. The Annual Meeting will be July 1, 2017.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

James Gehl,
Secretary, PLPRD

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
April 8, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Gehl. Commissioner's Binter, Sprenger and Kurzynske were present.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of September 3, 2016 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Treasurers Report: As of March 31, 2017, Checkbook balance: \$6,636.34, Regular Money Market: \$140,897.04, Tax Freedom Account: \$35,677.32. Received \$11,732.52 plus \$7,632.09 representing this year's Tax payment, \$1,000 from DNR for advance payment for CBCW Program, and \$3,000 from Sokoagon Chippewa for CBCW Program. Since last Treasurers Report, payment made to Flambeau Engineering of \$6,806.00 for contracted aquatic services. Report approved as presented.

Binter reported on current status of dredging and harvesting program. To date, Flambeau has completed the Aquatic Plant Survey, Sediment Depth Survey and Sediment Sampling. Lab Sediment Analysis has also been completed and results forwarded to the DNR for their inspection.

Binter reported on current status of securing harvesting permit from DNR for this coming year. The DNR had requested that to conform to our Lake Management Plan of 2014, the following concerns be addressed before a permit would be issued.

1. Stakeholders Satisfaction Survey. Completed last fall, majority in favor of continued harvesting.
2. Point Intercept Survey Information. Completed by Flambeau. Needs report comparing current aquatic plant communities to previous years surveys.
3. Shoreland Assessment. Not done as yet. Suggested we seek alternate firm for getting this done. Purpose is to assess and ultimately improve shore land to reduce nutrients from entering lake and contributing to plant growth.

Our original LMP recommended mechanical harvesting to maintain reasonable navigation and to open predator fish cruising lanes to reduce slow-growth panfish. It also mentioned that the approved harvesting map should be used as a guide; however the harvester operator should use his judgment on determining the placement of lanes.

Suggestion made to use boat landing for harvester off-loading as our site is silted in and unusable.

Bob will continue seeking a permit for this year.

Mark Ferris spoke at length on Town of Hiles work with Forest County and DNR regarding dredging of Pine Lake and other lakes in the area to maintain and ultimately improve property values.

Date for next Quarterly Meeting: May 27, 2017.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

James Gehl,
Secretary, PLPRD

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 27, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn at 9:00AM. Commissioners Binter, Kurzynske, and Gehl 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 April 8, 2017 were approved as presented to the Commissioners prior to the Meeting.

Treasurers Report:

Balance today in Regular MM Checking Account, \$1,776.77. Balance of \$141,165.62 in the Regular MM Account. Tax Freedom Account has a balance of \$75,000.00 in CD and \$35,677.32 in MM. Report Approved as presented.

Old Business:

Kloehn reported on Flambeau Engineering moving forward on the Shoreline Assessment Survey to be completed this summer. Gehl reported that every property on the lake will be mapped and assessed as to how much is natural woody property, how much is impervious, such as structures and paved drive ways, how much is mowed grass, etc. The purpose is to encourage lakeshore property owners to restore and improve shorelines to prevent nutrient and sand and silt erosion runoff into the lake. As explained to us by the DNR, the cost to remove nutrient fed weeds and to remove silt is 100 times more expensive than preventing it from entering in the first place. More information on this subject can be found on the Pine Lake Web site. Binter reported this Survey is required as part of our Lake Management Plan to further harvesting efforts. Also, the DNR is expected to be on the Lake during this year's harvest and possibly allow adjusting cutting lanes to where they will do the most good, as last year's route was 1/3 weedless. Because last year's Satisfaction Survey indicated the majority were in favor of harvesting, the effort will continue. The amount of money to be spent will be included in the Budget and subject to approval at the next Annual Meeting.

Kurzynske reported the CBCW program is in operation again this year and Paul and Dave were very busy.

Gehl reminded the Board that when the LMP is revised, grant money is available from the DNR. This Grant should be applied for by December 10 and may cover 66% of the cost. Our Plan is up for revision this year. Some of the details in our current plan have been found to be unreasonable for our lake and it is hoped that the revision will make it more workable. Binter raised the question regarding the DNR reportedly flushing the lake in the 60's. This could not be confirmed but may have been stopped because it only transferred the sediment further downstream.

This year's harvesting will be done, at the latest, the week of July 24. Current plan is to offload the harvester at the boat landing. The District pier will have to be temporarily removed for this. Coes Landing was considered but questions of right-of-way and parking issues deemed it unusable.

Kloehn questioned if a Nominating Committee be considered or wait for nominations from the floor for the positions up for election at this year's Annual Meeting. It was decided to go with floor nominations.

Gehl will finalize the Spring 2017 Newsletter and Proposed 2018 Budget information and mail it out shortly. It was agreed to leave the tax assessment the same as last year, apply for DNR grants, and draw additional funds from the reserve accounts as necessary.

Binter reported that the Town has agreed to maintain the lake level at .85 as far as practical.

The next Quarterly Meeting will be following the Annual Meeting of July 1, 2017. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

James Gehl, Secretary PLPRD

**MINUTES: QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 1, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Kloehn at 10:30 a.m., immediately after the Annual Meeting. Also present were Commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Mary Sprenger, Karl Tauer, and new Commissioners Mark Ferris and Mary Pieschek.

Approximately 15 others attended the meeting. Minutes from the May 2017 quarterly meeting were approved and accepted.

The following officers were elected:

- Terry Kloehn, chair
- Mary Sprenger, treasurer
- Mary Pieschek, secretary

Officers agreed to send letters of appreciation to outgoing members Jim Gehl and Bob Bittner. Mary P. will draft them and submit them to Chairman Kloehn for his signature.

Date for next Quarterly Meeting: Saturday, Sept. 2, at 9 a.m., Hiles Town Hall.

Date for Memorial Day 2018 meeting: Saturday, May 26, 2018, at 9 a.m., Hiles Town Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Pieschek, Secretary PLPRD

MINUTES: QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
September 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Kloehn at 9:00 a.m. Also present were commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Mary Sprenger, Mark Ferris and Mary Pieschek. Town of Hiles Chairman Karl Tauer was not present. Also attending were 26 members of the public.

Minutes from the July 1, 2017, Quarterly Meeting were read by Mary Pieschek, secretary, and approved.

The financial report as of August 31, 2017, was read by Mary Sprenger, treasurer, and approved.

Resident Larry Ketterer submitted a bill for \$280 to cover the cost of materials to rebuild one of the wooden Pine Lake resident lists on Pine Lake Road after it had collapsed earlier in summer. The work was done by Mr. Ketterer and volunteers. He was thanked by the district commission.

Chairman Kloehn reported that Flambeau Engineering is in the process of finishing the Pine Lake Management Plan. Dredging of specific sections of the lake will be included in this plan.

He also reported Flambeau Engineering will be filing a pre-application for the dredging with the Wisconsin DNR. If approved, then Flambeau Engineering will file a formal application with the DNR for the dredging. Upon receiving the formal application approval, then Flambeau will apply for a \$200,000 grant to help with dredging costs. It is believed this grant will be submitted to the DNR.

Chairman Kloehn reported the dredging will focus on the lake area from the National Park Service Campground north to Pine Creek. It is believed that the dredging spoils would amount to a volume of approximately 6.5 cubic feet deep over approximately 5.5 square acres which totals about 575,000 cubic yards.

It was also reported that at least one local farmer was willing to accept the dredge materials after they had been dewatered.

Some discussion occurred over the dredging equipment and whether it should be leased or purchased. Commissioner Jim Kurzynski reported he has been in touch with Dwayne Rickert of IMS Company in New Richmond, Wisconsin, the dredger manufacturer, who is willing to bring a dredger to the lake and demonstrate how the equipment works. No date for this demonstration was set although some commissioners said they hoped it would be in September.

Some audience members expressed interest in having their lakefronts dredged, but the commissioners said it was too soon to be able to decide this.

Chairman Kloehn also reported the Town of Hiles is holding a public hearing Sept. 13, 2017, to finalize their Comprehensive Plan and that the town supports the dredging project in the lake. If the town board votes to support the dredging in its final version of the plan, then that information will be included in the Pine Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District application to the DNR for the dredging permit.

There was a general discussion of the plans for the new dam between Pine Lake and the Wolf River, and Chairman Kloehn said that earlier talk about draining the lake is not a sure thing. Mary Pieschek reported that it was more likely that any dam and road repairs will be done through using a coffer dam.

There being no other discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Pieschek, secretary

Attachment:

- Attendance signup sheet

Attendance: Quarterly Meeting Sept 2, 2017

Leon & Mary Pieschek	Joe & Jodi Bergner
Kathy Kunk	Sue's, Steve, Orvis
Cal Green	Alynn Snodgrass
DAVE KURTZ	Andrew J. Chubb
John GADZINSKI	Jack Fehrmann
Jim Strong	
SUE WAGNER	
STAN WAGNER	
JERRY DUHN	
Bob Young	
Karen Young	
Chuck Hutter	
Mike Rice	
Terry Hunter	
John Ginder	
Dan Rasmussen	
Michelle Fehrmann	
David Spangenberg	
Bob Spangenberg	

**MINUTES: QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 26, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Kloehn at 9:00 a.m. Also present were commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Mark Ferris and Mary Pieschek. There was no representative of the Town of Hiles present. Also attending were 45 members of the public.

Minutes of the September 2, 2017, Quarterly Meeting were approved.

The financial report as of May 24, 2018 was submitted prior to the meeting by Mary Sprenger, treasurer. Report was approved. The report showed the following:

- Regular Money Market fund balance: \$140,874.87
- Tax Account: 41,295.61 (plus \$75,000 in CD)
- Checkbook: 8,430.32

Mark Ferris asked for approval to suspend the rules to hear from the audience.

OLD BUSINESS (from Fall Quarterly Meeting)

1. Lake sediment removal program (dredging plan):

- a. The project involves Flambeau Engineering, consultants; DNR; State Sen. Tom Tiffany; U.S. Forest Service.
- b. Ferris updated the group on the current situation:
 - i. Test dredge will be in front of Lake District's management property on the west side of Pine Lake. This date has not been set.
- c. Core sampling determined that the area to be dredged is clean.
- d. Sediment depth on the north side of the lake is approximately 15 feet deep
- e. DNR cancelled the district's May 14 meeting with them in Rhinelander
- f. District 12 State Sen. Tom Tiffany (legis.wisconsin.gov/senate/12/tiffany) has promised to help the Pine Lake District with getting the dredging project off the ground.
- g. The Town of Hiles Comprehensive Management Plan has added the dredging project to the plan, which is important for getting DNR action.

2. Lake Management Plan:

- a. Lake levels (water surface elevation):
- b. Some residents object to the lake level claiming it is too low
- c. The following information was provided by the Lake District:
 - i. Dam replacement is set for 2022
 - ii. Property on Pine Lake accounts for 5 percent of the total property assessment in the Town of Hiles
 - iii. Dam is owned by the Town of Hiles. Thus, the town is responsible for the dam.
- d. Lake District board members and the audience discussed a number of ideas regarding petitioning the Town of Hiles about their management of the lake level:
Ideas included:
 - i. Tell the Hiles Town Board that lake residents are frustrated by low lake levels
 - ii. The audience and District Board were critical of the absence of any town authorities at the meeting and requested that in the future a representative of the Town of Hiles be present at all meetings. (This means any member, not just the chairman.)

- iii. If the petition doesn't work, then the Lake District should hire a lawyer
 - iv. The Lake District should establish how water level should be monitored
 - v. The Lake District should set a response date regarding Town of Hiles petition.
 - vi. Some members wanted the Lake District to contact Town Attorney Steve Garbowitz.
 - vii. One resident suggested the Lake District file a Freedom of Information Act request with the State of Wisconsin to seek all information about issues relating to Pine Lake's management and water levels.
 - viii. One resident noted it's important to remember that Pine Lake is the headwaters region for the Wolf River.
- e. DECISION: Lake District board members agreed to spend \$5,000 to hire an attorney specializing in environmental issues to create a petition to the Hiles Town Board demanding more transparent dam management. Petition would be presented at the June 30 Quarterly meeting.

There being no other discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Pieschek, secretary

Attachment:

- Attendance signup sheet

Sign In Sheet

Quarterly Meeting May 26, 2018

Name	Address	Email
Leon & Mary Pieschek	2621 W. Lake Forest Ct	leonmary@pieschek.com
Shirley & Bob	Algonquin 53092	pieschek.com
John & Mary	Hiles 8985	
Betty Hogan	Hiles 54511	
John & Cyndi Ginder	Hiles 8722 Spruce Hollow Ln	ginder@remax.net
Richard Buesch	Hiles, Spruce Hollow Ln	
Thomas J Jones	8018 W Pine Lake Rd	Kanon - Kanon.ca
James Xnews	" "	yahoo.com
Jon & Beth Muller	770 E PINE LAKE RD	
Bill Sallwasser	8703 SUCKER CREEK LN.	wsallwasser@wi.rr.com
FRANCIS STIEBER	CORAGGIO RD.	
Wigil Gontz	- Hillview lane	
Randy Lang	8351 W Pine Lake Rd	
Ed & Rosanna Heinz	8115 W pine lake Rd	
Clair & Mark Jay	8192 W. Pine Lake Rd	
Steve Sweeney	10485 Stever Road.	
Jeff & Dorey Seid	W Pine Lake Rd	
GALLOT	8042 W. PINE LAKE RD.	
Dick & Melanie Frank	8477 Mitchell Plat Rd	
Mike Riese	Niel View lane	
Rene & Fran Hughes	8657 Sucker Creek ha.	
Linda & Glenn Stumpf	8657 Sucker Creek lane	
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May 26, 2018

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MINUTES: QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 7, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Kloehn at 9:00 a.m. Also present were commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Mark Ferris, Mary Pieschek and Mary Sprenger, and Karl Tauer from the Town of Hiles.

The meeting was attended by approximately 6 members of the general public.

Minutes of the May 26, 2018 Quarterly Meeting were approved as read by Chairman Kloehn.

Officers were elected for the upcoming year. These are:

- Terry Kloehn, chairman
- Mary Pieschek, secretary
- E.J. Kutchie, newly elected board member, was elected treasurer.

There being no other agenda items or discussion from the floor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The next quarterly meeting was scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 1, at 9:00 a.m. at the Hiles Town Hall

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Pieschek, secretary

**MINUTES: QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
September 1, 2018**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Kloehn at 9:00 a.m. Also present were commissioners Mark Ferris, Jim Kurzynske, Mary Pieschek, E.J. Kutchie, and Town of Hiles Chairman Karl Tauer.

The meeting was attended by approximately 30 members of the general public.

Minutes of the July 7, 2018, Quarterly Meeting were approved as read by Chairman Kloehn.

Treasurer E.J. Kutchie submitted her financial report highlighted by the following:

- Money Market Account balance: \$135,879.08
- Checkbook balance: 1,560.38
- Tax Freedom Account balance: 41,545.47

OLD BUSINESS:

- After some discussion about the usefulness of the Tax Freedom Account, Chairman Terry Kloehn said the account will be maintained.
- Al Murray, Forest County Soil and Water Department director, announced that \$19,000 was still available to homeowners for shoreline restoration projects on Pine Lake.
- Dredging information was presented by Mark Ferris.
 - No plant harvesting was done in 2018, so the \$10,000 budget for this will be applied to the dredging project.
 - Two dump trailers have been purchased for dewatering of dredge spoils as well as a pump from Laona Machine Company. These are stored in the district's shed.
 - District is still looking at purchasing dredging equipment from a private party.
 - New DNR rules are scaling back requirements for dredging. Equipment has been purchased for dredging
- Homeowner Kira Kaufman volunteered to do research to support the idea to raise the water level of Pine Lake beyond current DNR permitted depth of 91 feet above sea level.
- Hiles Town Chairman Karl Tauer reported that new dam planned for 2022 will be managed by Ayers & Associates engineering. The firm welcomes comments from any property owners and will share with the DNR any Pine Lake research proving the lake level should be raised to 91 feet.
- Residents in attendance were invited to sign the pending petition to the Town Board requesting a clearly written policy on the operation of the Pine Lake Dam.

In response to audience questions, Chairman Kloehn reported:

- The "Clean Boats" project will continue
- The rock hazard identification program's accuracy has been enhanced by the addition of a GPS system.

There being no other matters to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Pieschek, secretary

SIGN IN SHEET

Sat Sept 1, 2018

Name	Address	Email
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Don + Kathy KNAUS	8018 W. PINE LAKE	
Dan Ram	8764 Spruce Hill Ln	
TERRANCE P. Kelly	8802 CEDAR Ln.	
Tom Truett	8806 W Pine Lake Rd	
Karen Peller	8806 W Pine Lk Rd	
Ruth Jensen	88 10690 Winchester	Jane
Cindy Vogel	10700 Winchester Lane	
Mary Hule	Wiles	
Leon + Mary Paschak	10642 W Pine Lake Rd,	
Chuck Mutter	8352 W. Pine Lake	
Alan + Barbara Judd	8169 W. Pine Lake	
Kira Kaufmann	10508 Coraggio Ct.	scubaevle@ yahoo.com
Jerry Scheller	10566 Bonack Lane	shakeyfire @gmail.com
Wayne Pies	10599 BONACK LANE	
AL BLESER	8669 SUCKER CREEK	
Mary Sprenger	8400 W. Pine Lake Rd	
Jim Maryann Kroms	8709 Sucker Creek	maryann
Jim Strong	8509 Mitchell Plat	
Steve Wenzel	8048 Pine Lake Rd	
Bob + Karen Young	8387 W Pine Lk Rd	
Peter + Laurie Milinski	8022 W. Pine Lk. Rd	
Randy + Amy Lang	8381 W Pine Lake Rd	
Jerry Dutt	8846 W. Pine Lake RD	

April 23rd Pine Lake District Meeting Minutes

In attendance: Mark Farris, Jim Kurzynske, EJ Kutchie, Karl Tower

Mark Farris was voted to officiate Meeting

EJ Kutchie Approved

Jim Kurzynske Second

Meeting called to Order 10:05

Approval of May Minutes will be approved at next meeting

Treasurer report:

As of December 2018:

Business Checking \$8939.50

Money Markets: 168012.57

CD 75000.00

Jim Kurzynske approved report

Karl Tower Second

Motion Passed

Old Business:

Discussion on plant harvesting – not worth it at this time

Tiffany – explained that the harvesting plan can be changed by requesting a change from the DNR.

We will wait until next year to harvest

EJ Kutchie put forth a motion to wait until next year

Jim second Motion was passed

FCAL – need sponsor to attend meetings

Karl Tower said dredger is being considered by the county to purchase - he will keep us in the loop

Dredging:

Met with DNR cannot dredge during spawning

Mid May – to start dredging

Met with Volm to discuss bags for pumping

The bags will go into the trailer and can be customized

To get this started can do an individual permit with multiple owners, the cost is \$300 per permit. The permit is good for 5 years. The Lake district will purchase a permit for the property they own on the lake. The bags from Volm will be modified to the trailer.

A trip will be scheduled to meet with Volm or have them come on site to look at what we need. Liability insurance will have to be purchased for any contractor outside person to utilize the dredging equipment

The district will look into purchasing a pump.

A trajectory barrier will have to be placed in the water.

Will work on getting the permits set for the end of May.

Dick Rausch will apply for a permit.

Dave Houle asked about the creek flowage. Tiffany suggested that we look at maybe a stream restoration project permit from the DNR.

Dam Discussion:

Per an email from the lawyer, it was suggested that the Pine Lake district take over level liability for the dam. Karl stated that if that is the case, we may be responsible for the Dam rebuild. A compromise for the time being will take place. Signage will be placed at the dam site with information on what the DNR deems the lake level must stay at. A box will be placed underneath the sign with daily/weekly lake levels from the town.

New Business:

A secretary for the district needs to be appointed

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am

In attendance: Mark Ferris, Jim Kurzynske, EJ Kutchie, Terry Kloehn, Karl Tauer

Quarterly meeting May 25 2019

Discussed the height of the water level for the dam. A sign will be placed near the dam with what the established water level. Twice a week the town will write down what the water level is. The town has agreed not to let the water level drop below 85. The sign should be erected next week.

The Lake District has ordered more buoys. All the marked locations should be in place soon.

There is about 5 people interested in dredging. We need to get a pump and the bag issue resolved. The DNR has informed we can't dredge until the fish are done spawning that date would be July 1.

The audience thought it would be nice to have a picnic or a pot luck dinner this summer. There were no volunteers at this time. If anyone is interested in doing this please let a board member know.

The Lake District has filled the absent board position. Welcome Jerry Duhn Thank You very much for stepping up.

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MINUTES: QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 6, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Kloehn at 11:05. Also present were commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Mark Ferris and Jerry Duhn. Karl Tauer was present representing the Town of Hiles.

The meeting was attended by 1 member of the general public.

Approval of the May minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Officers were elected for the upcoming year. These are:

- Terry Kloehn, chairman
- E.J. Kutchie, Treasurer
- Jerry Duhn, Recorder

A motion was made, seconded to anonymously approve the board as it stands. Passed

Mark Farris will contact Larry Konapacki, Stafford Law Office, to learn more about the Project on the lake level change on Lake Shawano.

Jerry Duhn explained that when using the excel spread sheet formulas on the Pine Lake Treasury file there is a discrepancy of \$15,085.02. Jerry will send out an email to the group with the calculation on the spread sheet.

There being no other agenda items or discussion from the floor, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25

The next quarterly meeting will be scheduled for Saturday, August 31, at 9:00 at the Hiles Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary

land to establish water mark area. So if the level of the lake raises these “easements” may need to be evaluated and possibly changed.

The reason the DNR is so cautious is because there are properties that are ok and it will not matter if the water level is raised 6 or even 12 inches. But, there are properties that could be effected. The property owners that could be effected need to be identified and approached on the subject of a higher lake level.

When the properties have been identified there may need to be another “easement” document executed. This document would be an agreement that a higher lake level would be acceptable and that the Lake District could pursue a higher lake level with the DNR.

The topic discussed is also the potential of drain fields or holding tanks that may cause issues with a higher lake level. These property owners also need to be identified and approached to see if there are any ways to mitigate and eliminate any obstacles for a higher lake level.

For both the higher level easements and the potential drain field issues we need to “eliminate the opposition”. Ultimately we have to work through a process to find out the property owners that may need to be approached to understand the benefits of a higher lake level and to get the buy in and approval to proceed.

The Town of Hiles is in agreement and is working with the Lake District to be able to proceed with process mentioned in the above paragraph.

The request to the DNR will be to lift the level of the lake 6”-8”. This may be feasible but a request for a change of 12” or 18” is a huge stretch to accomplish.

There will always be a need to dredge or to remove sediment even if we get an agreement to raise the level of the lake. We will still need to remove sediment over the course of many years to come.

The calculation of the dam flow is it needs to maintain and pass 25% of the natural flow amount. Natural water flow if the measurement of the incoming stream such as the mill pond and sucker creek.

In summary, the Lake District needs to have all, each and every property owner, in favor of a higher lake level. If most are in favor but there are a handful of people in decent the DNR will not be in favor to proceed forward with a higher lake level proposal.

Lake District Input- Larry has been approved to coordinate the total project/ process. He will coordinate the DNR, the Town of Hiles, the Engineering firm of Ayers (Design of the Dam) and the Engineering firm of Flambeau (Lake District firm for the Dredging project/ permitting)

Larry’s very informative dialog concluded at 9:55.

Old Business:

- **Clean boats:** A presentation was given to the District members by Paul Johnson, 8804 West Pine Lake Road. A 20 year resident
 - The Clean Boat Clean Water Program started in the State of Wisconsin in 2004
 - The control of Invasive Species started in 2003.
 - The program has changed over the course of the years but always for the better. Boaters now are more aware of transporting of invasive species but they still need to be monitored.
 - The workers at the boat landing has a connection to the National Forest Service. They have built a re-pore by mowing, trimming, recently spreading some gravel and also putting the docks in the water in the spring and removing the docks in the fall.

- The workers are also in charge of the placement of the boey for rock hazards. We currently have 14 boeys in place but probably need 15.
- Paul's report was to understand the importance of the program and how the program needs to continue to be in place in the future.
- **Dredging/ Sediment Removal**
 - Some permits have been submitted to the DNR and we are currently waiting for approval.
 - We are currently in a process of learning. For example: the permit allows for 25 cubic yard of sediment may be removed over the course of 3 years. We need to learn when the sediment is wet and it de-waters what is the amount of cubic yard of material when the sediment is dry.
- **Weed Harvesting**
 - We need to coordinate with the DNR a potential new cutting pattern for weed harvesting. Tiffany will contact the DNR to investigate if we can change the GPS coordinates for the 2020 weed harvest season.

New Business:

- No New business was brought forth for the meeting

Commissioner's report:

- No comments from the commissioner

Other Business:

- No Other business was brought forth for the meeting

There being no other business the motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved
Meeting adjourned at 10:50

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
October 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Kloehn at 8:36. Also present were Commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Mark Ferris, EJ Kutchie and Jerry Duhn. Karl Tauer was not present to represent the Town of Hiles.

Notice of the meeting was published in the Forest Republican prior to the meeting.

The minutes from the September 27th general meeting were read by Jerry Duhn. EJ Kutchie motioned to approve the minutes, second by Jim Kurzynske. Approved.

EJ Kutchie presented the financial information.

Report showed the following: (Balances from 9/30/2019 Statements)

- Regular Money Market Account \$126,125.44
- Tax Freedom Account \$ 42,541.60 (plus \$75,000 in a CD)
- Money Market Checkbook \$ 29,698.94

EJ commented that some larger checks have been issued to Flambeau Engineering for Tiffany's work and to Stafford Law Office for Larry's general counsel.

Mark Farris motioned to approve the finances, seconded by Jim Kurzynske. Approved.

Increase of the Lake Level Project

We reviewed and discussed the next steps for this project that were listed from the last meeting.

Next Steps=

- Tiffany will get this data and information to Larry Konapaki. Larry will share that data with the DNR to get their initial thoughts on how we are proceeding with the project. **Mark will follow up with Tiffany and Larry to see what is the status or this action item.**
- Terry Kloehn will get a current property owner mailing list from the courthouse. **Terry will be going to the court house after our meeting to pick up the address list and the stick on labels**
- Larry will prepare a general letter to be sent to all property owners. **A rough draft of the letter has been submitted to the team, letter has been reviewed and some suggestions made. Mark will forward the suggestion to Larry for the final release.**
- Mark Farris will speak with Jeannie Fannin about the request for sanitation information on the 38 property owners. **Complete.**
- Either Tiffany or Larry will contact the Forest County Zoning Department with a formal request for sanitation information. **Mark will follow up on the status if this request has been made to the Zoning Department.**
- A formal letter will be prepared and sent as certified mail to the 38 property owners. **Mark will follow up with Larry to see if there needs to be a special letter sent to the 38 land owners, the best timing for a letter of this type and if it needs to be sent in**

any special form. (Certified mail??). Jerry Duhn mentioned that next spring a personal connection might be good gesture to engage with the land owners, discuss any concerns and answer any questions in person.

- EJ Kutchie will set up an email address for this project and this email address will be published in the letter in case anyone has questions. (email is- pinelakelevel@gmail.com Mark shared with the team that legal counsel has directed us to use BCC going forward when we send emails concerning this topic. Email trails can be used in court actions and thus the need for us to use the BCC.

Old Business:

- **Dredging/ Sediment Removal**
 - Jerry Duhn and Dick Rausch have received their dredging permits.
 - Jerry Duhn has received his sediment permit.
 - The turbidity curtains will now be ordered next spring. **Mark will follow up with Tiffany to obtain the information of the 2 different companies that sell the turbidity curtains.**
 - For now we will remain in contact with Carol Hopingarnier for the use of her dredging equipment next spring.
- **Weed Harvesting**
 - We need to coordinate with the DNR a potential new cutting pattern for weed harvesting. **Mark will follow up with Tiffany to see if she was able to contact the DNR in order to investigate if we can change the GPS coordinates for the 2020 weed harvest season.**

Other Business:

- **Meeting Frequency**
 - With all the activity with both the Lake Level Project and the Dredging Project we will continue to meet more frequently. Next meetings and the meeting dates for 2020 were discussed.
 - December 13th, 8:00 General meeting
 - January 11th, 8:00 General meeting
 - Other meetings January through May will be decided at the January meeting
 - May 23rd, Quarterly meeting
 - July 4th, Annual meeting
 - July 4th, Quarterly meeting- Assignment of offices
 - September 5th, Quarterly meeting

There being no other business the motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved
Meeting adjourned at 9:12

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary

MINUTES: GENERAL MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
April 11, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Kloehn at 8:35. Also present were Commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Mark Ferris and Jerry Duhn. EJ Kutchie and Karl Tauer was not present to represent the Town of Hiles.

Due to the COVID- 19 virus the notice of the meeting was NOT published in the Forest Republican prior to the meeting.

The minutes from the October 25th general meeting were reviewed by Jerry Duhn.

Since EJ Kutchie was not present there was not an update on the financial information.

Increase of the Lake Level Project

We reviewed and discussed the next steps for this project that were listed from the last meeting.

Next Steps=

- Mark has recently been in contact with Tiffany. Tiffany will begin working on the project again and will have the next steps defined and a plan established in the next 30 days. **Mark will follow up with Tiffany prior to the next meeting.**
 - Larry will prepare a general letter to be sent to all property owners. **Completed. Was mailed out last fall.**
 - EJ Kutchie set up an email address for this project and this email address was published in the letter. (email is-pinelakelevel@gmail.com) There was one comments that came into the email which was in favor of raising the lake level.
 - A formal letter will be prepared and sent as certified mail to the 38 property owners. **Mark will follow up with Larry to see if there needs to be a special letter sent to the 38 land owners, the best timing for a letter of this type and if it needs to be sent in any special form. (Certified mail??).**
 - The lake level is currently at 1.3 on the gauge. Should we request Karl to close the gate when the level gets to the 1.0 mark?? It would be helpful if we were able to raise the lake level to see if anyone of the 38 property owners would have a complaint if the lake were to get to a 1.5 mark or 6" above the current maximum amount. **Mark Ferris will contact Larry to see if a letter can be sent to the DNR to request an exemption for a time period to allow the lake level to exceed the current maximum level.**
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- **Dredging/ Sediment Removal**
 - Jerry Duhn and Dick Rausch have received their dredging permits.

- The turbidity curtains will be ordered in the next few months. **Mark will follow up with Tiffany to obtain the information of the 2 different companies that sell the turbidity curtains.**
 - **Mark will be in contact with Carol Hopingarner for the use of her dredging equipment.**
 - We cannot do any sediment removal until the spring fish spawn has passed.
 - If anyone else would like to be a part of the sediment removal project we will have them contact Tiffany for her assistance.
- **Pontoon Boat/ Motor**
 - Last fall the motor on the pontoon was taken to Sportsman to see if it could be fixed. It is beyond repair. Sportsman's quoted a used motor for \$2,000. Mark Ferris said he was going to sell his pontoon this spring and would offer it to the District for \$1,600. Paul Johnson did look Mark's pontoon and determined that the buoy lift could be mounted onto Mark's pontoon. **Jim Kurzynske made a motion to purchase Mark's pontoon, change out the buoy lift and then put the current pontoon up for sale. Jerry Duhn 2nd the motion. Motioned past 3- 0 with Mark Ferris recused himself from the vote.**
- **Clean Boats/ Clean Water**
 - Due to the COVID – 19 virus there is a closure of the county camp grounds and boat landings. We will instruct Dave Hough and Paul Johnson to move forward and obtain the needed insurance to assist in helping to put the buoys on the lake and we will reimburse them for the cost of the insurance. **Terry will follow up with Dave this morning when he sees him at the transfer station**

Old Business:

Other Business:

- **Meeting Frequency**
 - We will keep the following meetings in place but will need to monitor the meeting gathering size of 10 or less and the need of social distancing due to the COVID – 19 virus. Next meetings and the meeting dates for 2020 are:
 - May 23rd, Quarterly meeting
 - July 4th, Annual meeting
 - July 4th, Quarterly meeting- Assignment of offices
 - September 5th, Quarterly meeting

There being no other business the motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved
Meeting adjourned at 9:12

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary

MINUTES: QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 23, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Kloehn at 9:00. Also present were Commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Mark Ferris, EJ Kutchie and Jerry Duhn. Karl Tauer was present representing the Town of Hiles.

Notice of the meeting was placed on the district web site, published in the Forest Republican and the Pine Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Newsletter prior to the meeting.

The minutes from the General Meeting held on April 11th were read by Jerry Duhn. Mark Farris motioned to approve the minutes, second by Jim Kurzynske. Approved.

EJ Kutchie presented the financial information-

Report showed the following: (Balances from 4/30/2020 Statement)

- Business Checking \$ 41,580.28
- Regular Money Market Account \$126,251.62
- Tax Freedom Account \$ 43,239.61 (plus \$75,000 in a CD)

Jim Kurzynske motioned to approve the finances, seconded by Mark Farris. Approved.

EJ stated that we need to find a new CPA Firm to audit the accounting books. Mark suggested Andy Davis in Rhinelander. **EJ will contact Andy to see if he is available** and can do the audit prior to the Annual Meeting in July.

OLD BUSINESS:

Increase of the Lake Level Project

We reviewed and discussed the next steps for this project that were listed from the last meeting.

Next Steps=

- The level of the lake is at .85- .90. Currently below the max of 1.0. Karl reported that the side beams are in and the center beam is lowered. The high level mark this summer was at 1.5. It was suggested that we contact Larry Konapacki– Legal Counsel from Stafford Law to see if we could get an exemption from the DNR to raise the lake level to see if there would be any issues with the 38 residents on the lake if the lake were to get to a 1.5 mark or 6” above the current maximum amount. **Mark Ferris will contact Larry concerning the idea about a letter.**
- Tiffany Kleczewski, a Profession Engineer with the Flambeau Engineering Consulting Group is working on the flood plain model. If the model is complete by the annual meeting Tiffany could possible present the model at the meeting. **Mark will follow up with Tiffany.**
- A formal letter will be prepared and sent as certified mail to the 38 property owners. **Mark will follow up with Larry.**

- Mark stated that Ben Myer, a journalist, would like to do a story about Pine Lake and our efforts to remove sediment and to make the lake cleaner. The group discussion thought this would be a good idea and **Mark will continue to pursue this discussion with Larry.**
- Mark proposed an idea to have a summer student go door to door and ask residents 3 or 4 questions concerning the lake level. EJ made a motion to do a in person survey of the residents listed in the Pine Lake District. The person hired to do the survey would receive \$20 per survey. Seconded Mark seconded. Motion approved. **Mark will contact Larry on this idea.** Gather Larry's input on any legal ramifications and if this is a good idea have Larry make suggestions on the type of questions.
- Karl Tauer reported that the dam replacement will not occur this year. Ayers Engineering- the firm that is designing the dam, did not get the application in for a grant last fall. The next opportunity for a grant will be in June and Karl is working with Ayers to have the application ready by next month. The DNR continues to ask for more information and thus the process continues to drag on and to elongate the schedule.
- With the mentioning of the DNR it was suggested that when **Mark speaks with Larry- should we set up a meeting with the DNR** to work through the formal steps of the lake level increase.

Dredging/ Sediment Removal

- Jerry Duhn and Dick Rausch have received their dredging permits.
- The turbidity curtains will be ordered shortly. **Mark will follow up with Tiffany to obtain the information of the 2 different companies that sell the turbidity curtains.**
- **Mark will be in contact with Carol Hopingarnier for the use of her dredging equipment.**
- We cannot do any sediment removal until the spring fish spawn has passed.
- The potential timing would be some time after the 4th of July

Pontoon Boat/ Motor

- The district purchased a newer pontoon and motor to be able to install buoys on the lake. The buoy lift was put on the newer pontoon and the buoys will be placed in the next few weeks. Mark delivered the old pontoon to Adam' Marine and instructed Adam to see what he could get for the pontoon.

Clean Boats/ Clean Water

- Due to the COVID – 19 virus there will probably not be any inspection at the boat landing until some time in June or when some approval is given.
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New Business:

- No New business was brought forth for the meeting

Commissioner's report:

- No comments from the commissioner

Other Business:

- **Meeting Frequency**
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Next meetings and the meeting dates for 2020 are:
 - July 4th, Annual meeting
 - July 4th, Quarterly meeting- Assignment of offices
 - September 5th, Quarterly meeting

There being no other business the motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved
Meeting adjourned at 10:05

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary

MINUTES: QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Terry Kloehn at 9:50. Also present were commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Mark Ferris, EJ Kutchie and Jerry Duhn. Karl Tauer was present representing the Town of Hiles.

The meeting was attended by one member from the District.

The May minutes were read. Two corrections will be made to the minutes and with those two corrections the minutes were approved.

Officers were elected for the upcoming year were discussed.

Terry stated that he still wants to be involved but would like to step down as the Chairman. After some discussion Mark Farris agreed to take on the chairman role.

Officers are:

- Mark Farris, Chairman
- E.J. Kutchie, Treasurer
- Jerry Duhn, Secretary

A motion was made, seconded to anonymously approve the board as it stands. Passed

Dave Houle has suggested we obtain permanent markers for the 2 small rock islands. This would be for safety for snowmobiling in the winter time. Terry Kloehn will contact the DNR to find out if there is any documentation or certain signage needed for approval.

There being no other agenda items or discussion from the floor, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10

The next quarterly meeting will be scheduled for Saturday, September 5, at 9:00 at the Hiles Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary

**MINUTES: QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
September 5, 2020**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Farris at 8:30. Also present were Commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Terry Kloehn, EJ Kutchie and Jerry Duhn. Karl Tauer was present representing the Town of Hiles. Twenty four district members were also in attendance.

Notice of the meeting was placed on the district web site, published in the Forest Republican prior to the meeting.

The financial report as of the end of August was submitted by EJ Kutchie. Report was as follows:

- Regular Money Market Account \$126,260.11
- Tax Freedom Account \$ 43,465.32 (plus \$75,000 in a CD)
- Money Market Checkbook \$ 5,518.07
- Total \$250,243.60

Major purchases since the meeting in July included- the lake survey, dredging pump, and turbidity curtains.

Terry Kloehn motioned to approve the finances, seconded by Jim Kurzynske. Approved.

Increase of the Lake Level Project

Mark Farris reported that we have over 200 surveys which has resulted in 200+ signatures on the petition to raise the lake level for the dam design. Of the 200 surveys, a total of 5 property owner around the lake have concerns to raise the lake level. The board will be reaching out to those individuals to obtain understanding and discuss any concerns

Karl Tauer said that Ayers Engineering is currently designing the dam and the road. The dam (DNR) and road (DOT) now need to be separate structures where as years ago they were one structure (such as the current dam/ road design) The dam project is being discussed and scheduled for 2022.

Jerry Duhn shared a story board with an explanation of the lake levels. The first part of the board showed where the levels have been throughout 2020 and where the level were in the summer/ fall of 2019. The second part of the demonstration concerned what does it mean when we ask for an increase or 6" or 12" for the design of the new dam.

A member asked the question concerning the water level and how does water level effect ice shoves in the winter / spring? The concern is we do not want another ice shove similar to the winter of 2018- 2019. Mark Farris replied that we are working with Tiffaney at Flambeau Engineering and she is putting together data supporting that the higher the water the less ice shoves and the less shore line damage and erosion.

The district will continue to work hand in hand with the Town of Hiles, Ayers Engineering, Flambeau Engineering and Larry Konapacki – Legal Counsel from Stafford Law.

Dredging/ Sediment Removal Project

The district purchased a dredging pump and turbidity curtains in early August. The equipment has arrived. Some testing was done on August 29th at the property of Dick Rausch. The process involves

pumping the sediment into a trailer, letting the sediment remain in the trailer and the water to flow back into the lake. The sediment is then hauled to a farm location.

Someone suggested to contact Mike Brown, with the forestry division out of Laona to inquire if the forest division would like to pursue removing the sediment the is in front of the Federal Camp Ground property. We will continue to experiment this fall with additional dredging of people who have permits ready to be used.

Old Business:

- **Clean boats:** Jim spoke to the costs of the program. The district currently spends \$4,000 and we receive \$4,000 by way of a grant through the DNR. The total cost is \$8,000. We will apply for the grant for the year of 2021. The grant paperwork is due by November 1, 2020. We will discuss next spring how we will manage the program in 2021 contingent on our grant being accepted through the DNR.
- **Weed Harvesting:** In the past few years we have not done any weed harvesting on the lake. The last year that we did weed harvesting on the lake was 2018. In 2018 there was a minimal amount of weeds harvested. The reason for the minimal weed harvesting amount is due to the GPS points that have been outlined by the DNR. The weed harvest contractor can NOT go outside of the GPS fence. The DNR does weed harvesting under the premise of the need for fish channels to swim. The District Board will contact the DNR to investigate if we can change the GPS coordinates for the 2021 weed harvest season.

New Business:

- Jerry Duhn made a motion to have all meeting in the future to start at 8:30 on the meeting date. Jim Kurzynske seconded the motion. The reason to move from 9:00 to 8:30 is due to most people are already up and on the move. To get the meeting started earlier gives us all more time to enjoy the rest of the day. Motion pass unanimously.

Commissioner's report:

- Mark Farris shared with the members that a new cell tower will be installed on the property of the Waste Transfer site. The tower will be operated by Northwoods Communication and will give us better cell phone reception and blue-tooth technology for better wi-fi / satellite coverage in our homes and cabins.

Other Business:

- No Other business was brought forth for the meeting

There being no other business the motion was made to adjourn by Jim Kurzynske, seconded by EJ Kutchie and approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:30

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary