

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

May 27, 2023

The Annual Meeting of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at the Crooked Lake Community Center in the Town of Riverview, WI. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners: Brian Webb, Chair
Bob Sipiorski, Treasurer
Dave Van Zeeland, Secretary
Kevin Rasmussen

Also present: Judy Buhrandt, Oconto County Board Supervisor
Curt Hoffman, Firewise
Laura Hayes, Wisconsin DNR
60 lake property owners

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. Brian Webb presided, and Dave Van Zeeland acted as the secretary.

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

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Brian Webb presented a resolution upon a motion duly made by Dave Van Zeeland, seconded by Pat Porubcan 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 6, 2023 and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

Mr. Sipiorski then presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Sipiorski presented the 2020-2022 actuals as well as the 2023 year to date, budget and projection. He stated that although the current budget and projection shows there will be a \$12,000 expenditure for chemical treatment in 2023, there will not be any treatment and that will help with the overall expenditures for this year. He also stated that the board is recommending the assessment remain at \$100 per property. Overall, 2023 actual year to date shows revenues of \$20,202 and projected expenses of \$24,575 ending with a balance of \$37,927; however, with no chemical treatment, the ending balance projection would be \$49,927. Currently there is a balance in the checking account of \$62,154 and a CD with a balance of \$15,719. Mr. Webb presented a resolution upon a motion duly made by Mr. Van Zeeland, seconded by Jane Porubcan, 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.*

Tax Assessment

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

RESOLVED, that the annual tax assessment of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District will stay at \$100 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 we met the 200 hours at the boat landings for the CBCW. He further stated that program remains unchanged, and we will continue to volunteer, educate, and inspect as boats come and go from the landings. He encouraged those in attendance to volunteer and log their hours so those can be recorded to the state. He said that the form is available on the website.

Zebra Mussels

Mr. Webb reported that we will continue to monitor the zebra mussels. He stated that he would still like volunteers to put out plates by their docks so we can monitor the extent of their spread. He did state that over the past year, the zebra mussels have continued to spread throughout the lake and encouraged everybody that uses the lake to make sure that their boats and other watercraft are clear of them, and live wells emptied, prior to leaving the lake.

Education

Mr. Webb stated that there are laminated informational handouts at the boat landings and encouraged everybody to take one and place it at their places of residents and talk to their guests, so they know the rules of the lake. He reminded everyone that **Bass and Gilkey Lakes NO WAKE lakes because of their size.**

Firewise

Guest Laura Hayes gave a presentation about the Firewise USA. Crooked Lake is in the area of very high fire danger in Wisconsin. Curt Hoffman is our contact person. Laura reminded us to send in the timesheets to Curt by October 15. She stated that there was a leaf and needle pickup on the west side of the lake this Spring and there will be a pickup on the east side of the lake this Fall. Laura went on to say that she is looking to possibly expand the Firewise District to include properties on the northside of County W. More information will come after she has more meetings to see if this would be possible.

Commissioners

Mr. Webb explained that the current board is made up of 4 commissioners and the board would like to see a 5th commissioner added for a term of 2 years. The board historically was a 5-commissioner board and we would like to go back to having an odd number of board members with offset terms. Mr. Webb asked those in attendance if anybody would like to volunteer for that position. Mr. Dean Stoller stated that he was on the board previously and would volunteer for this position. Mr. Webb presented a resolution upon a motion duly

made by Mr. Van Zeeland, seconded by Mr. Porubcan and carried; the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that Mr. Dean Stoller will serve as a commissioner for a term of two years for the board, be and hereby are, approved.

Wake Boats

Chair Webb then invited the attendees to provide feedback regarding wake boats on Crooked Lake. He stated that although the DNR is currently studying and reviewing the impact wake boats have on the shorelines and aquatic plants, he wanted to gather information from those in attendance as well. He went on to say that there have been several studies on wake boats on the impact on the ecosystem; some states have already made rules on how far the boats can be from shore and other boats, and there have already been some communities that have enacted ordinances that limit their uses. Comments included:

- the wake boats are eroding the shoreline at a faster rate because of the huge waves they throw off
- it is the responsibility of each property owner to protect their shoreline by creating shoreline protection (using rocks, building a seawall, etc.)
- as a driver, I do my best to stay away from the shoreline and other boats and people
- other towns have already enacted rules, why can't this town do the same
- my grandkids can't even swim out in front of our place when the wake boats are out there
- there was a survey that was sent out by the DNR regarding wake boats, what ever happened to those results?
- how far away from the shoreline do these boats need to be? The Minnesota study said they should be at least 500 to 700 feet away
- there are signs at the boat landings stating the no wake hours. What is the definition of "no wake"?
- the signs at the boat landings should be updated because they are confusing

New Business

None.

Hearing of no more new business, Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m. CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Van Zeeland, Secretary