

MINUTES: Special Meeting
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
March 18, 2026

These minutes have been approved at the April 15, 2026 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jeff Seidl at 9:31. Present at the Hiles Town Hall were Jeff, commissioners Jerry Duhn, Jim Kurzensky, and Terry Kloehn. EJ Kutchie attended the meeting by way of a Teams connection. Our lake engineer Tiffiney was also present.

Agenda- The agenda consisted of Project Updates. EJ motioned to accept the agenda. Second by Jeff. Passed

Minutes- No minutes were presented.

Finances: With EJ being remote no financial report was presented.

Update on Surface Water Grant Project: We need to get the collecting equipment ordered so data can start right after the ice goes out. Tiffiney and Jeff will be meeting with Scott VanEgeren to discuss the sampling plan and equipment plan.

Pine Creek Restoration: A walk of Pine Creek was to occur today with Jon Gumtow a creek restoration engineer from the Appleton area. Due to the heavy snowfall earlier in the week the meeting with Jon will be postponed until March 30th. After the walk with Jon he will give us a report and recommendation of how to proceed with the Pine Creek restoration.

Sediment Samples and Cross Section Analysis: We plan to do Palio core samples at the area where Pine Creek enters into Pine Lake, a central point of Pine Lake and 2 or 3 samples in Pine Creek. Tiffaney is working with us to get these samples completed once the ice has gone out.

Increase Lake Level Project: A meeting was held on February 27th. Present at the meeting was Tiffiney, Larry, Jeff and Jerry representing the lake district, Forrest Van Asten DNR along with 6 DNR Resource managers and Miles Falck with GLIFWC. For the most part there were more negative comments than positive comments. The direction from Larry, after meeting, is that we need to tackle the wild rice issue first and if the topic of wild rice cannot be overcome, we will need to evaluate if we want to move forward to press the issue. Moving forward will require more time and resources in people and money.

Hiles Mill Pond Dam: Someone has asked if the dam could be removed. The answer is no due to the wild rice beds and we need to hold the water back in the spring to have a supplemental supply to Pine Lake during the late summer months. We also discussed bridge design on Highway 32. Tiffiney will try to find the old bridge design and the new bridge design. Tiffaney will speak with Eric to see if any action was taken on the bridge after Scott and his visit to Pine Lake last fall.

Adjourn

There were no further comments, Jeff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Jerry second. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Duhn, Secretary