

MINUTES: Special Meeting
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
August 6, 2025

These minutes have been approved at the August 27, 2025 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Ferris at 9:02am. Present at the Trailhead Pub were Mark, commissioners Jim Kurzynske, Jeff Seidl, Jerry Duhn and EJ Kutchie. Terry Kloehn was not able to make the meeting. Tiffney our lake engineer was also present.

Agenda- Jeff motioned to accept the agenda. Second by EJ. Passed

Minutes- Jerry read the minutes from the July 2nd meeting. Jeff made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim. Passed.

Finances: EJ reported on the current balances as of 4/30/2025.

Laona State Bank-

Checking	\$ 58,785	Checking account earning 2% interest.
Money Market	\$226,646	
Regular CD's	\$10,912	
TOTAL	\$296,343	

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

Discussion and possible action on DNR visit. Scott Koehnkl and Eric Stading, a potential back up in the near future for when Scott retires, visited Pine Lake on July 30th. Scott and Eric are the liaisons that interact with Lake District and Lake Associations about projects and to be a between person to the DNR resource managers (Fish, Wildlife, Biologist and Storm Water). Present from the Lake District Board were Jeff Seidl, EJ Kutchie and Jerry Duhn. Also available was Steve Kutchie who took us by boat to the north end of the lake. We visited the Mill Pond and talked about the Dam boards and the resident that continues to remove the boards with out permission from the Town of Hiles. There was a abundance of wild rice in the Mill Pond. On the other side of the road was a massive growth of cattails which Scott suggested we clean up in the wintertime. We discussed the beaver dams on the creek and the possible action to do surveying of topo's in the creek bed.

The next stop was the Pine Creek Bridge on Highway 32. Wild Rice was present on the upstream side of the bridge but not on the down stream side. Scott and Eric were very disappointed with the bridge design and construction. Scott's comment was the design was total wrong. Scott was going to speak with Forrest Van Austin.

We then went by the new dam and Scott and Eric were able to see the dam.

Stopped by the Kutchie residence and went to the north end of the lake to see all the weed growth and even got the pontoon stuck in the weed due to the weeds being on the prop.

In summery the DNR knows that we are serious to do something to preserve and protect our lake. We are going to continue to push forward with projects and we need their cooperation. The answer to our project request can be no, but then we need a different project plan recommendation from the DNR.

We then discussed next steps. The 2-prong approach will be to continue with Creek Restoration and dredging at the mouth of Pine Lake. We need to present an end game and get the support from the resource managers on what steps we need to take to get to the ending point.

Mark spoke with RT Kruger at Norther Lake Service about water samples/ nutrient loads in the creek. They can support us if we know what the water needs to be test for which chemicals.

Discussion and action on the dump trailers- EJ said we do not have any registration or title on either trailer. She has not been able to find the manufacturer, model number or serial numbers. A person is wanting to come in the next few days to purchase the larger trailer for \$5,500. As is condition.

Any other Business.

Jerry asked if there is any money to give back to the Wisconsin Public Lands Commission. EJ said the total paid was more than the loan. Jerry requested invoices for the file, so we have them available if the WPLC requests the copies. EJ said she has a file and will get Jerry the documentation.

Raffle tickets are being sold. There have been about 40 tickets sold so far.

Jerry asked about refreshing the garage floor. Mark suggested he speaks with John Harter and/ or Joe Buckovic about the replacement of the garage door and make a timeline where it can happen together.

Future meetings:

Wednesday, August 27th- Special meeting to Labor Day preparation

Saturday, August 30th- Quarterly meeting (Labor Day weekend)

Adjourn

Being no further comments, Jerry made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jim second. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:19.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary