

MINUTES: Quarterly Meeting
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
May 25, 2024
These minutes were approved the August 31st Quarterly Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Ferris at 8:01am. Present at the Hiles Town Hall were Mark, commissioners Terry Kloehn, EJ Kutchie, Jim Kurzynske and Jerry Duhn. 33 people registered on the sign in sheets. Plus the 5 commissioners.

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

Mark reviewed the Board member appointments. Mark will now be on the Board as the Town of Hiles representative. With Mark no longer an elected commissioner on the board, the board has appointed Jeff Seidl to finish out Mark's term. Upcoming this year is the election of EJ. Jerry's reelection will be in 2025 and Jim, Terry and Jeff election year will be 2026. Mark also introduced Steve Kircher, Forest County Land and Water Administrator. Steve will be on the District Board as the Forest County Representative.

Previous Meeting Minutes. Jerry read the minutes of the Quarterly meeting held May 8th. Motion by EJ to approve the minutes, second by Jim. Passed. The minutes to the Special meeting held on May 15th were read. Motion by Jim to approve the minutes second by Terry. Passed.

EJ reviewed the current finances.

Account Balances as of May 22, 2024

Laona State Bank-	\$ 32,532	Checking account earning 2% interest.
	\$164,937	6-month CD, Earning 5.5% interest or \$750/ month
	\$51,696	14-month CD, Earning 5% interest or \$200/ month
TOTAL	\$249,685	

All accounts have been transferred and the lock box emptied from Associated Bank.

A financial audit will be completed prior to the annual meeting.

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

Update on Dam/ Bridge Project. Mark pointed out the sign that will be posted at East and West Pine Lake Road. Lunda Construction will begin on June 3rd. This is when the road closure will start. The beach will be accessible and available for public enjoyment from East Pine Lake Road. Phase one of the dam construction (the concrete structure) is due for completion on July 31st. The bridge construction will begin immediately after phase one is completed. Phase 2 of the dam, the stainless-steel gate installation, will be completed in late 2024.

Financing for the dam. As was reviewed in the minutes of the Special Meeting held on May 15th. The Board is proposing to fund the dam with a loan from the Wisconsin Public Land and Lakes Commission. To borrow \$200,000, finance for 20 years, with a current Interest Rate at 6% our annual payment would be \$16,981. To help finance this amount annually the board would propose an increase of the tax levy to \$50,000. We would budget the payment of \$16,981 into the lake district annual budget. This increase from the 2023 tax levy would result in a net tax increase of \$5.55 per \$100,000 of property value or an increase of 11.1%.

Any actions will need to be discussed and voted upon at the annual meeting in July.

2024 projects, planning and objectives. Jerry reviewed the Project Sheets that were available by the sign in sheets at the front door. The projects that were added to the ones listed in the notes are:

Beaver Dam Removal

Citizen Lake Monitoring Project- To measure water clarity and cleanliness.

Water Quality and Aquatic Plants- Will be completed in 2024.

Paleocoring- This is two cores samples that will be taken through the muck to the base of the lake. The cores will be examined for how the sediment has been added throughout the decades and what is the cause of the sediments.

Jeff Siedl and contacted the Long Lake District up North of Rice Lake and will discuss with them the process that they used to get DNR approval for a major dredging project on their lake.

Being no further question from the members we moved onto the next topic.

Petition to increase the Lake Water Level. Mark reviewed how the lake survey was completed in 2018.

Everyone with a few exceptions were in favor to increase the upper limit for the dam by 6" In order to do this we will need to need to petition the DNR and then public hearings will follow. Jerry contacted called Larry Konopacki last week and had the discussion on kicking off this project again since the work for the dam is now underway. Larry and Jerry are working with the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. This will be the first group the DNR will contact to find out if there would be any issues on the lake with wild rice due to a lake level increase. We have some studies posted on the Lake District website but there are others that need to get posted so GLIFWC can view the reports.

Any other business-

The Hiles Trap Shoot will be held on July 20th at the Argonne Trap range.

There are 4 new Hiles information boards installed in the area. This boards may be used for the posting of upcoming events.

A district member reminded everyone the speed limit around the lake is 25 MPH.

A district member asked about the sign posts that were knocked down in the wind storm last summer. Mark commented that the board are not Town of Hiles or the Lake District signage and probably back many years ago some residents put in the 4x4 posts.

Meeting Dates for 2024.

All meetings will start at 8:00am

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 as needed

Adjourn

Being no further comments, Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, EJ second. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:25. Next scheduled meeting will the Annual meeting on July 6, 2024 at 8:00am.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary