

**PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**  
**MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**September 3, 2005**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Paul Jenkins. Committee members present were Gail Gentz, Marilyn Pfeiffer, and Janice Steed.

Appointment of Commissioner. Pat Coraggio resigned from the board. Chairman Jenkins requested that Jenny Steed be appointed to the Lake District as a commissioner. Commissioner Pfeiffer made a motion to appoint Jenny Steed as a Lake Commissioner and Treasurer of the Lake District. Commissioner Gentz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from Quarterly Meeting 7/2/05. Commissioner Gentz moved to approve the minutes from the last quarterly meeting, Chairman Jenkins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Steed presented a written treasurer's report from July 1, 2005 through August 31, 2005. Beginning balance was \$11,306.91. Ending balance was \$16,407.18. Commissioner Gentz stated that the Lake District should look at the money left in the operating account at the end of the year and take the excess balance to be used for refinancing the loan with a better interest rate and paying off some of the principal on the loan. Commissioner Gentz made a motion that the Commission look into refinancing the loan, reinvesting the certificates of deposit if a better interest rate can be obtained. Commissioner Pfeiffer seconded the motion. Motion was unanimously carried.

There was a question regarding wages. The rate of pay is \$14.00 per hour for a supervisor, \$13.00 per hour for Mr. Riemer and \$7.00 per hour for the two boys that were raking weeds off the shoreline. The rate of pay changed as of 1/1/05. The wages were set by the commission at a quarterly meeting. There was a question regarding the bill from Grailer Welding for \$2,435.25. Commissioner Jenkins is trying to get an itemized statement for this bill. Commissioner Gentz reported that the entire claim was turned into the insurance company and the Lake District received reimbursement for this bill. The problem is the equipment that was to be repaired is not yet completed. This is the reason that the transporter is not on the lake. The Lake District will look into this and try to get the invoices for these repairs. Commissioners' Reports.

Rapid Response Grant. Commissioner Jenkins reported that Jim Goheen from Aquatic Biologists did a survey of the weed conditions on August 6, 2005 and went down around the big island and the little island to look at the beds of curly leaf pondweed. This is an invasive species. The Lake District is going to apply for a Rapid Response Grant so that next spring we can use chemicals on this pondweed. There is also Eurasian milfoil in this area and the chemical treatment will treat both of those weeds. This would be a four year process. This grant will be a cost sharing grant with monies coming from the DNR and the Lake District. The treatment will be done in the spring of 2006 when the water temperature gets to 55 degrees. As a part of this grant a follow up site survey would be conducted during late June of 2006 to determine if there were other areas of weeds that were missed. Treatment of these areas may be necessary at that time at the expense of the Lake District to keep the curly leaf pondweed from spreading. The eradication of the curly leaf pondweed takes at least four years. A Lake

Planning Grant will be submitted before the Feb. 2006 deadline to cover lake planning activities such as harvesting locations, the best use of the harvester, and chemical control in selected areas.

Commissioner Jenkins also received a letter from Brad Roost from Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resource. He is the gentlemen that will be writing the grants. He is following up with the board to let us know where we stand and what the next steps are for obtaining grant money from the state. He received a copy of the letter from Jim Goheen regarding the results of the survey. He would like to expand on the grants available on how he feels it would be best to proceed. There are three grants that the Pine Lake District is able to apply for to not only assist with heraside treatments but to also develop an Aquatic Plant Management Plan. First and foremost since the curly leaf pondweed infestation is relatively new, the Lake District is eligible for an Early Response Aquatic Invasive Species Grant from the Wisconsin DNR. The grant program provides 50% of the treatment costs up to \$10,000 for treatment of curly leaf pondweed. Since Eurasian water milfoil has also been in the lake for years, the treatment intended to specifically target would be ineligible. This means that the money would be used to treat only the curly leave pondweed because a form of Eurasian milfoil has been there for years.

To treat the Eurasian milfoil would be step two and not a part of the Early Response Grant. The chemical of choice, Aquathol has shown to be effective at controlling Eurasian milfoil and the curly leaf pondweed. There is no deadline for the Early Response Grant. Since treatments of these species are effective early in the growing season, the sooner the grant proposal and all the associated paperwork is submitted the better. We would aim to treat in the spring of 2006 in the areas mapped by Jim Goheen.

Secondly as discussed at the most recent meeting, Pine Lake is in need of an Aquatic Plant Management Plan. A plan of this type is designed to be used as a blueprint for the management of aquatic plants. Although this seems self explanatory, it is important to understand this will be a plan specifically designed and tailored for Pine Lake in its unique situation. Information gathered from the proposed project will be used to develop a plan. The plan will also be developed with input from the Lake District and the DNR. It is important that District members and lake users take an active role in the development of the plan. This plan will present and summarize the findings of the study. The management implications of the findings will be discussed and management recommendations will be given. Typically before any large scale activity on greater than 10 acre areas, herbaside treatments or harvesting activities are permitted, an approved Aquatic Plant Management Plan needs to be in place. An exception to this rule is the Early Detection Rapid Response Grant. The Wisconsin DNR also has grant money available to assist in the development of such a plan. The Lake Management Planning Program provides 75% of the development costs up to \$10,000. These deadlines for these grants are Feb. 1, and Aug. 1, of each year. We would aim to submit the grant before Feb. 1, 2006 deadline. Thirdly, with the threat of exotic species of curly leaf pondweed and Eurasian milfoil on Pine Lake , an additional grant can be applied for. An Established Infestation Control AIS grant proposal can be submitted to develop a three year control treatment strategy for exotic species. This program provides 50% of the cost controls up to \$75,000 over three years. These grants have so far been very competitive because the available money has been limited. The AIS grant program is still relatively new and changes are made annually. The deadline for this grant is Feb. 1 and Aug. 1 of each year. Since we would need additional information regarding the extent of exotics in Pine Lake , it would be wise to apply for this grant in Aug. 2006 with the implementation of the control efforts to begin in the spring of 2007. Jim Goheen and I have discussed how we would both be able to serve the Lake District in terms of submission of grant applications, development

of the management plan and any and all treatments. We at Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resource will assist the District in writing and submitting the grant applications as well as the development of the treatments in assisting the lake in obtaining the necessary permits. We both will work closely with the Pine Lake District board to assist them in reaching both a short term and long term management goals for Pine Lake . With the board's approval, I will send you a contract which will detail the fees and conditions for writing and submitting the grant application for the Early Detection Rapid Response Grant.

There was discussion regarding the grants, the weeds on the lake and the water level of the lake. There was a suggestion that the Lake District look into how to change the water level of the lake and this should be put on as an agenda item for the next annual meeting.

There was discussion regarding getting the Town of Hiles to give the Lake District a link to their website so that minutes of meetings and agendas could be put on the website. The Lake District will look into this.

Set quarterly meeting date. The next quarterly meeting will be Jan. 14th, 2006.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. Motion was unanimously carried.