

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Pickerel / Crane Lake P&R District Fall Meeting**  
**September 3, 2016 - 9:30**  
**Nashville Town Hall**

25 Members present.

All Board members present.

Fall meeting minutes read, motion to accept, all agreed.

Commissioner's report for October 17, 2015 read, motion to accept, all agreed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kathy read the Treasurer's Report covering moneys in bank, revenues, expenditures, and closing balance and the budget comparison to compare over and under details in categories. Question from Rod Sternhagen: Did they ever check on the grants from WPS. Yes, Kathy has the paperwork for that. She did apply for the \$1,000 grant which was rejected. After researching, she revised the paperwork and reapplied. As of yet, they have not yet been denied. She will follow through on this. Loren King motioned to accept. All approved.

**Aeration Report:**

Jerry Hietpas will start the motors this week to check on possible repairs. It all ran well last year.

**Weed Harvester:**

Questionable on the loads that came out of Pickerel - 10? The harvester was taken to Crane Lake and was there for 11 - 12 days. It is now in Pickerel Lake. Chuck wants to thank those who moved the Harvester and all who worked it on Crane Lake. Response was positive, and they made great use of it while it was there. Len, the original weed boss, did not feel that there was enough weeds but the weather turned and more weeds grew. Len resigned as Weed Boss. Brian King agreed to take charge. He did a great job on scheduling. 22 loads of weeds were taken out. They did have issues with the Harvester such as it jamming even without weeds on it. There was still demand for the harvester on Pickerel. Jim Huss had people lined up because areas on the lake had not been touched. Floaters were coming in which required the harvester. The cutters on the front needed to be addressed. There were issues with the new pump and hydraulic system. Parts were ordered and over-nighted which were defective when arrived. Holiday was approaching, and it was felt that the harvester needs attention to better repair than the band-aid type repairs that have been done. Mr. Huss, Chuck, Phil Holman were at this meeting, and decided to contact Inland Harvesting, the people who made the machine. They were asked to come from Burlington, WI and go through the machine to check the main hydraulic unit, replace the motors (3 on front - 5 on whole machine) and replace what is necessary to fix it. They agreed. No estimate given. Decision was made to go ahead with this. There will be expense involved and the machine is 12-14 years old and there has never been a major expense yet. The money is needed to make it work well. Huss said, per Hot Dog, that when he talked to Inland they were surprised that this is the first time we need to replace the cylinders. Usually every few years these needed to be replaced.

The harvester was put back in on Pickerel Lake, but it is virtually non-usable. Over the years, the steel has become bowed and gets pushed out more which makes it hard to keep the harvester on the trailer as it wants to follow the bow. Tried to load it 4 times - it kept sliding. Now the stainless steel hull is sitting half on and half off the trailer. They got it off and parked it - maybe they didn't cut the hull? The trailer is now at Baileys and all the steel is there. They have and rebuild it stronger. How much to repair? It could be in the thousands of dollars. The town needed to be notified that the harvester is there - it is their boat landing. The trailer is being repaired. The problem is that the boat landing has a hole in it. There is no way to keep that trailer level. When it does that, the harvester wants to go off the trailer. We are fixing the trailer, and we will have the bill coming and on the machine itself. We will have to get it out of the lake before the end of September.

We have asked the Town if we can store the harvester on the west side of the boat landing for winter. Usually they store it on Jim Huss's land but there are safety issues with the hill. The town board is considering this. They need another meeting to make this decision. Hopefully, this can get done before the weather turns cold. The money is in the budget - will try to have repairs done this fall. If we fix it, warranty has to be dealt with. Inland is pretty easy to work with. We will try to get repairs done this fall with the caveat that the warranty does not begin until spring.

The new truck has been good. Nurse tank was put on. All is working out. We took it out to fix fuel gauge still not fixed. Breaks still pulsate - needs to be fixed again - no charge since it is recently fixed.

Rod - Question about chemicals put into Shawn Lake? They said that their weeds are way down. Enterprise did the same thing - no fish. No, it has not been checked into. Maybe contact DNR and see what happened.

When did we get harvester - 12-14 years? Question from floor - When he bought you couldn't get out of his dock. Since the harvester, they haven't had problem. Another said he can't get his boat out of his dock now. Harvester is not for cosmetics. Crane hasn't had harvesting for three years, and there was a big crop to be harvested this year.

Motion to spend the money for repairs - motion made - seconded all in favor aye.

Brad - check into lily pad trimming. Hwy 45 over bridge in Oshkosh - If we don't do something or approach the idea, then they may overtake and the channel will close up. Hot Dog brought that up on the pontoon class - we cannot cut the weeds, but you can pull them out - their root system is not that deep and that way you minimize churning the bottom as opposed to cutting. You can go up to the DNR and rent a v-shape cutter to cut them. Brad will call Jim Krytlow and ask about this. Rolling Stone outlets is a similar situation. Channel and Bartz Bay - lily pad are 100 ft. from shore. This is the first time to be concerned with the channel. Before the no wake, it was not a concern that the lily pads would fill in. The no-wake zone was done for the property owners on the channel.

### **Walleye stocking update - Brad Kupfer**

Stocking will happen October 1. The goal is 10/acre. Electro shocking will occur on Sept. 6 at night on both lakes. We are looking for one more volunteer as an observer. Hot Dog will go. Any reports on catching? A walleye caught - thought it was a perch. - In Pickerel - Rod talked to a fisherman on Friday night - 16" walleye on Crane was caught - 14-15" seen by Dan Voss.

### **Greg Matzke Pickerel/Crane Fisheries recap-**

A couple of surveys coming up - fall electroshocking and spring netting bull head and extraction for both lakes. Mole Lake will be involved with this as well. This is our final exam to see how the restoration project is going.

### **Northside Boat Landing Committee Report**

Jamie represents the Town of Nashville boat landings, Pee Wee (Dale), Brad, Kathy, and Chuck are on this committee. Went to Rhinelander boat landing which was very deluxe and well done. We have decided we don't want restrooms or more land. We want improvements for boats and harvester. We are down to the point where we would like to put in a nice landing and handicap-accessible dock. The cost estimate is \$140,000 (that is our share). This is the worst case, and it will be spread over three years. Then what about the other boat landings? The harvester issue will play into getting a grant. \$20,000 is what will get this process going - engineering. The committee swallowed pretty hard at the figure.

What is being considered - new pad underwater, fill in with blow hole. Constructed to withstand winter ice - anchored 7 ft down 12 foot slab. Similar to Boyce Dr. landing in Rhinelander. About 12 ft. wide which would be played out in design process. Big enough for harvester and at least 1 boat wide for launching. The parking lot will be regraded and black topped to adhere to DNR codes. Removal of concrete that is already there.

Will the Town pay for half? Jamie does not know if the Town will do that? The Town does own the boat landing and can charge user fee. It is hard to enforce.

Brad Kupfer addressed the audience - We put bandaids on the harvester and the boat landing. Last year they bought a new pontoon boat, and it almost tipped over. Is it the Lake District's responsibility for this? He advocates putting in the \$20,000 to figure out if this is feasible. The reason to look at Pickerel is the harvester needs to be put in. It could be funded 70-90% funded.

What is the maintenance afterwards? Jamie Anderson said it is virtually maintenance free. What is the life span? Asphalt should last 15-20 years and up to 30 years. Lifetime for what is underwater. Docks are virtually maintenance free. The dock we have was made by Les and is not wheel chair accessible. What is the warranty on this project? 1 year warranty from contractor. Engineers will be there to help afterwards. Jamie is only 1/3 of the Nashville Town board. He will propose to up the input from \$1,000 for all boat landings - up it to \$2,000 for this project for three years for this project. The grant process is three years. If it gets built, it belongs to the town, so the town would maintain it. After this, the Lake District will only utilize it.

Question posed - how long to recoup the savings account in case we are wiped out. We always have \$27,800 coming in for taxes - working budget - how much have we been saving since Kathy has been here - \$3,000 has been in boat landing fund. 2012 - \$12,000 banked 2013 - \$3,000 banked 2014 - \$6,000 banked 2015 - \$15,000 banked.

The money could be recouped by walleye restoration fund - for two years of not stocking could help pay for the boat landing. Worst case scenario 70% grant is \$110,000 (including the 20,000 initial) and we would fund \$70,000 at the 20,000. Best case we could be responsible for \$60,000. Kathy says there is no money set aside for walleye restoration next year, so it is not in the budget.

Chuck - do I have a commitment from walleye chairman to not spend money on walleye for the next few years? 2 of the 3 years we will not be stocking. Chuck needs you to say we are not going to buy fish for a couple of years. He says yes 2017 and 2019 - 2018 fish will be bought. If we take the expense this year - this can go on. These expenses are because of poor boat landings - Loren King thinks it is a wise move.

The frustrating thing is the people on the lake are paying for it, and the users are the ones who seem to be abusing it. And it will create more people using them. There are many things to look at.

If we spend the initial \$20,000 - are we committed? No, the grant will then be applied for and then we would advertise the next step which would generate more people to take another vote.

Lake District has tracked the spending - 2012 - 720.78 / 2013 799.95 / 2014 529.48 / 2015 762.24 which is basically doing the same thing over and over again.

If the boat landing was improved, then the weed harvester trailer would not be damaged. This repair fee would not be there. Brian King made the motion to go ahead with the study / seconded and 23 voted yes 1 from the board voted no - one for the reason that he doesn't want more people on the lake.

Budget issue? \$20,000 must be paid within one year. It leaves an operating fund of \$22,600 which is doable.

## **New Business**

**Consider donation to the Wisconsin Shoreland Initiative & the Snow Club -**

There are 72 different Lake Districts - Hired Bill O'Connor as a lawyer/lobbyist as to what is happening with the changes to the shoreland. It is controversial. Asking for money to convince politicians to stop the furtherance of the new rules. A letter was sent asking for a donation from the lake associations. Chuck vouches for their integrity.

How much are you thinking? \$200 - And donating to the Pickerel Tombstone Snow Club for the use of the tractor. Sometimes they return our donation and other times they have kept it.

One suggestion - shelve the Shoreland donation and give to the Snow Club.

Motion made to donate \$100 made by Mrs. King, seconded by Linda all in favor aye.

Motion is made \$200 to Snowmobile Club - motion made / seconded - all in favor aye.

### **Budget Hearing / Adoption of Tax Levy**

The Boat Landings were upped to \$6,000 in anticipation of the repairs that are going to be needed. The revenue has not changed - An operating budget of \$22,600 is in place with the additional \$20,000 for the boat landing. It will be tight, but we can do it. It will require the numbers to change on the proposed budget. Leaving us with a budget of \$36,600.00. Will you allow us to make the necessary changes to the budget to include the boat landing allotment?

No discussion from floor - Motion to adopt the tax levy for 2017 of no change from previous year - motion made by Brad Kupfer, seconded by Mrs. King - all in favor. Tax levy has been adopted.

Motion to accept the budget of \$36,600 with revisions made by Board of Commissioner's after this meeting to account for the boat landing expenditure made by Loren King; seconded by John Laird. All in favor, aye.

### **Election for Position of Secretary and Vice-Chairman**

No possible Secretary volunteers.

Rod will stay if no one is interested. Rod has cancer (stage 4). Hot Dog will take this position when the time comes when Rod is unable. Hopefully, this time will not come.

No nominations and no votes have to happen.

### **Adjourn**

Motion made by Dick Are seconded. All voted aye.

**11:30**

**Commissioner's Meeting Minutes  
Pickerel / Crane Lake P&R District Spring Meeting  
September 3, 2017 - 11:45  
Nashville Town Hall**

Kathy made the changes in the budget for the Boat Landing. From our budget this year, 2016 - Estimating that if the changes noted are made, she will come up with only needing \$4,900 - (See attachment)

She wants to save Capital Purchases to pay eventually - will only give us \$39,000 left in capital CD's The grant would retroactively pay for some of this.

Chuck made motion to reduce 5,000 to \$3,0000 contingency fund.

Jaimie Anderson says that the Township might kick in \$2,000

Is it ok that Kathy - She is thinking that she can increase the budget below to \$40,000 by 4,150. She wants left over moneys from line items and combine into one line for Boat Landing Project Reserve. That way we have higher revenue.

Dan Vosters moved to increase the budget by 4,000 using money left in line items from the 2016 budget and changes as is documented in the attached document. Rod seconded. All in favor. Aye.

Discussion on what day to have the Annual Meetings.

Jobs on the board - does anyone want to change their position? Motion made and seconded for jobs to stay the same.

Other Lake Districts and Associations are some who are sending out electronic newsletters. What is the feedback? The ones who are not into computer age they can get it from neighbors or kids. We can mail them. Put out on the website. We will work on this through newsletter and the spring meeting. Maybe put written notices up in local bars and gas stations.

Motion made, seconded and voted aye. Adjourn - 12:30