

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

February 24, 2024

A meeting of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Saturday, February 24, 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
Judy Buhrandt

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

Brian Webb presented the motion, seconded by Dean Stoller and others 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 21, 2023 and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

Pat Porubcan presented the Crooked Lake Potential 2024-2026 Project Budget and Timeline proposal. Eddie Heath from Onterra provided a breakdown of costs. Onterra control and monitoring costs for 2024 are projected to be approximately \$4,000.00, and 2025 management costs are projected to be \$7,000.00. Eddie also stated that per Brenda Nordean, we are eligible for AIS grants in 2024 as well. Grants are not guaranteed but it was mentioned that asking for a 65%/35% split may be more successful to receive over a 75%/25% split. Pat will contact Brenda about getting an updated 5 year plan for the Point Intercept lake study so we can budget for it.

Treasurer's Report was reported by Bob Siporski. We are projected to receive the Firewise Grant of \$11,000 for this year. Per Curt H. plan on \$8,000 for next year. There is currently \$42,493 in the checking account. B. Siporski suggested putting 20K into a CD based on current favorable rates. So we will have (2) CD's for 20K each and (1) CD at 16K. One of the CD's matures in early 2025. That would then be available in case it is needed for weed treatment.

Assessment will remain at \$100.00 per parcel. Pat P. ordered new decals for new buoys. Pat asked if the Fire Department would like the older buoys for use at the swim area. Curt will confirm but did not see why they would not. They will need new decals.

Brian W. made a motion to approve 2024 Budget and Treasurers report, seconded by D. Stoller, and was unanimously approved.

Clean Boats-Clean Water/Zebra Mussel update was reported by Brian Webb. Brian is having a problem getting onto the web site to enter the information. Suggested that a phone call is in order to Brenda Nordeen to address the issue. Brian will continue to monitor volunteer hours.

Firewise Representative Election - Curt explained what was involved in as far as time commitment and number of meetings per year. He will stay involved for a couple years to get everyone on board. We receive \$31.80 for every volunteer hour recorded. Crooked Lake normally exceeds the hours for the maximum grant allowed. We do a good job of reporting. Kevin R. will work on getting email addresses to remind residents of the importance of filling out the Firewise time sheet. In May, Korey's Tree Service will be picking up leaves and needles in the area from Bunn Lane to Up North Lane. A letter will go out. Korey's Tree Service will be roadside chipping throughout the entire district in June as well. There will also be a Home Ignition Assessment on June 28th in a targeted area of 30 properties. The Firewise team, Laura from the DNR, and the Forestry Service will conduct the inspections. Letters will go out to residents of the affected areas. Due to lack of snow, the fire danger season has already started. The DNR now requires pictures to show Firewise participation. There are no plans at this time for a Fall pick-up. Curt would like to have a presentation at the annual meeting to discuss the importance of Firewise.

Dean Stoller and Bob Siporski volunteered to take over the Firewise commissioner spot. Kevin Rasmussen will assist them if needed as well. They will share duties in this position. D. Stoller made the motion, Brian W. seconded. Unanimously approved. Pat P. suggested trying to get together a community clean up day as in the past. That would give us an extra \$2,000 in grant money.

Wake Boat Status - The Ordinance prohibiting enhanced wake activities on Crooked Lake was passed on December 12, 2023. The State Senate and State Assembly currently have two bills in committee to null and void Townships Ordinances that are more restrictive than the state laws. No vote on this at this time. The need for increased patrolling on Crooked Lake was discussed.

New Business - Pat P. suggested we pay rent to the fire department for the use of the buildings for our meetings. An amount of \$50 per meeting (x 5 meetings per year) was suggested. Motion to approve by D. Stoller, second by Kevin R., unanimously approved.

Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 10:06am. Next Meeting scheduled for May 4, 2024 at 9am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Wierzba, Secretary