

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

May 8, 2021

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at the Crooked Lake Community Center in the Town of Riverview, Wisconsin. The following were in attendance:

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

Also present: Pat Porubcan
Jane Porubcan
Judy Buhrandt, Oconto County Board Supervisor
Jim Zittlow, Town of Riverview
Jeff Nelson
Dave Jonet, Crooked Lake Sportsman's Club

Chair Webb called the meeting to order at 9:00 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 February 27, 2021 meeting. Mr. Webb presented a resolution upon a motion duly made by Mr. Connell, 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 Annual Meeting held on February 27, 2021 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 \$21,000 and expenses of \$944 resulting in a net operating surplus of \$20,056. He further explained the Lake District currently has approximately \$42,000 in the checking account and a CD of \$15,646. The expected expenses for 2021 is approximately \$29,260, which will result in a negative cash flow of (\$7,760). He projected that the checking account will have approximately \$14,347 at the end of 2021.

Mr. Sipiorski then presented a high level 2022 budget, which he stated looks like it will be breakeven, or similar to 2021. He projected the cash flow for 2022 to be approximately (\$9,000).

A question was raised regarding any chemical treatment for 2021. Mr. Porubcan explained that there is nothing planned for 2021 regarding chemical treatment; however, there will need to be a Point Intercept Survey completed this year, which will be approximately \$4,500.

Further discussion continued regarding the property owner tax assessment, which was increased to \$100 per property in 2020. After much discussion regarding the current and future treatments that may be necessary on the lake, Mr. Van Zeeland presented a resolution upon a motion duly made, seconded by Mr. Connell, 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 2021 tax year. The resolution presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mr. Connell presented a resolution upon a motion duly made, seconded by Mr. Van Zeeland 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.*

New Business

There was no new business.

Committee Reports

Clean Boats Clean Water

Mr. Webb explained that we have received a grant for \$1,000 this year as part of the Lake Study. However, we need to make sure that we have volunteers that log at least 200 hours, or the grant will need to be paid back. A discussion followed as to the best way for these hours to be tracked. It was suggested that using email we can update the Board and the membership on the progress of the volunteer hours throughout the summer. Jane Porubcan stated that everybody should be making sure they are using the correct form to log their volunteer hours. The form is available at the Crooked Lake Convenience store as well as on the Crooked Lake District's website.

Mr. Webb also explained that there are new guidelines for volunteers at the boat landings due to COVID-19. Besides following CDC guidelines, it is also suggested that volunteers should assume not everybody is vaccinated; have hand sanitizer available, maintain 6 feet social distancing, and help remove any weeds if the boat owner asks you to assist.

Education

Mr. Babler reported that he has copied the maps from the Onterra Report and created posters which he will show at the Annual Meeting. The maps show the 2019 pretreatment areas as well as the comparison to the 2020 posttreatment areas. He also took from the report, the summary descriptions of all the plants in the lake, which will again be used for educational purposes.

Regarding the fish cribs that were created over the winter, Mr. Jonet explained to the board that the cribs will be put into position during the week of May 17th. There was a total of 13 cribs made this year and this is in addition to the 11 that were made 2 years ago. He explained that the DNR stated that to be effective, the lake should have a total of between 70 and 80 overall cribs. Currently, we have approximately 25 to 30 cribs located in various places throughout the lake. Over the next several years, there will be additional cribs made and placed in the lake.

Lake Treatment

Mr. Porubcan described to those in attendance the chemical herbicide treatment conducted in 2020 provided excellent results. The chemical treatment only targeted the Milfoil and the results were significantly better than expected. He stated again that there was extensive testing throughout the process to monitor the overall effect of the treatment. Mr. Porubcan explained that this chemical was also used on other lakes as well. The next step is to conduct a Point Intercept Survey this fall of all the lakes and once we have those results, we will formulate a plan for any necessary treatment in Spring, 2022.

Firewise Program

Mr. Connell explained the Firewise Program was awarded a grant for 2021 for \$6,625 that is allocated for roadside chipping, mailings, and home ignition zones assessments. He stated that we again need to have at least 200 volunteer hours but expects that these should easily be met. A mailing was already sent to the Crooked Lake property owners that detail how they can keep track of their hours.

Matt further stated that there will be roadside chipping for the property owners around the lake. The chipping will take place on June 2nd and 3rd, right after the Memorial weekend. He said the property owners should have their piles of debris out along the roadway by May 31st. He said that the grant money should cover another roadside chipping this Fall, and those dates are yet to be determined.

Matt stated that the next project for Firewise will be the Home assessment on June 25th and they will be targeting different areas around Crooked Lake. He said they are hopeful they will get enough property owners to participate.

Zebra Mussel Update

Mr. Webb reported that after waiting several months for the DNR to analyze the samples brought to them, he received confirmation that there were no Zebra mussels found on any of the samples. He stated that we have now been monitoring for over two years, but we will continue to again monitor for them by asking for volunteers at the Annual meeting. Mr. Webb will bring the monitoring boxes to the meeting so they can again be placed in various places throughout the lakes.

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.

Other Business

Ms. Porubcan stated the May, 2021 newsletter will be going out the week of May 10th. Mr. Webb also stated that two commissioner terms will be expiring (Mr. Connell and Mr. Babler) and up for election at the Annual Meeting.

Next Meeting

A reminder that the Annual Meeting is scheduled for 9:00am on Saturday, May 29th at the Crooked Lake Community Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business and upon a motion duly made (Mr. Van Zeeland), seconded (Mr. Sipiorski) and carried; the meeting was adjourned at 9:42 a.m. CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

David W. Van Zeeland, Secretary