



PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE P&R DISTRICT

Protection and Rehabilitation District

Newsletter



From the Chairman's Desk...

This past spring I spoke about the Pickerel Creek Dam with regards to the WI Department of Resources (WDNR) ordering the Town of Ainsworth to lower the water levels in Pickerel, Crane, and Rolling Stone Lakes so that more water could be sent downstream. I spoke about the meeting our Lake District had with the WDNR where we were told that our only remedy for appealing their decision and possibly restoring our lakes to their original levels was to file a petition signed by 100% of all lakefront property owners on all three lakes.

In May I was advised by the WDNR that there seemed to be some confusion about this so-called "petition". It appears that now it's really not a "petition" at all; it's an *easement*, and must be signed by every single lakefront property owner. I requested a sample of this *easement*, and it came as no surprise to me that it was so one-sided and confusing that I myself would never sign and therefore, could never even consider asking you to sign.

I forwarded this *easement* to an attorney who agreed that he wouldn't sign it either and

couldn't imagine anyone else signing.

Furthermore, in June, WDNR employee Terry Cummings advised us by email that even if 100% of all of the lakefront property owners did sign this *easement* the WDNR still has the authority to lower the lake levels to whatever is required to maintain the flow downstream.

Therefore, unless someone has a better solution to this problem I will consider it "dead in the water" or more accurately "dead for the lack of water".

Luckily we have received several inches of rain this summer so the lakes are not yet suffering.

Finally, as most of you know we had a tornado hit our area in late June. We suffered some structural damage and many of the town roads were impassable due to downed trees and power lines.

As Nashville Town Chairman, I would like everyone to know that immediately after the storm hit, the town employees

and volunteers worked well into the night to clear all of the roads of debris so that they would be open for emergency vehicles.

At first daylight numerous area volunteers and fire and rescue squads were organized to complete a "search and rescue". These EMT's, Firefighter's and volunteers checked every residence in the affected area to make sure everyone was safe and noted any structural damage so the town could notify our seasonal residents of damage to their property. We are very fortunate to have such a great group of individuals in our community and surrounding area. Without their assistance the town would not have been able to serve the community as effectively as we did in this emergency situation. Thank you from all of us.

Hope you are having a great summer!
See you at the September 4th meeting,

Chuck Sleeter
Chairman



Crane Lake Loses a Long Time Friend

Shortly after the mailing of the Spring Newsletter, we received the following from Michael Tresp: "My father, Leo Tresp, who was a long time property owner on Crane Lake, passed away on April 29 at the age of 83. Dad had been a regular visitor to this area as long as I can remember - 60+ years - this was his heaven on earth. He now rests in the only place that could possibly be any better." I'm sure many of us share in sending our sympathies to the Tresp family. According to Michael, his mom is doing fine.

Lake Management Plan Update

This past summer the Lake Residents Committee consisting of people from both lakes met with Tim Hoyman who is creating our Lake Management Plan. The first meeting provided the committee with an extensive overview on the health of our lakes. On average, the water quality analysis of both lakes is good with the lakes being moderately productive to productive. According to Onterra, our overall watershed is in great condition. In regards to the Lakes Fishery, we have Black Crappie, Bluegill, and Pumpkinseed in the sunfish family, Brown Bullhead, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pickerel, Walleye, and Yellow Perch with regular stockings of Walleye. Obviously, the greatest concern is with the invasive weed Eurasian water milfoil. Options were placed before the committee to consider what plan of action to take. The committee agreed with Mr. Hoyman that we should wait one year to review other lakes' success with chemical treatment. When all the data is in, we will bring the treatment plan options before the Lake District at one of our meetings for your approval. There are grants available from the state to cover half the cost. While important, this is just one component of the Lake Management Plan. Other areas of concern that will be met are water levels, communication between Crane and Pickerel Lake, and bass regulations. Please make every attempt to attend our annual meetings.

Important Lake Reminders

As we close out the summer, it is important to remember that there is a 100 ft. no wake zone ordinance. This is a statewide ordinance that will make it safer for those swimming or fishing near the shoreline. Along with the safety issue, boats often churn up sediment, chop vegetation, decrease water quality, increase shoreline erosion, and potentially spread invasive weeds. Sawyer Lake recently experienced a tragic accident this summer as a man on a jet ski attempted to splash his relatives on the dock and inadvertently seriously injured his niece who was his passenger. Please, don't ignore this rule thinking that you are doing no harm.

It's hard to believe that the lake will soon be covered with ice. As the ice fishermen return to the lake, we ask that you remember that any garbage you leave behind will eventually end up sinking into the lake in the spring. Shoreline residents can attest to seeing items such as tarps left behind. Often it is too late for anyone to safely go out on the ice to remove such items. Once these items sink, there is no way to reverse the damage caused to our lake and fish.

We ask you to use the lake wisely. It is a place of incredible beauty that provides peace and recreation to all of us. Let's be wise with how we use it.

NEW WEED HARVESTER MANAGER FOR CRANE LAKE A LETTER FROM LOREN KING

This is to inform everybody that Rod Sternhagen will be scheduling the weed harvester and workers on Crane Lake. Len Hadovski will assist.

Shirley and I wish to thank all the people on Crane Lake who volunteered their time and help for many years. We would also like to thank Jim Huss and Phil Hollmann for all their help and the many volunteers from Pickerel who helped with the moving and set up of equipment.

This year was different because of DNR permits. Thanks to Pete Pekar, Mike Verbruggen, Rod Sternhagen, and Len Hadovski for cutting and also a big thank you to Chuck Doemel for driving the truck and putting the weeds on their land. I also have to thank my sons for their help in harvesting and setting up the equipment. One would take vacation time, drive from Shawano and volunteer his time, and the other would take vacation to help harvest. Both felt it necessary to help harvest weeds on Crane.

Please give your support to Rod and Len as they take over their new duties. Volunteers are always needed even if it's having your name on a substitute list to be called when necessary.

Rod Sternhagen Home 920-766-7985 Cell : 920-540-4507

Len Hadovski Home: 262-567-8260 Alt.: 715-484-7132

Thanks again to all who helped, and if you appreciate a cleaner less weedy lake volunteer even if it's checking boats at the landing.

Loren King

**Notice of Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R
District Fall Meeting**

September 4, 2010 – 9:30 a.m.
Ainsworth Town Hall
(Corner of T & TT, Pearson)

Agenda

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Reading of the Spring Meeting Minutes
3. Treasurer’s Report
4. Committee Reports
 - a) Pickerel Creek Dan
 - b) Lake Management Plan Update
 - c) Weed Harvesting
 - d) Invasive Aquatic Plants – Maps
 - e) Aeration
 - f) Lake District Docks & Landings
 - g) Fish Stocking
 - h) Nashville Community Complex Update
5. Budget Hearing/ Adoption of Tax Levy
6. Election of 2Commissioner (Brian King & Lauren Freston)
7. Comments from the floor
8. Adjourn

(Two or more members of the Nashville Town Board may be in attendance.)

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010

Notice is given that the Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District will conduct a hearing on the proposed budget for 2010 and adopt a tax levy at the annual meeting September 4, 2010.

Expenditures	2009 Budget	2010 Proposed Budget
Printing	300	400
Postage	1,000	1,000
Adm. Supplies	200	200
Meetings/Mileage/ Telephone	500	500
Office Rent	780	780
Dues	120	120
Insurance	2,500	2,500
Lake Monitoring	500	250
Boat Landings	1,000	1,000
Aeration	2,500	2,000
Weed Harvesting	7,800	5,000
Capital Purchases	-0-	9,250
Inv. Aq. Plant Cont.	8,500	17,000
Lake Man Plan	35,000	35,000
Misc.	500	500
Total	61,200.00	75,500.00

Revenues	2009 Budget	2010 Proposed Budget
Lake Man. Plan Grant	9,000.00	9,000.00
Lake Man. Plan Res.	15,000.00	15,000.00
Inv. Aq. Plant Cont. Reserve	8,500.00	17,000.00
Interest	750.00	1,500.00
Boat Landing Donations	150.00	200.00
Proposed Tax Levy *	27,800.00	27,800.00
Total	61,200.00	75,500.00

**A detailed copy of the budget
may be obtained from the
Treasurer, Peg Hollman at
715-484-7800**

***2010 Approved Tax Levy \$27,800**

Percentage of Change: 0%

Pickerel/Crane Lake District Commissioners & Representatives

Chuck Sleeter – Chair (715) 484-8166 or (715) 484-4501
email: townnash@solarus.net

Brian King – Vice Chair (715) 484-2807 or (920) 347-0245

Dan Vosters – DNR Rep. (715) 484-3142 or (920) 766-9202

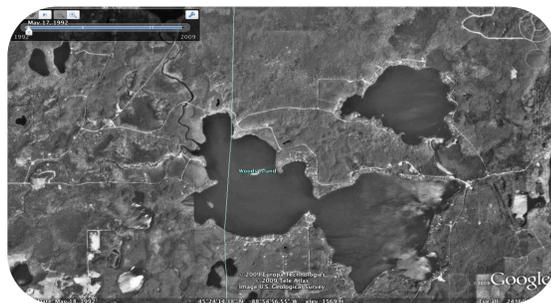
Peg Hollmann – Treasurer (715) 484-7800

Lauren Freston – Secretary (715) 484-2910 or (715) 623-6785
email: lafreston@yahoo.com

Duane Marshall – Town of Nashville Rep. (715) 484-8198

Jim Stormer – Forest County Liaison (715) 484-2022

Joe Barnett – Langlade County Liaison (715) 484-3968



Pickerel/Crane Lake

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In order for us to keep our mailing list current, please notify us of your new address if you move. It would also be helpful if you would let us know the name and address of the new owners in the event your property is sold, so we can include them in our mailings. Thank you.

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