

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

September 5, 2020

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at the Crooked Lake Sportsman's Club in the Town of Riverview, Wisconsin. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners: Brian A. Webb, Chair
Matt Connell
Curt Hoffman
Bob Sipiorski, Treasurer
Dave Van Zeeland, Secretary
Barry Babler

Also present: Judy Buhrandt, Oconto County Board Supervisor

Chair Webb called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. CDT. He began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance then conducted a roll call confirmation of attendees and verified that all participants could hear each other speak. Mr. Webb presided, and Mr. Van Zeeland acted as secretary.

After affirming that no directors present declared any conflicts of interest with any agenda topics Mr. Webb asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, he proceeded with the meeting.

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meetings

Approval of the minutes of the May 9, 2020 and July 18, 2020. Mr. Webb presented a resolution upon a motion duly made by Mr. Babler, seconded by Mr. Van Zeeland 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 9, 2020 and the minutes of the meeting held on July 18, 2020 and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

Presentation of Treasurer's Report

Mr. Sipiorski then presented the Treasurer's report and described the revenue to date of \$10,533 and expenses of \$11,982, resulting in a net operating loss of \$1,449. He further explained the Lake District currently has approximately \$25,333 in the checking account and a CD of \$15,646. The cash flow for 2020 is expected to be approximately (\$14,000)

and for 2021 to be approximately (\$5,840). This is due to no more grant money coming to the Lake District.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mr. Van Zeeland 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.

Approval of Property Assessment Fee

After the presentation of the Treasurer's report there was much discussion about the current tax assessment and the continued need to monitor the health of the lake and control the invasive weeds through chemical treatment. Without any current grants to continue these services, and the projected negative cash flows for 2020 and 2021, there is a recommendation to increase the tax assessment fee from \$50 to \$100. In doing so, it will allow the Lake District to continue to monitor the health of the lake as other sources of revenue or grants can be explored without negatively impacting the Lake District's cash flows.

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

RESOLVED, that the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District has authorized a tax assessment of \$100 per each riparian tax parcel on Crooked, Gilkey, and Bass Lakes respectively, for the 2020 tax year. The resolution presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.

New Business

There was no new business.

Committee Reports

Lake Treatment

Mr. Porubcan described to those in attendance the chemical herbicide treatment conducted on July 6, 2020. He stated the treatment was applied early in the morning with ideal conditions. There were 15 different water samples were taken from the treated area at measured intervals over the next two days. The Wisconsin DNR agreed to pay \$2,700 to conduct the lab analysis of the samples. Onterra will survey the entire lake including the treated area this fall using underwater cameras.

Zebra Mussel Update

Mr. Webb reported that in 2018, there were some evidence of zebra mussels in the lake near the dock of the former Pines Restaurant. During 2019, there were several zebra mussel collection plates submerged at various locations throughout the lake system. In Fall of last year, those plates were collected, and the samples returned to the DNR for analysis. Mr. Webb stated he was happy to report there were no zebra mussels detected on any of the collection systems. Nonetheless, these plates were again being used in 2020 at various locations throughout the lakes to continue to monitor for zebra mussels. They will again be collected this Fall and sent to the DNR for analysis and any further findings will be reported in 2021.

Education

Mr. Babler described the various ways the Board continues to communicate with the stakeholders, including the Facebook page and the website. The Board will continue to send the newsletter via email and U.S. Postal Services. He reported that there are also laminated information cards that have been placed at three different boat landings. The cards detail lake rules and boating and watercraft laws to promote safety.

Clean Boats Clean Water

Mr. Webb explained that this season volunteers have logged 61 hours at the boat landings and reminded those in attendance that the volunteer kits are available at the Crooked Lake Convenience store on County W. Mr. Webb also explained that there are no further grants available for CBCW going forward from the WDNR; however, the Board remains committed to CBCW and urged the attendees to volunteer.

Firewise Program

Mr. Connell explained the Firewise Program allows us to get grants from the US Forestry and that we, here in the Crooked Lake Area, are trying to qualify to be a Firewise USA site. During the Spring of 2020, there were 9 home assessments completed and each of these homes then received a report of what they can do to make their home safer. Further, two weeks ago they went around Crooked Lake and looked at whether egress could be a problem in some areas – for instance the difficulty in getting out, whether fire trucks could get in, etc. The report detailed areas at fire risk. If anybody is interested to be included, to please see Matt Connell.

Approval of Committee Reports

RESOLVED, that the Committee Reports 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.

Election of Board Members

Mr. Webb explained that there were two board positions that were open for election, each for a term of 3 years. He opened the floor for any volunteers or nominations. After some discussion, it has been

***RESOLVED**, that Brian Webb and Dave Van Zeeland have hereby been elected to serve as a Commissioner on the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District Board for a term of three years. The resolution presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are approved*

***FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Brian Webb 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.*

***FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Dave Van Zeeland 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.*

Other Business

Mr. Connell addressed those in attendance and recognized Dick Firehammer. Dick has been a long-time advocate for the preservation of the Crooked Lake area lakes. He is a former resident of the area and was instrumental in the organization of the original Crooked Lake Association. He also spearheaded the transition of the lake association to the current Lake District. Mr. Connell presented Dick to those in attendance and presented him with a plaque in recognition of his significant contribution and visionary guidance in the creation of the Lake District.

Adjournment

There being no further business and upon a motion duly made (Mr. Babler), seconded (Mr. Van Zeeland) and carried; the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Van Zeeland, Secretary