

**MINUTES: Special Meeting**  
**PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**  
**April 26, 2023**  
**Minutes approved at the May 27, 2023 Quarterly meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Ferris at 9:00. Present at the Trailhead Pub was Mark, commissioners Terry Kloehn, EJ Kutchie, Jim Kurzynske and Jerry Duhn. Brian Bukovic was not able to attend to represent the Town of Hiles.

3 Lake District members attended the meeting.

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 Quarterly meeting held on September 3, 2022. Motion to approve the minutes by Jim. Second by Terry. Passed

Balances as of 4/25/2023 were presented:

Business Checking \$39,590

Money Market \$226,245

Total \$265,835

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

Mark wanted to continue a discussion on finances. We currently have our accounts with Associated Bank. If we were to move to the accounts to Laona State bank, we would be considered a new account and would be able to open new CD's and Money Market interest rates in the 3- 4% range vs a less than 1 percent rate at Associated Bank. We would ladder the CD's so money would be available if we needed to move money from a CD to the checking account. Mark will set up a meeting with Laona and possible CoVantage Credit Union to discuss options with EJ present. Terry made a motion that once the meetings take place a decision is made by Mark and EJ as the best choice to take action and move the money over to new bank. Seconded by Jim. Passed

EJ recommended that we put an auto pay on your Northwoods Insurance account, so the Insurance does not lapse. Everyone agreed to this action.

**Update and Discussion of Business**

**Pine Lake Dam:** Jerry has been working with Tiffiney and Larry on dam activities. Areas that we need to discuss and get current status include: OHWM project with the DNR, Railroad Easement with Watco, Dam Grant status, Timeline for the dam design completion for bid readiness, Larger project for Lake Dredging. Jerry will set up a meeting with Tiffiney, Larry, Adam and Mark to get these topics discussed. We will be ready on all status reports by the Memorial Day Quarterly meeting.

**Monitoring and Recording of water level at the Dam:** At the Hiles Town meeting on April 18<sup>th</sup>, Jerry asked the Town to start taking the levels at the dam. (Note: Started the next day on April 19<sup>th</sup>) The readings from early April did not get recorded on the sheet at the dam. Jerry has the data as April 8<sup>th</sup>

91.1, April 12<sup>th</sup> 91.5 and April 18<sup>th</sup> as 92.4. A short discussion was held at the town meeting that possible the Lake District could assist the town with taking the weekly reading and recording them at the dam. At the District meeting we discussed this as a possibility and felt that it was a good idea if the Town would approve of the action. Jerry made a motion to: Upon approve of the Town of Hiles- Have the Lake District board assume responsibility to take the weekly reading of the water level and to record it on the sheet posted at the dam.

Terry seconded the motion. Passed for presentation to the Town of Hiles Board

**Pine Creek Culvert Project:** Mark commented that Ken Kluss has been in discussion with the State of Wisconsin on the poor culvert/ road project. Jerry did reach out to Larry to see if there is anything that the Lake District needs to be involved with the project. Larry feels that this is a State DOT project and the District should not need to get involved. Jerry told Larry we will monitor the spring thaw.

**Plant Harvesting:** Mark will contact Ed Walder to have him work with the DNR for different coordinates and to possibly do weed harvesting this year.

**Larger Lake Dredging Project:** Jeff Seidel was present and spoke to the board about his investigating to steps to take for a larger dredging project. The initial work is about 90% from a few years ago. The project stopped due to funding and the cost to do the dredging. There was a plan on how to dewater the muck and how to dispose of the muck. An amount of \$3- 4 million was estimated for the project or possibly up to \$5 million depending on an expanded scope. Jeff feels the next steps would be to get a conditional approval from the DNR and then move into discussions with tribal input and then investigate funding opportunities.

**Quarterly Meetings for 2023:**

May 27<sup>th</sup>- Memorial Day Weekend

July 1<sup>st</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend- Greg confirmed that is would be the date for the boat parade

September 2<sup>nd</sup>- Labor Day Weekend.

**Adjourn**

Being no further comments. Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second by Terry. Meeting adjourned at 10:23.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jerry Duhn, Secretary