

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

February 26, 2022

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Saturday, February 26, 2022 at the Crooked Lake Community Center in the Town of Riverview, Wisconsin. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners: Brian Webb, Chair
Bob Sipiorski, Treasurer

Also present: Judy Buhrandt, Oconto County Board Supervisor
Matt Connell

Chair Webb called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CST. 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 also 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 Meeting

Mr. Webb presented a resolution upon a motion duly made by Mr. Sipiorski, seconded by Mr. Webb 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 October 23, 2021 and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

Mr. Sipiorski then presented the treasurer's report and reported that the District's bank balance as of February 24, 2022 was \$48,691 and the balance on the District's certificate of deposit is \$15,667 for a total of \$64,358. The 2022 budget expects expenditures of \$4,500 for the lake study, \$4,144 for the lake survey, and \$12,000 for chemical treatment for invasive aquatic plant species. Other miscellaneous expense estimates bring the budgeted amount to \$29,575. The District has received thus far in 2022 \$19,100 in tax assessment revenue and \$1,000 from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the down payment of the 2022 Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) grant.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mr. Webb presented a resolution upon a motion duly made, seconded by Mr. Sipiorski 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

Clean Boats Clean Water

Mr. Webb reported that the District exceeded the 200 volunteer hour threshold for the 2021 CBCW grant and he has begun the process of requesting reimbursement for the remainder of grant funds from the DNR. It is expected that the District will receive up to \$3,000 additional dollars from the DNR. The District recently received the \$1,000 down payment from the DNR for the 2022 CBCW grant.

Zebra Mussels

Mr. Webb shared that he is awaiting results from the DNR regarding the samples collected from the zebra mussel collection plates. Mr. Webb personally harvested what appeared to be zebra mussels from a resident's dock supports late last summer. The property was on W. Crooked Lake Lane on the peninsula.

2021 Aquatic Plant Study

Mr. Webb provided an overview of the aquatic plant study funded by the District and created by Onterra LLC. The District commissioned whole-lake point intercept surveys in 2011, 2016, and 2021. The survey allows the District to review their aquatic invasive species activities and monitor future control strategies. The survey calculates the Floristic Quality Index (FQI) for the area lakes which measures the diversity and frequencies of native and non-native aquatic plant species. The 2021 survey revealed that Crooked Lake has what is considered to be a high species richness and Gilkey Lake and Bass Lake respectively have FQIs slightly above the state median. Mr. Webb highlighted additional takeaways from the survey including the finding that fern-leaf pondweed was the most prevalent species in Crooked Lake in 2011 and is now only 3% of the population in 2021. This positive outcome was well received for this plant species is known for its nuisance "matting". Bass Lake also showed lower populations of this plant in 2021. Gilkey Lake experienced higher populations of white-stemmed pondweed and large-leafed pondweed over the ten-year period. Mr. Webb concluded his summary with the results of the highly successful ProcellaCOR herbicide treatment applied in July 2020. The dense populations of Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) were virtually eliminated by the application with little impact on native species. As a result, Onterra does not recommend applying herbicides in 2022.

Mr. Webb then shared the proposal from Onterra for AIS monitoring in 2022. Onterra expects that 2021 project administration and communication would cost \$225, the 2022 late-season EWM mapping survey would cost \$1,310, 2022 EWM email narrative report \$230, 2022 EWM monitoring annual report \$730, and 2022 travel costs \$190 for a total of \$2,685. Mr. Webb will seek board approval for this proposal at the next District meeting.

Firewise

Guest Mr. Connell presented the recent Firewise activity. He and Mr. Hoffman attended the Firewise meeting on February 17, 2022 where they successfully received approval for their 2022 grant request of \$10,000. Leaf and needle pickup scheduled for after Memorial Day is expected to cost \$3,500. Chipping of tree debris scheduled for late August will likely cost \$3,000. \$1,778 is earmarked for the new Neighbors Helping Neighbors program, where volunteers assist neighbors lacking the ability to clean their yards of fire hazards remove the debris. Funds would be used to rent equipment if necessary. Mr. Connell also shared that the Forest Service plans to conduct controlled burns in the area sometime in 2022. Mr. Connell concluded with Firewise efforts to focus on home surveys on properties on Bunn Lane and Up North Lane. Up to 56 properties will be surveyed for fire hazards on the properties.

Adjournment

Hearing of no new business Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian A. Webb, Chair