

MINUTES: Special Meeting
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
November 3, 2023

Minutes approved 11/6/2023. Motion by Terry to approve the minutes, second by Mark.
Passed

Minutes will be read at the next meeting, Quarterly Meeting May 25, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Ferris at 8:30am. Present at the Trailhead Pub was Mark, commissioners Terry Klohn, EJ Kutchie, Jim Kurzynske and Jerry Duhn. Brian Bukovic was not in attendance.

10 Lake District members registered on the sign in sheets. Plus 5 commissioners.

The meeting was posted 24 hours in advance of the actual meeting time. The agenda was reviewed. Motion by EJ to proceed with the agenda, seconded by Jim. Passed

Jerry read the minutes from the October 3rd Quarterly meeting. Motion to approve the minutes by Jim, seconded by Terry. Passed.

Balances from the end of the month of October statement were presented-
Account Balances as of October 31, 2023

Laona-	\$14,971	Checking account earning 2% interest.
	\$160,497	6-month CD, 5.5% interest. Interest of \$1,465 in Sept and Oct
	\$50,418	14-month CD, 5% interest. Interest of \$419 in Sept and Oct
Associated-	\$4,769	
TOTAL_	\$230,655	

Motioned by Jerry to approve the finances, seconded by Terry. Passed

Dam/ Bridge Review Discussion. Nothing has really changed in the past month. Adam said that we are fine on the grant, and we are just waiting for the DNR approval of the dam design. There will be an open Public Town Hall meeting on November 14th at 5:00pm, at the Hiles Town Hall. Adam from Ayers Associates will come to Hiles to answer any questions about the dam design. Mark informed the attendees that we have gotten notice from the DNR that netting will need to be put up next spring due to the observation of migrating birds nesting under the dam. A Lake District member asked if the gauge for the water level could be expressed in imperial inches versus 10th's of an inch. This can be discussed at the meeting on November 15th.

Petition to DNR for water level increase. Jerry and Larry Konopacki have been in communication with Brandon Bryan at the GLIFWI. (Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission). Brandon states that Pine Lake did have wild rice seen in 2010 when the lake level was quite low. The sparse bed of rice was just north of Wild Cat Creek. Mark told the group that after the Town of Hiles petitions the DNR there will be public hearing for people to voice their thoughts or concern regarding the higher water level of 3½" to 4". Jerry is still looking for the 2010 lake level data.

Grant Project resolution and approval. Jerry is working with Tiffiney to submit a DNR grant for an upcoming lake study. The lake study was complete in 2018 and needs to be updated every 5 years. Tiffiney and Jerry met with Scott Van Egan, DNR, Water Resources Management Specialist. Scott gave Tiffiney and Jerry some suggestions on filing for the grant and also that the Lake District Board needed a Grant Resolution or a motion to document and send in with the Grant application. Jerry stated the tasks of the Grant needs an Authorized District Representative which include; Sign and Submit Application, Enter into an Agreement with the DNR, Submit required reports to the DNR, Submit reimbursement requests to the DNR and Sign and submit other Documentation as necessary. Jerry agreed to be the District Representative and continue to work with Tiffiney to submit the final Grant papers by November 15, 2023. Terry made a motion to have the Pine Lake District Commissioners to approve Jerry Duhn as the Authorized Representative for the District. Jerry will continue to work on Grant submittal to the DNR, and with Tiffiney Kieczewski, Flambeau Engineering, for the proper Grant Paperwork to submit. Jim seconded the motion. Motion Passed 5 yes 0 no.

Mark suggested that we switch the agenda and discuss Walleye Stocking before Board position discussion. EJ made a motion to change the agenda to switch the Item 10 Walleye Stocking with Item 9 Board position discussion. Jim second the motion. Pass.

Walleye Stocking. Mark has been in communication with Greg Matzke, DNR Fishery Specialist about Walleye Stocking in Pine Lake. Greg said that the Pine Lake is stocked on odd number years but did NOT get stocked in 2023 due to a low availability of the walleye species that are stocked in the lake. Jim suggested that we reach out to Greg to see if we can get Walleyes stocked in 2024.

Board Position Discussion. Mark explained that with the sell of his home on the south end of West Pine Lake Road he is no longer eligible to serve as an elected commissioner of the Lake District Board. The Little Pine Motel is NOT within the District Boundaries. Jerry has spoken with Larry, Lake District attorney about the situation. Larry's suggestion is to have the Mark represent the Town of Hiles on the Lake District Board. This matter will be discussion at the Town of Hiles monthly meeting on November 15th. A District member asked if he can still be the Chairperson. Larry and Jerry did have that discussion and Larry said yes either the Town of Hiles or the Forest County Representative can sit on the board and take a leadership position. Another District member asked if the positions for the Town of Hiles and The Forest County Representative are voting positions since the members would not reside within the boundaries of the District? Jerry did not know the answer to the question and will contact Larry for clarification. Mark invited anyone who would like to be appointed for the remainder of his term (Until the Annual meeting in 2026) to come forward after the meeting to discuss.

Any other items for discussion.

Having the meetings on the weekend. A lake district member suggested we have the meetings on Saturdays so more people are up to their cabins and can attend the meetings. Mark explained that the Annual and Quarterly meetings are usually on Saturdays, but the special meetings sometimes need to be scheduled during the week due to board members availability.

FCAL (Forest County Area of Lakes Association)- Jerry shared that Bruce Elliot and Jerry attended the FCAL Annual meeting on October 21st. FCAL asked for a representative from our lake district to set on the FCAL Board. Bob Binter and Bruce Elliott expressed interest.

Residence signs. Jerry went to Bill Bochte and retrieved the signs. The signs are in the small garage on the Lake District property.

Steve Kircher, Forest County Conservationist Steve sent an email to the Pine Lake District Gmail asking for a contact so he can post his weekly newsletter on Pine Lake District Website. That would be a new posting every week. Jerry will speak with Steve and layout a few options.

Lake Aeration to mitigate winter fish kills. This topic was brought up at a recent Quarterly meeting. Jerry called and spoke with Greg Matzke, DNR. Greg said that the ability to aerated Pine Lake is cost prohibited due to the size and the number of aeration units you would have to install on the lake. Each set up would cost in the \$10's of thousands of dollars and the number of units could be as high at 15. The real cost would kick in on the electric expense to run all the units and that monthly invoice would be over \$100,000 per month.

Discussion on 2024 projects, planning and objectives.

Dam and Bridge replacement Project.

OHWM Project with the DNR

Weed Harvesting

Investigate Weed Eradication by Aquacade Products

Investigate Major Dredging Project.

Fish Stocking Program- Mole Lake Hatchery

Boat launch hole at the end of concrete slab due to power loading of boats.

Clean up of Sucker Creek.

Participate in FCAL (Forest County Area of Lakes)

Investigate need for Winter Aeration. **Closed**

Investigate Water Level / Flow gauges for more lake data.

Meeting Dates for 2024.

All meetings will start at 8:00am

Quarterly- Saturday, May 25 Memorial Day weekend

Annual- Saturday, July 6 Fourth of July weekend

Quarterly- Saturday, July 6 After the Annual Meeting

Quarterly- Saturday, August 31 Labor Day weekend

The board will meet as needed to discuss lake business.

Adjourn

Being no further comments, Jim made a motion to adjourn the meeting, EJ second. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:25. Next scheduled meeting will be the Quarterly meeting on May 25, 2024 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary