

MINUTES: Quarterly Meeting
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
August 30, 2025

These minutes have Not been approved

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Seidl at 8:00am. Present at the Hiles Town Hall were Jeff, commissioners Terry Kloehn, EJ Kutchie, Jim Kurzynske, and Jerry Duhn. 19 district members registered on the sign in sheets. Plus the 5 commissioners.

Jeff introduced him self at the new Chairman due to the death of Mark Ferris. This changed occurred in a commissioner meeting on March 18, 2026

The meeting was posted 24 hours in advance of the actual meeting time. The agenda was reviewed. Motioned by Terry to proceed with the agenda, seconded by Jerry. Passed

Previous Meeting Minutes. Jerry read the minutes of the Quarterly meeting held on August 30, 2025. Terry made a motion to approve the minute, second by EJ. Passed.

Current finances.

EJ reported on the current balances as of 5/22/2026.

Laona State Bank-

Checking	\$ 81,758
Special CD's	\$234,115
TOTAL	\$312,873

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

Update on Dam Transfer: EJ explained that what the DNR had told us in the past that the process would be quite simple, it is more entitled and more of a process/ procedure to go through. The actual amount of time will be more like 6- 8 months. The attorney Larry Konopaci has someone in his office that is now starting the process.

Lake Level Increase: Jerry explained that over the winter months meetings have been held with the DNR on the resources that need to be investigated to the lake level petition. The major concern is the wild rice discussion on Pine Lake. As Larry states if we cannot get passed the wild rice issue then we should just drop this project and not continue to spend money and talented resources on the project. A meeting will be held on April 15th with the DNR wild rice resource manager and the Hydrologist from Mole Lake. The discussion was totally around the Pine Lake Hydrology and Wild Rice locations. The meeting was beneficial and very informative.

Surface Grant award and water testing program- We received a grant from the DNR to do water sampling collection and data gathering in the lake. We need to work on a method to measure water flow. We will also pursue water sample testing starting as soon as the equipment arrives.

Pine Lake Creek Restoration Planning- Jeff is working with Jon Gumtow a creek restoration engineer from the Appleton area. Jon visited the area on March 30th. Jon feels there is a good case study that a permit might be obtained.

Pine Lake District Culture/ Volunteers- Jeff spoke to the group about how few people volunteer to help with the lake projects. As an example, we need volunteers to help with the water testing program so if you have some time available please let us know. The district can always use more help.

Proposed work on the Pine Lake District Storage Building; It has been many years since some care has been taken on the storage building. Jerry is working on pouring some concrete aprons and redoing the floor to keep wild animals out of the building. WE installed a new garage door last October and will do the concrete and floors areas in the next few months.

Rigero promotions plans, updates and refills; The promotion for the Rigero muck removal system is still in place. If want to be a part of the program, there was information at the sign in table. All 5 of the participants from last year will be renewing the refills for the 2026 season. If you have any questions, contact Jerry or Jeff.

Cameras: The district will be installing camera at the dam, boat landing and the at the water flow testing location.

Any other business:

Buoys. The team that places the buoys notes that we only have a few new ones in the storage building. We will take an inventor this fall and order some new buoys for 2027. We will check if there are any grants for buoys through the DNR.

2026 Elections: There are 3 commissioners on the ballot for 2026. Terry, Jim and Jeff. Per a suggestion at the 2023 annual meeting, we will propose a process to do the election to split the 3 person reelection for three years to a re-election cycle of 2-2-1 for the district board.

2025-2026 Raffle: The 2025 raffle was a success and raised \$1,800. We will have a 2026 raffle with prizes of cash and lake associated items.

Walleye Stocking: Terry has visited with Greg Matzke the area DNR Fish resource manager. There was a study completed last fall, and the walleye population is not being maintained in the lake. It is doubtful that they will restock the lake in 2026. Terry will continue to communicate with Greg on the status.

Upcoming Meeting Dates for 2026.

All meetings will start at 8:00am

Annual- Saturday, July 4 Fourth of July weekend

Quarterly- Saturday, July 4 After the Annual Meeting

Quarterly- Saturday, September 5 Labor Day weekend

The board will meet as needed to discuss lake business.

Adjourn

Being no further comments, Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim second. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:55. Next scheduled meeting will the Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, July 4, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary