

**CROOKED LAKE AREA LAKES
PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING**

August 30, 2019

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Friday, August 30, 2019 at Crooked Lake Community Center in the Town of Riverview, Wisconsin. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners: Matt Connell, Interim Chair, Treasurer
Barry Babler
Curt Hoffmann
Bob Sibiorski
Brian A. Webb, Secretary

Also present: Judy Buhrandt, Oconto County Board Supervisor
Jane Porubcan

Chair Connell called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. CDT. He conducted a roll call confirmation of attendees and verified that all participants could hear each other speak. Mr. Connell presided and Mr. Webb acted as secretary.

After affirming that no directors present declared any conflicts of interest with any agenda topics nor suggested any agenda changes Mr. Connell continued with the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Mr. Webb presented a resolution upon a motion duly made by Mr. Hoffman, seconded by Mr. Babler and carried; the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

***RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District meeting held on May 25, 2019 and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

Mr. Connell then presented the treasurer's report and reported revenue from the Lake Study Grant of \$21,032.56 and interest income of \$25.43. Mr. Connell then described expenses for the lake survey from Onterra (\$2,084.00), the chemical herbicide treatment done by Schmidt (\$2,865.30), and the fee for the three-year dishonesty bond (\$250.00). As of August 30, 2019 cash on hand (checking account) is \$35,326.00 and the balance on the District's certificate of deposit is \$15,636.16. Mr. Connell noted that the certificate of deposit matured on July, 17, 2019 and was rolled over to a new term.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mr. Sibiorski presented a resolution upon a motion duly made, seconded by Mr. Babler and carried; the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that the report of the Treasurer of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.

Committee Reports

Lakes Management Plan

Mr. Connell continued with his report of the Lake Management Plan and summarized a letter received from Onterra describing the presence of dense populations of Eurasian Water Milfoil in two specific areas on the north lobe of Crooked Lake. EWM was present near the inlet and outlet regions of the lake respectively. The board will discuss strategies to mitigate the populations at the October meeting. Ms. Porubcan described recent activities to trap and remove beavers that constructed a lodge at the dam creating unnaturally high lake water levels. DNR officials reported that a young pair of beavers was successfully removed and it appeared that the pair had no offspring that could cause issues in the future. Mr. Webb then said he would contact the appropriate person at the WDNR to obtain instructions on how to collect the zebra mussel collection plates that were distributed earlier this year.

Mechanical Harvesting

Mr. Hoffmann shared his report on mechanical weed harvesting with the board. He began by describing the relatively low amount of nuisance weed populations throughout the Crooked Lake area lakes. Brenda from the WDNR shared with Mr. Hoffmann that the weed cutting plan submitted by Onterra would likely be approved. The plan was designed to align with the overall five-year Lake Management Plan and it may not be necessary to submit a plan each year going forward. There is a \$300 fee which must accompany each weed cutting plan submission. Mr. Hoffmann then described the conundrum regarding the weed cutter equipment. The unit's manufacturer Aquarius did not appear to inspect the equipment claiming that they preferred that the weed cutter would be in the water and operational before they would appear for the evaluation. Currently, the cutter is not operational, the tractor which transports the cutter needs new batteries, and several miscellaneous unidentified parts are known to be uninstalled. Mr. Hoffmann is hopeful that individuals familiar with the operation and maintenance of the equipment in the past would be willing to share their expertise in order for the cutter to become useful.

Education

Mr. Babler then presented the education committee report and reiterated earlier efforts to distribute information cards at the various boat landings on the lake. Mr. Babler was concerned that very few individuals chose to pick up the information cards throughout the summer. He then shared his opinion that the idea of having a District sponsored social picnic would have little value. Mr. Connell countered that he felt such a picnic would provide a great opportunity to further educate the attendees on matters such as Clean Boats Clean Water, shoreline improvements and the like, especially if the District partnered with other area groups such as the Sportsmen's Club, the Lion's Club, and the Crooked Lake Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Connell concluded the discussion by asking commissioners to contemplate the concept of a picnic gathering and be prepared to share their opinions at the next meeting.

Clean Boats Clean Water

Mr. Webb shared the Clean Boats Clean Water report and notified the board that he had been communicating the WDNR representatives regarding the expired CBCW grant. Mr. Webb reminded the board that the grant would have reimbursed the board for paying volunteers for their efforts monitoring boat landings and educating boaters about the CBCW initiative and state laws provided that there were over 200 volunteer hours recorded. Because the 200 volunteer hour threshold was not met, it is necessary for the board to reimburse the WDNR for the \$937.50 advance payment for the grant. Mr. Webb will provide the WDNR with the final report early next week.

Mr. Connell then distributed a summary of the District commissioner's terms and noted that the District's By-Laws describe a five-person board of commissioners and we currently have six members. Mr. Hoffmann explained that he was technically elected to the District board as an alternate. The board agreed to formally downsize the board to five commissioners at the May 2020 Annual Meeting.

Election of Board Officers

***RESOLVED**, that Matt Connell has hereby been elected to serve as Chair of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District Board for a term of one year. The resolution presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

***RESOLVED**, that Robert Sibiorski has hereby been elected to serve as Treasurer of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District Board for a term of one year. The resolution presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

***RESOLVED**, that Brian Webb has hereby been elected to serve as Secretary of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District Board for a term of one year. The resolution presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

In other business, Mr. Babler shared that he was planning on attending the Sportsmen's Club meeting scheduled for August 31, 2019. He plans to give attendees a report of District activities including the status of the weed cutter, CBCW, and the prospect of co-hosting a picnic with the Sportsmen's Club.

Mr. Connell then reminded commissioners that the next scheduled meeting is Saturday, October 19 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business and upon a motion duly made (Mr. Hoffmann), seconded (Mr. Babler) and carried; the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian A. Webb, Secretary