



Pickerel/Crane Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Fall Newsletter, 2025

From the Chairman's Desk – Chuck Sleeter

Dear Pickerel/Crane Lake District Members,

As the vibrant colors of autumn begin to grace our landscapes, I am pleased to provide an update on several key projects and initiatives that our District is actively pursuing or wrapping up this fall. These efforts are designed to continue enhancing the health of our lakes, improve our community engagement and recognize the incredible dedication of our volunteers.

Fall Projects & Initiatives

- **The Bullhead Removal Challenge.** This fall, our Bullhead Removal Challenge is in full swing; a crucial ongoing effort to help us manage the bullhead population in Pickerel and Crane Lakes. High numbers of bullheads can impact the health of our game fish, and with your continued help, we can make a significant difference. Thus, we are encouraging everyone to participate in a bit of friendly competition. For more details, please call Dan Vosters at 920-419-0317, or visit Pine Point or Pine Grove Resorts. Your participation is key to making this a huge success!
- **Invasive Species Door Hanger Campaign.** Our dedicated District Volunteers have been, or soon will be, visiting homes across the District, placing informative door hangers on your doorknobs. These hangers contain vital information to help us stop the spread of the Invasive Eurasian Watermilfoil into Crane Lake. Your cooperation in reading these hangers and following the guidance within is crucial to protecting our waters. Please take a moment to review them carefully and join us in this important fight.
- **New Signage at the Pickerel Lake Road Culvert.** You will see new signage prominently placed at the Pickerel Lake Road culvert. This sign serves as a critical reminder to stop your boats and clean off any weeds from your motor, anchor, and trolling motor before entering Crane

Lake. Invasive species can spread easily on watercraft, and this simple act of cleaning can prevent significant ecological damage. We kindly ask everyone to respect this sign and ensure their equipment is free of weeds.

- **Volunteer Appreciation Gear.** The District's Board of Commissioners has proudly approved the purchase of tee shirts and hats for all loyal volunteers who generously contribute to our District's programs. These shirts are safety green with our logo on the front and "Volunteer" on the back. The hats are navy blue with our logo on the front and "Volunteer" on the back. When you see these dedicated individuals, please take a moment to thank them for their invaluable service to the District. Their efforts are the backbone of many of our successes.

A Special Acknowledgment:

Finally, I want to take a moment to specifically acknowledge an outstanding volunteer, Kathy Kupfer. For the past 12 years Kathy has served as our Treasurer, performing a truly excellent job managing our finances. Beyond her official duties Kathy has also dedicated countless hours to various District projects. Her commitment and hard work are deeply appreciated and we are incredibly grateful for her long-standing service.

We look forward to a productive fall season with all of you. Your participation and support are what make our District so strong and our lakes so special.

Sincerely,

Chuck Sleeter, Chairman

Mission Statement:

*Citizens dedicated to the preservation and rehabilitation
of Pickerel and Crane Lakes for present and future
generations*

For Your Information

Lake District Annual Fall Meeting

You are invited to attend our annual fall meeting to be held on Saturday, August 23, 2025 at 9:00 AM in the Town of Nashville Community Center located at 1038 Cty Rd Q, Pickerel, WI. The spring 2025 minutes will need to be approved at this meeting so you may either read them ahead of time on the pickerelcranelakedistrict.org website or there will be a limited number of copies available for review at the meeting.

There will be a **Door Prize Drawing** for those attending.

Board of Commissioners – Please contact Craig Farah (920-470-8845) if interested in being nominated to the Board of Commissioners. The following positions will be up for election in the fall: Treasurer and Commissioner-at-large.

Weed Harvesting – Pickerel Lake

Please remember to place a green flag at the end of your dock if you would like your dock-area weeds harvested. If interested in volunteering to help, please contact **John Shuppe at 608-698-3061**.

Mailing List Update – In order for us to keep the mailing list current, please notify me if your address has changed. It would also be helpful if you would contact me with the name and address of the new owners in the event your property is sold.

Thank You!

Dan Stoehr, Secretary Pickerel/Crane P&R District
email: dtstoehr@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed – Check out our website's Home Page at pickerelcranelakedistrict.org for a list of all the volunteer opportunities within our Lake District.

Wake Boat Update

Brad Kupfer made a presentation to the Town of Nashville Board on Tuesday July 15th educating them on the damage wake boats have on our lakes. More information will be shared at our fall meeting.

Bullhead Nets

Please bring your bullhead nets to the fall meeting as these are the property of the lake district. Be prepared to share any successes you might have had this summer netting bullhead fry.

Walleye Stocking 2025

This year is a stocking year for fingerling walleyes on both Crane and Pickerel Lakes. Estimated totals will be around 3,500 for Crane and 13,000 for Pickerel. Stocking is scheduled for the first week in October, depending upon water temperatures.

Fishing Line Disposal Containers Installed at all Three Boat Landings

The improper disposal of fishing line is a major threat to fishing areas. It threatens marine life, damages boats and fouls propellers. Recycling your old fishing line is one of the best actions you can take to solve these issues.

Thanks to FCAL (Forest County Association of Lakes) who made and donated these fishing line disposal containers that were installed at each of our boat landings.



Close up view of the Fishing Line Disposal Container at the Crane Lake boat landing

Citizens Monitoring and Action Committees

Our Lake District has *Citizens Monitoring and Action Committees* on both lakes that constantly monitor all activity including recreational boating, fishing, boat landings and anything that pertains to the health and welfare of our lakes. If any activity is deemed illegal or unsafe, we do not hesitate to contact authorities.

Pickereel/Crane Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District **Mid-Year Treasurer's Report 1/01/2025 - 6/30/2025**

CD's Capital Purchases	62,599.55
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	47,325.65
CD Lake Management Plan	14,834.35
CD Walleye Restoration	4,029.51
Savings	6,258.23
Checking	1,066.76
Money Market/Contingency Fund	<u>70,007.84</u>
Prior Year Balance	\$206,121.89

Revenues

Boat Landings	49.00
Credit	84.79
Donation	3,000.00
Interest	3,438.01
Tax Levy	<u>20,128.02</u>
Mid-Year Revenues	\$26,699.82

Expenditures

Administrative	64.00
Aeration	722.49
Boat Landings	171.81
Dues	150.00
Insurance	201.00
Lake Management Plan	1,215.12
Postage	182.14
Printing	41.86
Rent	700.00
Webpage/Newsletter	365.25
Weed Harvesting	<u>322.75</u>
Mid-Year Expenditures	\$3,734.42

Closing Balance

CD's Capital Purchases	63,953.76
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	48,405.50
CD Lake Management Plan	15,141.15
CD Walleye Restoration	4,103.75
Savings	6,280.35
Checking	20,600.12
Money Market/Contingency Fund	<u>70,602.66</u>
2025 Mid-Year Balance	\$229,087.29

Respectfully Submitted, *Kathy Kupfer*, Treasurer

Pickereel/Crane Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Website

pickereelcranelakedistrict.org

Our lake district webpage is a valuable source of information for our membership where you can easily find the following:

- Aeration
- Archived Newsletters (2009-Present)
- Archived Meeting Minutes (2009-Present)
- Lake Management Plan (Findings and Recommendations)
- Upcoming Meeting Dates, Times and Agendas
- Shoreline Restoration
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Walleye Restoration
- Wild Rice Initiative
- Weed Harvesting

Pickereel/Crane Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District **2026 Proposed Budget**

Expenditures

Administrative	700.00
Aeration	2,000.00
Boat Landings	600.00
Capital Purchases	1,000.00
Dues	300.00
Insurance	6,000.00
Invasive Aquatic Plants	10,000.00
Lake Monitoring	100.00
Meetings/Mileage	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	2,000.00
Postage	800.00
Printing/Ads	500.00
Rent	1,000.00
Webpage/Newsletter	2,000.00
Weed Harvesting	<u>7,000.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$35,000.00

Revenues

Boat Landing Donations	0.00
Interest	1,000.00
Capital Purchases Reserve	1,000.00
Lake Management Plan Reserve	5,200.00
Tax Levy	<u>27,800.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$35,000.00

2026 Proposed Tax Levy is \$27,800.00 (0% Change)

Respectfully Submitted, *Kathy Kupfer*, Treasurer

Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District
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NOTICE OF PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE P&R DISTRICT FALL MEETING
August 23, 2025 9:00 AM
TOWN OF NASHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
1038 CTH "Q", PICKEREL, WI

AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome
5. Approve May 2025 Spring Meeting Minutes
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Old Business
 - a) Summer 2025 Harvester Report (John Shuppe)
 - b) New Off-Site Parking Space for the Harvester Equipment
 - c) 2024-2025 Aeration Report
 - d) Wake Boat Report (Brad Kupfer)
8. New Business
 - a) Bullhead Competition (Dan Vosters)
 - b) Boat Landing Fishing Containers
 - c) Purchase of New Shirts and Hats for all Volunteers
 - d) Bullhead and EWM Postcard Mailings
9. Budget Hearing / Adoption of Tax Levy
10. Elections for Treasurer and Commissioner
 - a) Nominations from the Floor
 - b) Written Ballot Vote
 - c) Announcement of Results
11. Special Acknowledgement of Treasurer Kathy Kupfer
12. Public comment
13. Announce raffle winners
14. Adjourn

There will be a commissioners' meeting immediately following the spring meeting.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Selection of Positions on the Board
3. Approve May 17, 2025, Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
4. Review Action Items
5. Webpage photo of the Board
6. Adjourn

Sign up for our gift raffle when entering.

**Pickerel/Crane Lake District
Commissioners & Representatives**

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