

**CROOKED LAKE AREA LAKES
PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MEETING MINUTES**

May 04,2024

A meeting of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Saturday, May 04, 2024, at the Crooked Lake Community Center in the Town of Riverview, WI. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners: Brian Webb, Chair
Bob Sipiorski, Treasurer
Pam Wierzba, Secretary
Kevin Rasmussen
Dean Stoller
Dave VanZeeland

Also present: Curt Hoffman, Firewise
Pat Porubcan
Jane Porubcan

Chair Webb called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CST. He began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Brian Webb presided, and Pam Wierzba 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

K. Rasmussen presented the motion, seconded by B. 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 24, 2024 and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

Treasurer's Report was reported by B. Sipiorski. Total revenue to date is \$20,405. The current checking balance is \$33,575. An additional CD was added. There are two CD's for \$20,000 each and one for \$16,000. The CD's will be changed to a 6 month as short term rates are more favorable than a 12 month. Total expenses to date are \$3,196. Projected checking balance at year end is \$22,901. D. Stoller made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by K. Rasmussen, unanimously approved. The tax assessment will remain at \$100 per parcel. K. Rasmussen made a motion to approve, seconded by P. Wierzba, unanimously approved.

Committee Reports

Clean Boat/Clean Water

B. Webb reported that he now has access to the DNR SWIMS (Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System) database. This will allow him to enter lake information such as volunteer hours, and zebra mussel data. The information entered into this database is how the lake district communicates with the DNR about lake conditions.

Zebra Mussel Update

Zebra mussel monitoring will continue. A few residents mentioned that the amount of zebra mussels on boat surfaces seemed somewhat less last year.

Education

New signs are now in place at the boat landings regarding the new Town of Riverview Boating Ordinance that was passed in December 2023. B. Webb suggested that laminated cards with the new rules be available for distribution at the annual meeting as well as at the boat landings. He will take care of getting those done.

Other Business

OCLAWA

B. Webb attended the spring meeting of OCLAWA (Oconto County Lakes and Waterways Association). The mission of this organization is to protect the health of the surface waters throughout Oconto County. There are currently 32 members in this organization. They have a limited budget but share the majority of what funds they receive. One of the fundraising efforts is the Lucky 13 Raffle. Tickets will be distributed to each commissioner to sell and will also be available for sale at the annual meeting. The majority of the funds raised will go back to each OCLAWA member to apply for grants. Maximum grant requests are now \$1000, up from \$750. A grant request of \$1000 will be pursued by B. Webb to help pay for Onterra expenses.

Annual Meeting Agenda-Suggested Format

Preliminary agenda:

- Treasurer's Report
- Tax Assessment Vote-B.Webb suggested that the Onterra proposal handouts be available for review.
- New Lake Rules-D. Van Zeeland will highlight the new ordinance. New cards will be available for distribution as well.
- Firewise - Laura from the DNR will give a short presentation. Curt Hoffman will also be present to discuss Firewise.
- OCLAWA Membership/Grant Process
- Lucky 13 Raffle Tickets-Tickets will be available for purchase at the meeting.

Commissioner Nomination/Term Length Discussion

There are two commissioner terms that will end in May, President Brian Webb and Secretary Pam Wierzba. B. Webb suggested three year terms. D. VanZeeland advised checking the by-laws for term length requirements. Board will make recommendations at the annual meeting. Elections will take place at the next meeting.

New Business

C. Hoffman discussed Firewise. There have been requests to have leaf and needle pick-up for the other side of W. Volunteers would be needed in order to expand the pick-up area. Areas that would be available for volunteers would be the Firewise home inspections, writing grants, and entering clean-up hours. M. Connell currently enters the hours into the system. The grant money amount stays the same regardless of how much the area grows. If there are extra dollars left this fall, another leaf pick-up may be possible.

The DNR is currently logging near Crooked Lake as part of a fire reduction process. This is from Bunn Lane to Holtz Ranch Road and is quite extensive. They are also clearing brush and low growing vegetation as well as dead trees. Updated maps of that area should be available at the annual meeting.

The Smokey Bear ATV Ride will be June 15, 2024. There will be six fire stations participating with Crooked Lake being one of them. This is a family friendly event.

There will be roadside chipping happening in June. A letter will be sent out with details.

Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m. Next Meeting scheduled for May 25, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Wierzba, Secretary