

MINUTES: Special Meeting
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 13, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Ferris at 8:01am. Present at the Hiles Town Hall was Mark, commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Terry Kloehn, EJ Kutchie and Jerry Duhn. Karl Tauer was not able to attend the meeting due to another obligation. 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

Jerry read the minutes from the previous meeting held on April 29th. Motion to approve the minutes by Terry. Second by Jim Passed

EJ stated the balances did not change from the previous meeting. Balances from the April 29th meeting are presented-

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

May 11th, DNR Meeting.

Larry and Tiffany met with the DNR on May 11th to cover various topics with the DNR. Larry covered the topics-

OHWM. The DNR is very positive to work with the district to move forward with establishing the correct high water level in Pine Lake. The DNR acknowledge that the datum of 91.0 as a high water level was an arbitrary level set by what the lake owners were asking for at the time of order by the Public Service Commission in 1959.

The DNR went to the dam on April 30th to determine the OHWM by stains on the dam and on rocks close to the dam. The data was discussed with the DNR and additional studies need to be completed.

Transfer of Dam Ownership. Forest, a person in the DNR will put together a total list of what needs to be completed for the dam ownership transfer from the Town of Hiles to the Pine Lake District. The Town will need to submit the request since they are the current owners of the dam. The DNR is aware of our annual meeting coming up on July 3, 2021.

Resource Manager Comments. The DNR Resource managers made comments from their perspective on an increase on the current maximum level of 91.0 to the actual high water mark. Of all the comments made the only one that remained a concern is that Pine Lake is listed as a Wild Rice body of water. The DNR claims that there is a wild rice bed on the south west corner of the lake. This rice bed may have been established around 2010 when the lake level was very low. None of the district

commissioners or the 2 of the residents attending the meeting were aware of any rice beds. Tiffany will investigate in the next few weeks.

Next Steps-

Larry would like us to look at minutes or Town data on the lake levels in 2010. From that information we will determine what we want to say concerning Pine Lake being a Wild Rice body of water. Tiffany will come to Pine Lake and do a report prior to when the DNR Wild Rice Committee meets in the next few weeks.

Dam Design-

Jerry contacted Ayers Engineering and they are preparing a document on the maintenance costs for the different dam designs.

Website Update-

Jerry and EJ met and discussed the WIX web site to build your own website. Jerry also did a questionnaire that would point a person or organization to what website would be best for their needs. The questionnaire pointed to the website of WIX. EJ and Jerry will work at starting to develop a more user-friendly site for the district.

Replacement of decking on dock-

Dave Houle was at the meeting and has the material to replace the decking on the boat launch dock. He will get the decking replaced in the next few days.

Next meeting will be May 29, 2021 at 8:00.

Adjourn

Being no further comments. Meeting adjourned at 8:48am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary