

MINUTES: Special Meeting
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 3, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Ferris at 8:06am. Present at the Hiles Town Hall was Mark, commissioners Terry Kloehn, EJ Kutchie, Jim Kurzynske and Jerry Duhn. Karl Tauer was present representing the Town of Hiles. Also attending the meeting was Larry Konopacki, Lake District Legal Counsel from the office of Stafford Law and Tiffiney Kleczewski, Lake District Engineering Counsel from Flambeau Engineering.

60 Lake District members signed in for the meeting and 6 members were on the zoom meeting.

The meeting was posted 24 hours in advance of the actual meeting time. The agenda for the meeting was placed in the Forest Republican and signs were posted at West and East Pine Lake Road. The agenda was reviewed. Motioned by Terry to proceed with the agenda, seconded by EJ. Passed

Jerry read the minutes from the quarterly meeting held on June 24th. The minutes reviewed that an annual meeting letter with the proposed 2022 budget was not mailed out in time, thus the board was out of order and the meeting will now be a special meeting of the Pine Lake District. The annual meeting will occur on September 4th. One correction was made to the date of the next meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by EJ. Second by Jim Passed

Balances from the end of the month statement May 31st were presented-

Account Balances as of 6/30/2021

Business Checking \$17,480

Money Market \$126,281

Money Market \$34,159

CD \$75,000

Total \$253,120

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

Jerry presented a power point presentation of various topics.

The first part was the feedback that he received from 4 out of 11 Lake Districts who own and operate dams in the state of Wisconsin. The feedback concerned-

The type of dam structure

Frequency of Adjustment

Who is in charge of the operation of the dam

The annual budget for the dam operations

Pros and Cons of ownership

Ownership- Always the Lake District or a transfer from a different entity.

The main take away from the feedback was the annual cost to operate the dam. The budget for the operations is between \$6,000 and \$9,500 with the need for some additional insurance.

The next topic of the presentation was the adjustable dam designs which Ayers Engineering provided on April 23rd. The dam designs proposed were

Rubber Bladder

Mechanical Adjustable Crest Gate

Hydraulic Adjustable Crest Gate
Horizontal Stainless Steel Sliding Gates

From a meeting held with the Town of Hiles and the Lake District on April 29th to review the proposals, the Lake District recommended to the Town to pursue the Mechanical or Hydraulic Adjustable Crest Gated designs.

Lastly, Jerry presented how to fund the construction of the dam. An example was illustrated on a \$400,000 dam with funding coming from grants, a share of the cost of the dam with the Town of Hiles and then borrowing money from the Wisconsin Public Lands Commission for a 10 or 20 year note. The tax impact for the Lake District members based on a property value of \$100,000 and an increase of a \$5,000 to the tax role the tax increase would be \$14.21.

Larry reviewed the steps that need to occur to transfer the dam from the Town of Hiles to the Lake District. Larry then took questions and comments from the floor from 6 district members. Questions were concerning, liability, Manual vs Hydraulic design and the ability to automate the dam adjustment.

The 2 resolutions were then discussed and voted upon.

Resolution #2021 Resolution #1-

Authorizing Resolution Directing the Pine Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District to Seek the Transfer of Ownership for the Pine Lake Dam from the Town of Hiles.

A vote was taken by show of hands and counted. **72 in favor, 0 against**

Resolution #2021 Resolution #2-

Authorizing Resolution Directing the Pine Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District to Design and Apply for Approval of an Adjustable- Gate Dam and an increase in the Approved Allowable Water Level for Pine Lake.

A vote was taken by show of hands and counted. **68 in favor, 0 against**

Any other business:

Bob Binter had a few topics he wanted to discuss including expenditures of the Lake District, dredging account and the potential to form a crew to run the dredging equipment. Bob will send the Board and email with the topics so they can be discussed at a different meeting.

Auditing of the books- EJ is having a difficult time finding an accounting firm to audit the financial books. By Wisconsin Statute 33 this is to be completed annually and presented at the annual meeting. An option per the by-laws, a committee can be appointed by the Chairperson to audit the books. Mark asked for any volunteers who could work with EJ and review the financial statements for accuracy / an audit. Persons who volunteered included: Bob Binter, Jeff Seidl, and Susan Makela. EJ will contact these people for a meeting to get the accounts audited.

The next meeting will be sometime between now and the annual meeting to be held on September 4th. Mark thanked Larry and Tiffiney for their help at moving all of the activities along with the DNR, Town of Hiles and the Lake District. He also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Adjourn

Being no further comments. Meeting adjourned at 9:37.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary