

Pickereel/Crane Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Commissioners' Meeting/Conference Call Minutes
Monday, March 4, 2024, 11:00 AM

- 1) Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Chair Chuck Sleeter.
- 2) Roll Call: Chair Chuck Sleeter, Vice-Chair Noah Pearson, Treasurer Kathy Kupfer, Secretary Dan Stoehr, and Commissioner-at-large John Shuppe were present via phone. Also present was Lake District member Brad Kupfer via phone.
- 3) Old Business:
 - a) Revisit Action Items from 10/18/23: Action items were reviewed and completed except the following:
 - Bullhead removal: Brad reported that the fyke nets used by Mike Pruel to remove the bullheads are not available this summer. The cost of purchasing our own fyke nets is not feasible at this time so Brad and Chuck will continue to work with Mike for possible bullhead removal in 2025.
ACTION ITEM: BRAD/CHUCK will continue to work with Mike Pruel with regard to bullhead removal on Pickereel and Crane Lakes.
 - Timeline: Kathy and Dan have completed their yearly timeline. Kathy will work with John on the weed harvester timeline.
ACTION ITEM: KATHY will work with John on the weed harvester timeline.
ACTION ITEM: CHUCK, NOAH, AND JOHN will continue to work on their yearly timeline so that it is completed by the May Commissioners' Meeting.
 - Brad is currently working on a wake boarding article for the spring newsletter.
 - Board members are currently working on their articles and reports that need to be submitted to the secretary by April 1, 2024.
 - b) Spring Meeting Agenda: The proposed agenda for the spring meeting was presented and reviewed. Chuck asked to add a Volunteer Report after Kathy's treasurers' report. With regard to the 3-year plan listed under new business, Kathy will send out the new proposal to board members that will be presented at the spring meeting.
ACTION ITEM: KATHY will send out the proposed 3-year financial plan to all board members.
ACTION ITEM: KATHY will send out the updated Mileage and Per Diem to all board members.
ACTION ITEM: CHUCK, DAN, NOAH, and JOHN will add the proposed 3-year financial plan and the Mileage and Per Diem documents to their Lake District folders.
ACTION ITEM: KATHY will revise the spring meeting agenda and send it to all board members.
ACTION ITEM: ALL SPRING MEETING PRESENTERS must send Kathy their "bullet points" for the slide show by April 18, 2024.

- c) Spring Newsletter Article Update:
ACTION ITEM: ALL articles and reports for the newsletter are due to Dan by April 1, 2024.
ACTION ITEM: KATHY will create and send a draft of an Audit Report for the newsletter to the three auditors. (Marge, Fred, and Linda).
 - d) Aeration 2024 Update: Chuck reported that due to the mild weather and unsafe ice, there was no aeration of Pickerel Lake this winter. Chuck also said that aeration coordinator, Jerry “hotdog” Hietpas will be discussing this at the spring meeting.
 - e) Jim and Phyllis Huss retirement award: Chuck reported that weed boss, Jim Huss, has retired and John Shuppe has agreed to take over the weed removal operation. In appreciation for all of Jim and Phyllis’ work with the weed harvester program, Chuck will be making a presentation to them on behalf of the Lake District at the spring meeting.
ACTION ITEM: Chuck will purchase the proposed trophy.
- 4) New Business:
- a) Amend Budget: Kathy explained that due to the 2023 End-of Year Report, the budget needs to be amended. The changes resulted in a reduction of \$1,000 of the proposed 2024 budget from \$36,800 to \$35,800. The revisions were presented and a motion was made by Chuck and seconded by John to approve the amended budget for 2024. Motion carried.
 - b) Approve Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes of 10-18-23: After reviewing the minutes, a motion was made by John and seconded by Chuck to approve the Commissioners’ Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2023. Motion carried.
 - c) Potential Filamentous Algae Removal on Crane Lake: Brad Kupfer reported to the board that in late summer and fall of last year, Crane Lake experienced a significant filamentous algae bloom. He noted that it has been getting progressively worse over the last several years. Brad has been in contact with Dean Premo of White Water Associates and Brad emailed a response form Dean just before the start of our meeting today. Costs for having a company come in and physically remove the filamentous algae would cost about \$8,500 for 3 days of work. After discussion, it was decided to table any action at this time and revisit it at the next Commissioners’ meeting. It will also be on the agenda for our Lake District’s spring meeting in May.
 - d) Other: After reviewing our recent by-law changes that were approved on October 26, 2023, Kathy felt that the changes that were made should be footnoted to identify the date that the changes were made.
ACTION ITEM: DAN will look into footnoting the changes that were made in the 10-26-23 by-law revision.
ACTION ITEM: Noah will update the webpage with all meeting minutes.
- 5) Adjourn: A motion was made by Chuck and seconded by Dan to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Stoehr, Secretary
Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District

