

MINUTES QUARTERLY MEETING
PINE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
April 11, 2009

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioners Pfeiffer, Ketterer and Gehl were present.

The Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of November 15, 2008 were read by Chairman Kloehn. Commissioner Ketterer made a motion to accept the Minutes as read. Commissioner Pfeiffer seconded. All in favor, motion carried, Minutes were approved.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Commissioner Ketterer. Commissioner Pfeiffer made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Commissioner Gehl seconded. All in favor, motion carried, Treasurer's Report was approved.

Mr. C.J. Cochrane with the US Forest Service Laona District discussed the status of the boat landing at the National Forest. Mr. Cochrane indicated that the Forest Service was working with the DNR on plans to replace the landing. The project had been submitted as part of a stimulus funding package, but it did not appear that it would receive funding. Mr. Cochrane indicated the project would involve removal of the existing crushed rock, excavation of additional materials, and placement of pre-formed, rebar reinforced concrete planks. The planks are six inches thick, five feet wide and twelve feet long. Eight planks would be placed in the lake creating a landing twelve feet wide by forty feet long. Two feet of crushed rock would be placed on each side of the concrete planks. Water depth at the end of the ramp would be three feet. The dredged materials would be disposed of across the street from the park entrance. Mr. Cochrane indicated that the Forest Service had the necessary approvals and permits for the project.

Various funding options were discussed. The Forest Service could provide all labor and equipment with the District either procuring the raw materials itself or simply paying for the raw materials. Cost of the raw materials was estimated at between \$4000 and \$5000. Mr. Cochrane indicated that no contract would be required but that the Forest Service would draft a memorandum of understanding between the Forest Service, the Lake District and the Town. The MOU would describe the responsibilities and funding commitment for each of the parties.

Commissioner Pfeiffer noted that since no weed harvesting had been performed for the past two years, the District would be able to fund a portion of the boat landing project. Commissioner Gehl made a motion to approve up to \$5000 to help fund the project contingent upon an acceptable MOU being received by the District. Commissioner Pfeiffer seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Kloehn requested an update on the dam. Commissioner Pfeiffer noted that the Town would repair the East gate to bring it to the level of the West gate. The center gate will also be replaced.

Chairman Kloehn indicated that preliminary approval for the Lake Management Planning grant had been received from the DNR. A lake sampling program will begin when the ice goes out and will continue through 2010. Thus, 2009 will be a study year. A planning meeting will be held later this year. Commissioner Pfeiffer asked whether the grant was a cost-sharing grant. Chairman Kloehn did not think so. Commissioner Ketterer said that the District contribution would be through “in-kind” services, that is, volunteer hours.

Chairman Kloehn indicated that Commissioner Schumacher had applied for a weed harvesting permit in the event the District wanted to cut weeds this summer. Chairman Kloehn also indicated that he was looking into the sale of the harvesting equipment and insurance options. Commissioner Pfeiffer noted the equipment was purchased with grant funds from the DNR and that the District would need to review the grant to see if there were any restrictions on the sale of the equipment. It was noted that the harvester was purchased from the Aquarius company in 1995.

Commissioner Gehl said he had contacted a contractor from Iowa that cuts weeds on a lake near Tomahawk. The contractor uses his own equipment and charges \$160/hour for cutting while on the water with a \$700 set up charge. The contractor said that he could not cut invasive species because those need to be chemically treated. The cost of chemical treatment is \$400 to \$700 per acre.

Chairman Kloehn noted that there is a new septic system inspection program being implemented in Forest County. Mr. Wolf noted that every habitable dwelling is required to have a working septic system. Outhouses may be used but must meet the same standards as septic systems. Year-round campers would also be required to have working septic systems. It was unclear if repairs to failed systems would be mandated or how the program would be enforced.

Chairman Kloehn agreed to review repair of the gravel road by the boathouse and removal of the above-ground tank.

Mr. Wolf asked whether the District wanted to do chloride testing on the Lake again the year. The cost of testing in 2008 was approximately \$500. Mr. Wolf said he would ask Northern Lakes Service to prepare a contract for the testing and would submit it to Commissioner Ketterer.

Commissioner Pfeiffer noted that the Wisconsin Association of Lakes publishes a magazine called Lake Connections. She noted that there were a number of excellent articles in the

magazine and said people could contact the Association for a subscription. Commissioner Ketterer noted that the website for the Association is www.wisconsinlakes.org.

There being no further business, Chairman Kloehn made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Pfeiffer seconded. All in favor, meeting adjourned.