

Pickerel/Crane Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Commissioners' Meeting
Wednesday, October 18, 2023, 9:30 AM
9397 County Hwy DD, Pickerel, WI

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 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. Also present were district members Brad Kupfer and Curt Haga.
3. Approve Commissioners' Meeting Minutes from August 26, 2023: A motion was made by Kathy and seconded by Chuck to approve the August 26th Commissioners' meeting minutes. Motion carried.
4. Old Business
 - a) Review Action Items from 8/26/23 Commissioners' Meeting: Action items were reviewed and completed except the following **ACTION ITEMS**:
 - **CHUCK** will order 2 plaques for Jim Huss's many years of service as the weed boss
 - **BRAD and CHUCK** will continue to work with Mike Pruel regarding the use of Fyke nets for capturing bullheads and explore other options.
 - b) Boat Landing Update: Curt Haga gave an update that all three of the boat landings were completed in 4 days this fall by Krueger and Steinfest. It was a consensus that the work done was excellent and except for some minor yearly maintenance, the improved boat landings should last a long time. Chuck and Curt both mentioned that the article in the Pioneer Express regarding the new boat landings failed to mention that monies were also donated to the project by the Tourism Commission and the Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District. This oversight was brought to the attention of the article's author, Steve Kircher, and hopefully a correction will be made in a future edition. Treasurer Kathy Kupfer sent the check along with a thank you letter on behalf of the District to the Town of Nashville who owns the boat landings. Also, a huge thank you goes out to former Commissioner Curt Haga, who spearheaded the boat landing repairs and who made sure it was completed.
 - c) Welcome to the Board Folders: Kathy reported that the folders are completed, and one was given to each of the current board members. Kathy recommended that each commissioner should include his copy of the Lake Management Plan as well as a yearly "timeline" of all his duties in this folder. It was agreed that the timelines will be completed by our next commissioners' meeting.

ACTION ITEM: All commissioners complete a yearly timeline prior to our next commissioners' meeting.
 - d) Wake Board Update: Brad contacted the town chair, Mary Torgeson, regarding wake boarding on small inland lakes so that she is aware of the problem. He also contacted the DNR and said that they are very aware of the wake boarding problem and there will, most likely, be some recommendations coming out in the near

future. Brad believes it is best to hold off on any action until we hear back from the DNR. Brad said he would, however, draft an article for the spring newsletter discouraging wake boarding on Pickerel and Crane Lakes.

ACTION ITEM: BRAD will write a wake boarding article for the spring newsletter.

5. New Business

a) Update Per Diem Guidelines: To reflect current costs, mileage and per diem guidelines were changed to the following:

- Approved mileage changed from \$.54 to \$.66 per mile
- Breakfast reimbursement increased to \$10.00
- Lunch reimbursement increased to \$15.00
- Dinner reimbursement increased to \$25.00
- Lodging increased to \$160.00 per day if not staying at the conference hotel.

A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Chuck to approve the above guidelines. Motion carried.

ACTION ITEM: KATHY will change the mileage and per diem guidelines as above.

b) Stipend Review: After much discussion, it was decided that there would be no suggested stipend for years served on the board or committee chairs. Rather, the board will take into consideration the number of years served and the amount of work involved. Depending on the situation, the board will recognize the individual with a stipend and/or gift to the individual on a case-by-case basis. With regard to paying volunteers, as per our by-laws, volunteers will not get paid but may be reimbursed for the use of their equipment. The following requests were made by Kathy for equipment reimbursement:

- \$100 per year to Dan Welhouse for use of his equipment to put in and take out all three of the docks at the Pickerel and Crane Lake boat landings.
- One-time payment of \$50 to Mark Starich for use of his pontoon boat in taking weekly measurements during the summer of 2023 under the LMP's Limnology Study.

The board approved the above disbursements.

ACTION ITEM: KATHY will send two checks as above for equipment usage.

c) Treasurers' Report: Kathy reported that we are still under budget for 2023. She noted that the boat landing budget was exceeded for this year because the boat landings were completed ahead of schedule. Since the money for the boat landings was already in a reserve account, that money was used to pay for the boat landings ahead of schedule.

d) Crane Lake Filamentous Algae: Brad Kupfer reported that this has been a very bad year for filamentous algae on Crane Lake. He is currently gathering information on what future courses of action could be taken. He is also waiting on water quality reports and recommendations from White Water Associates. He recommended that, if possible, we put money aside in our budget that could potentially be used for treatments at a future time.

e) Update 5-Year Plan: Kathy reported that we need to update our 5-year plan since the current plan only goes through 2022. It was decided by the board to only go out 3 years rather than 5 and make the following adjustments:

- Walleye restoration at \$0.00 since we get free stocking from the DNR, and we have over \$9,000 in a reserve account.
- Lake Management plan at \$10,000/year for the next 3 years.
- Eliminate Shoreline Condition and Shallow Water Habitat.
- Set the Weed Harvester budget at \$10,000/year that will include fuel for the next 3 years.

ACTION ITEM: KATHY will update our current 5-year plan to the above 3-year plan.

f) Spring Newsletter Topics and Guidelines: The following items were recommended to be included in the spring newsletter:

- Green flags on Pickerel Lake for weed harvesting
- Use of balloons during 4th of July event
- Treasurers' reports
- Mission Statement and website address
- Brad's reports on Walleye stocking, wake boating, LMP Update on Crane Lake and Shoreline improvements.
- Possible "green water" insert included
- Audit report
- Harvester report
- Chuck's Chairman's letter
- DNR requirements about where the harvester can go (John)
- "Bring a friend" ideas (Kathy)

ACTION ITEM: ALL board members send their reports that they want included in the newsletter by March 1, 2024.

g) Spring Meeting Agenda: A tentative agenda was discussed for the annual spring meeting that will be on May 18, 2024.

6. Adjourn: A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Chuck to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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