

## CROOKED LAKES AREA LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

### October 19, 2019 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Matt Connell at 8:55 a.m. Commissioners present: Matt Connell, Curt Hoffman, Bob Sipiorski, and Judy Buhrandt. Commissioners absent: Dave Van Zeeland, Barry Babler, Brian Webb, and Jim Zittlow. Guests: Jane and Pat Porubcan.

#### Call to Order

Motion made by Curt Hoffman to approve the agenda and seconded by Bob Sipiorski. Motion Carried.

Correction in the August 30 meeting: Sipiorski spelled incorrectly. Motion made by Matt Connell to accept the corrected minutes and seconded by Bob Sipiorski. MC

Bob Sipiorski handed out two reports for the revenue and expenses report. Went through the monthly handout to determine budgeted areas. More money will be needed for treatment. Bob will put in \$9,000 for 2020. Discussed Onterra's cost for the spring and fall surveys; \$3,000 should be adequate. Will run out of money in the very near future. Pat Porubcan will contact Eddie Heath about any grants. We still need to pay Ken Kerkhoff for the storage of the tractor (\$300). The \$720 for the storage for the weed cutter should be the same. Curt Hoffman also added that we need to add \$300 to the budget for the weed cutter permit. The length of the permit should match the comprehensive plan. Motion made by Curt Hoffman to accept the treasurer's report and seconded by Mat Connell. MC

#### Committee Reports

Lake Management Plan: Pat Porubcan gave the report on the lake management plan. Milfoil by the inlet and outlet is worse than last year's treated area. It will be more difficult to treat. Spring is a pretreatment survey. Have to come in the spring to verify what needs to be treated and to estimate what the cost will be. The survey should be taken shortly after ice out. Not sure what will be done with the curly leaf pond weed. Pat will talk to Eddie about that. This year the hand pulling was over \$2,000. Matt mentioned that Oconto County is actually doing lake studies for the entire county and that will help us down the road for our next lake study. Zebra Mussel Monitoring: Matt Connell said that Brian has collected all but one, and he is waiting for the DNR report.

Mechanical Harvesting: Curt Hoffman reported that all the parts to the cutter are now at the storage unit. The tractor is still at Ken Kerkhoff's pole shed. He will get in touch with the manufacturer of the cutter next year to see what needs to be done with the cutter. Would be \$1,000 to get the manufacturer to come up here for an evaluation. We need several things to even get the cutter running. It is a big job to put the cutter in the actual water and Curt has never seen it done. Bob will add to the budget around \$1,400 for the cutter. Permit Update: Curt will continue working on the permit. He is not even sure where we will be able to dump the weeds. Judy Buhrandt mentioned that Chute Pond has their own acreage and people come and get the dried weeds for fertilizer. The board agrees that we need to get the permit even if the cutter doesn't go in. Curt would like to get the permit next year by spring.

Educational Activity: Barry Babler was not in attendance to give a report. He did in an e-mail said that he removed the information boxes at the boat landings. People have brought up their concern with some cottages putting in several piers on their frontage and renting out spaces for pontoons, boats, and jet skis. The board decided that we need to educate people through a second mailing. There is a 2012 Wisconsin Administrative Code for pier planning that property owners may not be aware of. Jane will put together the newsletter and will get it out some time in November.

#### Other Business

Discussion of a Lakes District Picnic in the fall next year: Information will be put in the fall newsletter to see if there would be an interest in a fall picnic. Matt wanted to use the picnic to get more people to come to the meetings. Possible further cooperation with the Sportsman's Club: Barry mentioned in his e-mail about setting up a Lakes District educational booth at one of the Sportsman's Club venues. Fire Wise USA: Jim Zittlow gave Matt information about this program. The town used it for helping out with cost of brush removal after the July 2019 storm. The town needs other organizations to try for this program, which would help getting extra grant monies for the township. Meeting schedule for 2020: All meetings will be at the community center starting at 9 a.m.: February 15, 2020; May 2, May 30 (annual meeting), July 18, and October 17.

#### Adjournment

Motion made by Bob Sipiorski and seconded by Curt Hoffman to adjourn at 10 a.m. Motion carried.