

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
July 5, 2025
These Minutes have not been approved

Jerry Duhn and EJ Kutchie 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 Jeff Seidl at 8:02. Also present were commissioners Terry Kloehn, Jim Kurzynske, EJ Kutchie, 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. 54 members signed in on the sign in sheets. 30 ballots were issued.

Jeff 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.

Agenda. The agenda was reviewed. Motion by Bruce Elliott to approve the agenda and second by Steve Kutchie to proceed with the agenda. Passed.

Review of Board Members and elections. Jeff Seidl, Terry Kloehn and Jim Kurzynske terms are up for reelection. Jeff, Terry and Jim stated that they would all be in for re-election. Three years ago it was suggested that the board separate the 3 person reelection and get the terms more staggered. A process to set up a district was to vote for one person on the ballot. The most votes would be a 3 year term, 2nd most votes a 2 year term and then a one year term. Jeff asked for any other nominations from the floor. Being no nominations from the floor Steve Kutchie made a motion to re-elect Jeff, Jim and Terry to he board and to use the process of voting for only one person on the ballot in order to stagger the terms. Seconded by Bruce Elliott. By ballot vote; Jeff 17 votes, Jim 8 votes and Terry 5 votes. No write in votes.

Minutes were read from the annual meeting held July 5, 2025. A motion was made by Steve Kutchie and second by John LeBotte to approve the minutes as written. Passed.

EJ Kutchie presented the financial report. A membership committee was formed and met on June 18, 2026. 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 cost from the Town of Hiles.

The account balances as of 6/30/2025 are-

Checking	\$ 61,170
Money Market	\$225,951
Money Market	\$ 8,578
CD	\$ 2,316
Total	\$298,015

John LeBotte made a motion to approve the Financial Report, review. Seconded by Bruce Elliott. Passed.

Budget Hearing: The budget was reviewed from the sheets that were printed and handed out at the registration table. (See attached) The proposed budget is to keep the 2026 Tax Assessment the same as 2025 at \$50,000. John LeBotte made a motion to accept the 2026- 2027 budget as presented. Seconded by John Ginter. Motion passed.

Update on Lake Project:

Clean up of Pine Creek Merjant Study: The lake district has hired a company to propose a project for Pine Creek Restoration. The restoration will focus on sand, muck, weeds and an improved flow through the creek. A few weeks ago sediment samples were taken which showed tree chips and bark in the muck which is about 7' deep.

Increase with Lake Level Petition: Jerry continues to work with Larry Konopacki, Tiffiney and GLIFWC. The two major issues that we are working to resolve is wild rice on the lake and septic systems compliance. The wild rice topic has been pretty much addressed. Nine district properties need to be inspected to ensure that they are compliant with Forest County Zoning codes.

Dam Ownership transfer: EJ is working with Larry's office and the DNR. The process is moving forward.

Rigero.com shoreline muck and cleaning pod: 3 systems are available for installation. The incentive program of \$1,000 from the lake district is still in place.

Water Testing Grant Program. With the DNR approved project we have posted 5 gauges and cameras at; Mill Pond, Pine Creek, Sucker Creek, Pine Lake Dam and Wild Cat Creek. Volunteers are needed to help gather data throughout the summer.

Lake Sediment Core Project. Cores were pulled on 6/29/26. A report will be coming to us in about 2-3 weeks. Initial findings include wood chips and bark in the cores. Muck depth is 7' deep in the creek and 21' at the south of the lake where pine creek empties into the lake.

Lake District Raffle: We are having a Lake District Raffle. \$25 per ticket or 3 for \$50. There will be a total of 10 prizes. First 3 are cash prizes along with a smoker/ grill, Milwaukee Combo Drill- driver combo to the 10th prize of Soda Sparkling Water Maker.

Future Goals and objectives for planning:

Will investigate porta-potty at the beach.

Fish Stocking- Terry spoke to the group about his conversations with Greg Matzke about not stocking the lake with walleye since they do not do well. The walleye compete with the bass and northern population.

Any Other Business: Members asked for input for:

Bullrushes on the West side of the lake.

Bruce Elliott gave input on the need for some new buoys and chains. We will check to see if there is any grant money available to purchase buoys.

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2026. All meetings will start at 8:00am

Quarterly meeting following the Annual meeting today.

Quarterly- Saturday, September 5 Labor Day weekend

The board will meet as needed to discuss lake business.

Adjourn: There being no other business the motion was made by John LeBotte to adjourn, seconded by John Ginter and approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:03.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary