

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

**May 7, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Saturday, May 7, 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  
Dave Van Zeeland, Secretary

**Also present:** Judy Buhrandt, Oconto County Board Supervisor  
Jim Zittlow, Town of Riverview  
Pat Porubcan  
Jane Porubcan  
Curt Hoffman  
Jeff Nelson

Chair Webb called the meeting to order at 8:55 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 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 Meeting**

Mr. Webb presented a resolution upon a motion duly made by Mr. Zittlow, seconded by Mr. Sipiorski, 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 February 26, 2022 and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

**Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Sipiorski then presented the treasurer's report and reported that the District's bank balance as of May 6, 2022 was \$49,696 and the balance on the District's certificate of deposit is \$15,685 for a total of \$65,381. The 2022 budget expects expenditures of \$4,500

for the lake study, \$4,144 for the point intercept, and \$12,000 for chemical treatment for invasive aquatic plant species. Other miscellaneous expense estimates bring the budgeted amount to \$29,575. To date, the District has been billed for \$1,459 for the point intercept. Mr. Porubcan pointed out that there will be no chemical treatment this year and we won't know about any further treatment next year until after the Fall survey has been completed. Mr. Webb explained that the \$1,000 that was received from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) will need to be paid back. He stated that the District is not eligible for the grant even though we met the 200 volunteer hours. He said he will explain this under his CBCW report. Further discussion was held regarding the expense of storing the weed cutter indoors and possibly moving the storage of the unit to outdoors. We will discuss the cost and expense of moving it outdoors with the storage facility. There was further discussion regarding the 5-year comprehensive lake management plan and the costs associated with having it completed, which is approximately \$20,000. Further discussion will happen with Onterra regarding the plan costs as well as other associated costs so the District can have a more complete budget going in to 2023.

After further discussion on future expenditures the District may be facing in the future, it was recommended that the tax assessment remain at \$100 per property. This will be recommended to the members of the district at the Annual meeting.

### **Approval of Treasurer's Report**

Mr. Van Zeeland presented a resolution upon a motion duly made, seconded by Mr. Zittlow 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 although the District exceeded the 200-volunteer hour threshold for the 2021 CBCW grant, that after discussion with the DNR, the District is not eligible for the grant. He stated that the DNR views the volunteer hours as though we were paying a volunteer approximately \$12 per hour. He stated that we would need to spend approximately \$5,533 cash outlay to be reimbursed for eligible expenses. Eligible expenses include: paying volunteers, administration, CBCW workshops / training, clothing, supplies, etc. In other words, he said that we would need to spend another \$2,200 to be eligible. Further discussion revolved around the volunteer hours that will still be needed for the lake studies as well as continuing to monitor the health of the lake. Those hours, regardless of the grant, are still needed. Mr. Webb concluded his report stating that he has towels from the DNR that volunteers can hand out at the boat landings that explain the CBCW.

## **Zebra Mussels**

Mr. Webb shared that he is waiting for official results from the DNR regarding the samples collected from the zebra mussel collection plates. However, after speaking with his contact at the DNR, he stated that preliminary results indicate that 3 of the collection plates contained zebra mussels and 2 did not. Zebra mussels were found on both the north and south shore of the south lobe of the lake. There were two properties by the boat landing and on the south shore of the peninsula. There also a report that zebra mussels were found on the dock supports of one property and on the pontoon floats of another. We will again look for volunteers to put the plates in to allow us to continue to monitor.

## **Education**

Mr. Webb stated that we will be distributing safety and boating law cards to the attendees at the Annual Meeting. Ms. Porubcan stated that the newsletter has been completed, but still needs to be printed and mailed out. She stated that there are still 118 that need to be mailed out. Further discussion took place regarding only emailing the newsletter and posting it electronically on the District's website. This will save further District expenses by not having to print and mail the newsletter and only providing it in an electronic format. Further discussion will take place regarding the further of the newsletter.

## **OCLAWA**

Mr. Webb explained that he recently attended the Oconto County Lake Association meeting. There are currently 30 members and they recently participated in the annual Snapshot Day which included education and discussion on aquatic invasive species. Mr. Webb stated that there will be another Snapshot Day on August 20<sup>th</sup>. He further discussed that the association awards grants and that there were recently 26 grants available to 13 of the 30 members. Our District has not yet received a grant, but that this is possible in the future when we are looking for grants. Mr. Webb explained that he has raffle tickets for OCLAWA and that 75% of the proceeds from those tickets go back to the lake districts in the form of grants.

## **Annual Meeting Agenda**

Mr. Webb explained that the agenda will also include a presentation from Laura Hayes from the DNR. She will discussion Firewise and make a presentation to the members that are present.

Mr. Webb then discussed adding two more commissioners to the Lake District board. We are currently at three and were at 5 commissioners several years ago and are looking to add two more at this upcoming meeting.

**Adjournment**

Hearing of no new business Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am CST.

Respectfully submitted,

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David W. Van Zeeland, Secretary