

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

September 9, 2023

A meeting of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Saturday, September 9, 2023, at the Crooked Lake Community Center in the Town of Riverview, WI. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners: Brian Webb, Chair
Dave Van Zeeland, Secretary
Kevin Rasmussen
Dean Stoller

Absent: Bob Sipiorski

Also present: Curt Hoffman, Firewise
Pat Porubcan
Jane Porubcan
Jeff Nelson
Pam Wierzba

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 Dean Stoller, seconded by Kevin Rasmussen 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 27, 2023 and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.

Mr. Webb then presented the Treasurer's report. Mr. Webb presented the 2023 year to date actuals and stated that we have received the 2022 tax assessment of \$20,626 and the Fire Wise grant of \$2,160. He also pointed out that we had to replay the Clean Boats Clean Water grant of \$1,000 as we did not qualify for it. For 2023, there is still the \$12,000 for lake treatment in the budget, but as we had previously discussed, that will not be used this year. At the end of 2023, we are projecting a balance of \$14,658. The Lake District also has a CD for \$15,719 and another 12-month CD of \$20,000 that expires June 5, 2024. Mr. Webb presented a resolution upon a motion duly made by Mr. Van Zeeland, seconded by Kevin Rasmussen, 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

Buoys

Mr. Porubcan reported that he only had purchased one buoy this year to see how it works. That buoy is between Crooked Lake and Gilkey Lake. He stated that he would like to order 3 more at a cost of \$305 each. After little discussion, Mr. Webb presented a resolution upon a motion duly made by Mr. Stoller, seconded by Mr. Van Zeeland, and carried; the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

***RESOLVED**, that the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District will purchase an additional 3 buoys at a cost of approximately \$305 each.*

Lake Survey

Mr. Porubcan reported that Onterra was out on the lake September 1st doing a lake survey. He stated that there is a lot of Milfoil in Bass Lake as well as over by Erickson's on the north end of the lobe. The recommendation from Onterra is that we do a while lake treatment in Bass Lake in 2025. Pat went on to say that Onterra stated that would allow the Lake District to plan for the treatment in 2024 as well as update the Lake Management and then we can apply for grants for the treatment. At this time, it is estimated that that treatment and Onterra's expenses would be approximately \$7,500. The commissioners agreed that this would be the best course of action.

Further discussion revolved around updating the signage on the lakes. People visiting the lakes find it confusing and don't realize that both Bass Lake and Gilkey Lake are no-wake lakes. This is something the lake district will need to further discuss this Fall and Winter, so the signs are updated by the next boating season.

The commissioners also discussed who owns the boat landings and where the responsibility falls in repairing them. There is at least a three foot drop off on the landing on Bass Lake. This will need further research and will remain an item to discuss at our next meeting.

Education

Mr. Webb stated that he had pulled all the laminated informational handouts at the boat landings and will restock those next boating season.

OCALEWA

Mr. Webb reported that he attended the OCAWLA Fall meeting on August 26, 2023. He stated that in 2022, OCALEWA raised a total of \$13,000 and in 2023, they raised a total of \$12,800 through the Lucky 13 raffles. Of the money raised 25% go back to the lake districts and associations and 10% of the ticket sales go to grants. Over a two-year period, they have awarded \$6,000 in grants. Mr. Webb stated that other towns are also struggling with the large waves being made from wake boats and the Town of Doty was going to be drafting an ordinance. He stated that EWM is hot topic on many lake districts agendas and the effectiveness of the EWM Pricillicor is what everybody is looking to use.

Firewise

Mr. Hoffman stated that Boundary Lake is now an approved Firewise USA District. He went on to say that he is representing the Crooked Lake Fire Department and there really should be a representative from the Lake District to work with the DNR. He said that he is still happy to do it, but that the DNR would prefer that the Lake District have their own representative. Mr. Hoffman went on to say the lake district should discuss this and select a representative for 2024. Mr. Hoffman stated that the Crooked Lake Emergency Plan has been completed and that it is going to be delivered to every residence in the Crooked Lake Firewise District this weekend. There are approximately 500 that will be delivered. Mr. Hoffman concluded by letting everyone know that there will be a leaf and needle pickup this Fall. The date is yet to be determined but should be in mid-October.

Wake Boats

Chair Webb then asked if there was any update on the wake boats. Mr. Van Zeeland stated that the Town Board had gathered input from Crooked Lake, Maiden Lake, and Paya Lake and there is an overwhelming concern that the large wakes produced by these boats are impacting the health, safety, and the welfare of the general public, as well as increased damage to the shorelines and increased lakebed disturbance. The Town Board also had this as an agenda item at several meetings and those in attendance have been calling for the board to take some type of appropriate action. After much discussion at the Town Board, the board is moving forward in creating an ordinance, similar to what has already been done in many other towns across the state, in prohibiting this activity. Mr. Van Zeeland stated that the new ordinance should be in effect by next boating season and that the signage at the launches on the lakes will need to be updated.

There was some discussion on how it will be enforced, and Mr. Van Zeeland explained that it will be enforced by the Sheriff's department and that the Town of Riverview is working with the Sheriff's office to have more patrols. The Lake District as well as the Town of Riverview can also apply for grants. Once the ordinance is in effect, that new ordinance should be in the Spring District mailer.

New Business

None.

Hearing of no more new business, Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 10:10 a.m. CST. The next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2023 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Van Zeeland, Secretary