

MINUTES: Special Meeting
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
April 29, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Ferris at 8:04am. Present at the Hiles Town Hall was Mark, commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Terry Kloehn, EJ Kutchie and Jerry Duhn. Karl Tauer was also present representing the Town of Hiles. On a zoom meeting call was Larry Konopacki, from the office of Stafford Law and Tiffany Kleczewski from Flambeau Engineering.

The meeting was posted 24 hours in advance of the actual meeting time.

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

We passed on the minutes of the past meeting and will be read at the next meeting.

EJ presented the current financial balances-

Account Balances as of 3/31/2021

Business Checking \$19,653.04

Money Market \$126,247.75

Money Market \$36133.05

CD \$75,000.00

Total \$255,061.44

EJ reported that she has received one quote for Dam Liability. The price of the quotation is \$4,100 per year. Motioned by Terry and seconded by Jim to approve the finances. Passed

Discuss the Alternative Dam Proposals from Ayers Engineering.

Mark started the discussion. The Town of Hiles did receive the alternative dam proposal from Ayers.

There are 4 proposals.

Rubber Dam.

20" Crest Gate Hydraulic

20' Crest Gate Manual

12' 2- Stainless Steel Sliding Gates

Discussion was held on the pros and cons of each proposed design.

One District member recommended to look seriously at the automated hydraulic design because going forward the dam could adjust itself depending on water level and weather conditions.

Tiffany confirmed that a hydraulic dam can become automated but there needs to be back up electrical. No automation is possible with the hand crank adjustable crest dam option.

We will continue to look at the options and will defer to Larry and Tiffany for their input and expertise as we move forward on the option discussions.

A comment was made that whether you have a manual or a hydraulic type of adjustment there will still be the same amount of opinions, comment and complains on the lake level. There is a lot of opportunities to continue to understand the hydrology of the lake level in the future.

Lake Water Level-

With the Hydrology comments the discussion shifted to the email from the DNR concerning raising the lake level. Larry commented that he has met with the DNR and there will be a meeting to review all the comments from the DNR.

Mark asked about the comments that Pine Lake is a rice lake. Tiffany confirmed that when she did the plant/ sediment study a few years ago there was a few rice plants in the Northeast corner of the lake thus the designation of being a rice lake.

The comments concerning the wetland fill permits that have been issued needs to be investigated and followed up on with the land owners. Tiffany believes there are 2 or 3 permits. Tiffany will get the addresses to us so we can investigate the situations.

Mark asked the audience for feedback on the newsletter that was mailed on Monday. Good feedback with positive comments were given. One member said that it answered a lot of questions that she had.

Dam Transfer from Town of Hiles to the Lake District

Larry confirmed that he has discussed this with the DNR.

We need to get maintenance costs by the July annual membership meeting. Tiffany suggested that Ayers should be able to help us with maintenance costs. Jerry will reach out to Ryan at Ayers to get the costs. Karl agrees that that would be the right approach.

Jim asked if we should eliminate some of the options. Tiffany suggested that we eliminate the rubber bladder and the sliding stainless steel gate options. Since this is the Town of Hiles project- the Lake District would like to recommend to the Town to continue to pursue options 2 and 3. The adjustable gates options of either manual adjustment or hydraulic adjustment.

Dredging-

Mark commented that although we are busy with the dam project and the ownership of the dam, we need to continue to keep the major lake dredging project in sight. This would be for the north end of the lake and going up into the creek. With a major project cost that could be in the range of a million dollars we will need to discuss costs and assessments.

Larry commented that any funding mechanism takes time and needs to be well ahead of the time it would be included on any tax bills.

Bob asked Tiffany if there are any phosphorous credits that are still out there as there were years ago. Phosphorous credits would be issued to the Lake District and the Lake District could sell the credits to down stream users such as papermills. Tiffany will investigate if phosphorous credits are still available.

In July we will commence with the shoreline dredging. We will communicate dates / times so if people want to see the operation they can come by for a demonstration.

Website Update-

Jerry and Jim Gehl have been in communication on the current website. The current website is very old and is done with web coding. Jerry suggested that we investigate a more user friendly web site or

convert our website with a program such as wordpress. EJ commented that there is a user-friendly site called WIX. EJ will sit with Jerry to demonstrate. Jim will continue to post minutes and meeting notices to the old web site until the Lake District can define a new web site direction.

Zoom Meetings-

The Lake District is currently using the Town of Hiles zoom account for our meetings. EJ motioned to pursue a dedicated zoom account for the Lake District and to purchase a speaker to be used for the meetings. Seconded by Terry. Passed.

Replacement of decking on dock-

Dave Houle suggested we need to replace the wood boards on the Lake District dock at the boat landing. Dave and Paul had gotten a quote for a synthetic material of \$2,100. EJ motioned that we approve the spending of \$2,100 for the synthetic material. Terry seconded. Pass. Paul was at the meeting and was directed by Mark to proceed with the project.

Next meeting will be May 13, 2021.

Adjourn

Being no further comments. Meeting adjourned at 9:23am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary