

**MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING**  
**PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

**July 6, 2024**

**These Minutes have NOT been read and approved**

EJ Kutchie and Jeff Seidl greeted all meeting attends at the sign in table. EJ and Jeff reviewed tax addresses for voter eligibility and handed out ballots to the visitors that were eligible to vote.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Ferris at 8:12. Also present were commissioners Terry Kloehn, Jim Kurzynske, EJ Kutchie, Jeff Seidl and Jerry Duhn.

Notice of the meeting was placed on the district web site, published in the Forest Republican for 2 weeks and the Pine Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Newsletter prior to the meeting. Four signs were posted. Prominent positioning was at West and East Pine Lake Road. 75 members signed in on the sign in sheets. 56 ballots were issued.

Mark explained the protocol for the annual meeting. The meeting will run as efficiently as possible with everyone getting their turn for comments. Only one conversation at a time so please refrain from any side bar conversations. In the annual meeting motions and seconds will need to come from the floor.

The agenda was reviewed. Motion by Becky Delsman to approve the agenda and second by Jon Grunwald to proceed with the agenda. Passed

Minutes were read from the annual meeting held July 1, 2023. A motion was made by Bruce Elliot and second by Steve Kutchie and the minutes were approved as written.

EJ Kutchie presented the financial report. A membership committee was formed and met on June 17, 2023. Members for the review were Bob Spangenberg and Bruce Elliot. Lake District commissioners present were EJ Kutchie and Jeff Seidl. The conclusion of the meeting was that the books were indeed balanced, and no further review was needed.

EJ had put together a Statement of activity from July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024, comparing actual costs to budgeted amounts. Major expenses for the year included dam design fees.

The account balances as of 6/30/2024 are-

Checking	\$ 22,893
Money Market	\$166,456 (5.5% interest)
Money Market	\$ 52,129 5.0% Interest)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$241,478</b>

Steve Kutchie made a motion to approve the Financial Report and the review findings. Seconded by Terry Schuller. Passed.

**Update on Dam / Bridge Project:** Mark reviewed the dam project that started on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and is due for completion by July 31<sup>st</sup>. Jerry added that those dates were for phase 1. Mark then told the members that phase 1 is for the concrete portion of the project and phase 2 will be for the installation of the gate for the dam. The dam gate will be completed and installed in the November time frame. Lunda construction has both the dam project and bridge project so once phase 1 is complete Lunda will start on the bridge project.

**Discussion on referendum, motion, and ballot vote:** Mark explained that with the loan we will NOT take out all of our money in the checking/ money markets so we can continue to do other projects for the lake. Other projects are needed for the health of the lake and to have the lake available for our children and grandchildren. Mark reviewed the figures of the total dam cost, grant funds, a C/D from the Town of Hiles. The loan amount to the district would appear to be about \$210,000. With input from the Wisconsin Public Lands Commission they suggested to have the application for the

loan to be \$250,000. Eleven district members made comments, voiced concerns, and offered other suggestions to pay for the construction of the dam. Chairman Mark addressed the district member's input. The referendum, that was published in the annual meeting notification letter, was read by Jerry.

#### REFERENDUM BALLOT

The question:

Shall the District Board of Commissioners of the **Pine Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District** be authorized to borrow the sum of **Two Hundred Fifty Thousand And 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000.00)** for the purpose of **Financing Dam Replacement**, and levy upon all the taxable property of the district a direct and irrevocable annual tax for the purpose of paying, and sufficient to pay both the interest on the loan as it becomes due and repay the loan principal within **20** years of making of the loan? Mark called for a motion. Motion by Sue Orvis to approve the referendum as read John LeBotte seconded the motion. Mark asked everyone to use the ballots that were distributed. Ballots were gathered and counted. 37 votes yes and 19 votes no.

**Budget Hearing:** The budget was reviewed from the sheets that were printed and handed out at the registration table. (See attached) With a proposed increase of \$5,000 to the tax levy the increase on the average for the total district would be \$9.00 per \$100,000 of the property value. Jon Grunwald made a motion to accept the 2024- 2025 budget as presented. Seconded by Leilani Paul. Motion passed.

**Review of Board Members and elections.** EJ Kutchie's term is up for reelection. EJ stated that she would be in for reelection. Mark asked for any other nominations from the floor. Being no nominations from the floor Bruce Elliot made a motion to re-elect EJ Kutchie. Seconded by John LeBotte. By ballot vote 52 voted for EJ. One write in vote.

#### **Discussion on Future Goals and Projects:**

The project we are working on in the near future is an increase in the Lake Level with the DNR. We would like to raise the level about 4" or closer to the OHWM (Original High Water Mark)

Jeff Seidl is working with Tiffiney for a larger long term project to do a total Lake Dredging project. He has been in contact with people on Long Lake which is just north of Town of Rice Lake. Although the Long Lake representatives have been in this process for 7 years, they feel it is still moving forward but at a very slow pace.

**Any Other Business:** No other business was presented.

#### **Future Meetings: All meetings at 8:00**

Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> Quarterly meeting

Other meetings needed will be announced.

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Saturday, July 5, 2025 Annual Meeting.

Saturday, July 5, 2025 Quarterly meeting to follow the Annual meeting

Adjourn: There being no other business the motion was made by Ed Heinz to adjourn, seconded by Steve Kutchie and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:34.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Duhn, Secretary