

CROOKED LAKE AREA LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT MINUTES

February 22, 2025

A meeting of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District was held on Saturday, February 22, 2025, at the Crooked Lake Community Center in the Town of Riverview, WI. The following were in attendance:

Commissioners: Brian Webb, Chair	Guests: Pat Porubcan (DNR Grant)
Bob Sipiorski, Treasurer	Matt Connell (Firewise)
Kevin Rasmussen	Curt Hoffman (Firewise)
Dave Szepanski	Jeff Nelson
	Jane Porubcan, Acting Secretary

Chair Webb called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. CST. He began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Webb presided, and Mrs. Porubcan acted as the secretary. Firewise and OCLAWA grant was added to the agenda.

Approval of Minutes from Prior Meeting

Mr. Webb presented a resolution upon a motion by Mr. Sipiorski, seconded by Mr. Szepanski and carried out; the following resolution was unanimously adopted.

***RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Crooked Lake Area Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District meeting held on November 2, 2024, and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

Approval of Treasurer's Report

Mr. Sipiorski then presented the treasurer's report. He handed out the 2025 Budget. There is \$24,942 in checking and \$103,874 in our CD and checking. Mr. Sipiorski will be removing the \$31,874 from the CD. After further discussion Mr. Webb presented a resolution upon a motion by Mr. Rasmussen, seconded by Mr. Szepanski, and carried out; the following two resolutions were unanimously adopted:

***RESOLVED**, that the report of the Treasurer of the Crooked Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District and presented to the Board of Commissioners at this meeting, be and hereby are, approved.*

***RESOLVED**, the approval of the 2025 budget of the Crooked Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District 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 will still use the 200 hours for our CBCW. He will go to the store and get the boxes for CBCW.

Zebra Mussel Update

Mr. Webb talked about having a wash station at the boat landings. All you need is a five-gallon pail with bleach and water in it, but it must be changed every day. He was not sure how effective the process was. He will be doing the disks again.

DNR Grant

Mr. Porubcan discussed the grant. We have received a grant for our 2025 treatment. The grant is for \$32,490. We will be using Schmidt Aquatics for the treatment at a cost of \$10,000. It is a 75/25 grant. This is a three-year plan. Mr. Porubcan also felt that we might be able to send in an application to get working money.

Fish Study

Mr. Webb attended the January 18 meeting by the DNR. The study has not been made public, so he couldn't give information used in the study. They used two different methods for the study. In 2024 82% of the fish in the lake are large mouth bass and bluegill. The fish are not getting bigger. The Sportsman's Club will be doing a bullhead harvesting in early April. In 2026 the DNR will be reducing bag limits for panfish from 25 to 10. The panfish tournament will be moved to a later date due to the spawning of the panfish. The DNR would like to see more fish sticks on the shore.

Firewise Report

Mr. Hoffman gave a report on Firewise. Spring leaf and needle pickup will be the Week of May 12. They did not schedule a fall one because they want to have enough money. If they go over their budget, the lakes district will be responsible for the overage. Mr. Hoffman wants to have some time at the annual meeting to talk about Firewise and the evacuation plan. We are one of the highest fire risks in the state. He would like to use some dollars to help people who cannot do the cleanup by themselves. He will mention it at the annual meeting. The Fire Department would like the file cabinet removed because of the upcoming remodeling of the Community Center.

Commissioner Elections

Dean Stoller had a two-year term which will expire at the annual meeting.

New Business

Mr. Webb mentioned that we will be receiving a \$750 grant from OCLAWA.

Jane Porubcan, Acting Secretary for Pam Wierzba