

**CROOKED LAKE AREA LAKES  
PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
MEETING MINUTES (Amended)**

**September 7, 2024**

A meeting of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Saturday, September 7, 2024, at the Crooked Lake Community Center in the Town of Riverview, WI. The following were in attendance:

**Commissioners:** Brian Webb, Chair  
Pam Wierzba, Secretary  
Kevin Rasmussen  
Dave VanZeeland, Oconto County

**Not In Attendance:**

Dean Stoller  
Bob Sipiorski

**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 D. VanZeeland 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 25, 2024 and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

Treasurer's Report was reported by B. Webb. Total revenue to date is \$20,507. The current checking balance is \$12,038. Current amounts of the two CD's are \$16,151, and \$20,365. The Third CD that matured as of 6/5/2024 was moved to a high yield Savings Account. Total expenses to date are \$4,922. Projected checking balance at year end is \$3,011. K. Rasmussen made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, seconded by D. VanZeeland, unanimously approved.

**Committee Reports**

**Clean Boat/Clean Water**

B. Webb commented on his volunteer hours at the boat launch inspecting boats and trailers for weeds as they are removed from the water. He has gotten favorable responses from boaters. There has been an increase in weed growth this summer.

## **Education**

Boaters have complied with the ordinance regarding the ban on wakesurfing. No issues have been reported. P. Wierzba commented that citizens have noticed a reduction in the silt at their shores since the ban of wakesurfing. A reminder to make sure that renters are aware of the lake rules.

## **Other Business**

### **Firewise**

C. Hoffman discussed Firewise. The 2024 Firewise season has concluded. 224 spring mailers were sent out to homeowners, 81 leaf/needle piles were picked up, 54 roadside chipping piles were picked up, and 33 home assessments were conducted. Approximately \$8,500 of the \$11,000 grant was used. The maximum grant amount for 2025 will be \$8,000. The grant process is now open for 2025. Curt will contact those involved to start the grant application process. The Firewise Timesheets must be turned in by October 15th. Return to Matt Connell- Crooked Lake District, 12399 Oak Lane, Crivitz, WI 54114.

### **OCLAWA (Oconto Lakes and Waterways Association)**

B. Webb attended the recent meeting. There are currently thirty-five members. The Lucky 13 raffle drawing was held on August 24, 2024. Total revenues were \$12,510. They used 10% for expenses and 25% of the proceeds go back to the organizations who sold raffle tickets. Twelve of the thirty-five members sold enough tickets to be eligible for a rebate. CLLD will receive a check for \$69. In order to apply for grants from OCLAWA we must participate in the raffle for three consecutive years. We have participated every year. B. Webb has applied for a \$1000 grant.

Oconto County Conservation Department was the guest speaker. They have completed sixty-six lake studies to date. Oconto County is hoping to add a water quality specialist. The county is eligible to apply for grants from the DNR to help cover project costs. B. Webb suggests we apply for a grant in 2025 to help with Onterra costs. The majority of the lakes reported at the meeting that they have seen a significant increase in invasive weeds.

### **Aquatic Plant Management Plan**

Pat Porubcan reported that there is an increase in Milfoil on all three lakes. The last weed treatment was in 2020. He advised Onterra to proceed with the preliminary grant application due September 15. Weed control management plan grants are available through the DNR and may be easier to obtain than the grants for weed treatment. Grants are becoming harder to get. Motion to pass a resolution to agree to pay the preliminary fees for the grant request was made by D. VanZeeland, seconded by K. Rasmussen, unanimously approved. B. Webb suggested that we formalize the renewals of the Lake Management Plan (5 year plan) and the Aquatic Plant Management Plan (2 year plan). P. Porubcan will reach out to Eddie at Onterra for assistance.

Onterra will do another evaluation of the lake this Fall to determine treatment plan for next Spring as well as areas that should be treated.

There was a discussion on how to generate more revenue from non-lake parcel owners.

The condition, maintenance, and needed repair of the boat launches was discussed. D. VanZeeland suggested contacting the Town of Riverview. Contact Oconto County for possible grants as well. K. Rasmussen will research contractors for estimates.

### **Zebra Mussel Update**

Reminder to report any zebra mussels on your docks to B. Webb.

## **New Business**

The Crooked Lake dam is scheduled to be repaired in 2025.

B. Webb suggested that the Lake District make a small donation to The Sportsman Club for Bullhead harvest activities and in return they could reciprocate support to us in the future. This would give us a point for future grant status. D. VanZeeland will address at the next Sportsman Club meeting.

Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 10:03 a.m. Next meeting will be October 26, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Wierzba, Secretary