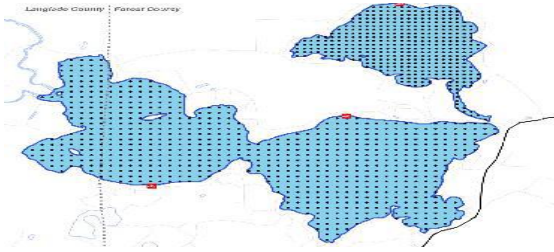


# Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District Fall Newsletter, 2019



## From the Chairman's Desk – Chuck Sleeter

Hi Folks, Hope everyone had a safe and fun summer. What do you think about the high water in the lakes and other surface waters? The experts call this our “New Norm.” Speaking about experts and folks that know their stuff, I was fortunate enough to attend the Northern Wisconsin Lake Group presentation, this being a joint project of the Oneida and Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Associations. The topic of the class was *Clean Waters: Our Mission, Our Legacy*.

I came away with some data we all should consider. While we all have fire and property damage insurance on our lake homes, what kind of insurance do we have on our lakes? Let's think about that. If you have insurance on your property and it burns down, you are covered for the value. If the lake becomes degraded in some way and it has lost its value, your property and investment take a hit. I have asked Margie, our newsletter editor, to include some facts about how clean water affects the value of your lake property. I think you will find it very interesting.

Just where am I going with this? Well, we all pay a pretty penny to have our lake property insured. Now let's compare this amount to what we pay to have a Lake District that works for the protection and rehabilitation of our lakes. In my opinion that's a good value! How can we do this job? Well, it's because of our great volunteers. I have recently spoken with the chairman from another lake district and a president of one of Wisconsin's oldest lake associations. Sadly, they are considering dissolving the organizations due to a lack of volunteers. We need the younger folks to step up! I have said this before and yet very few answer the call. Many of our existing volunteers, including me, are getting older and won't be able to do this much longer. I know that the times have changed and our younger families are very busy but we owe it to the lakes, they have been good to us. It's payback time!  
Chuck Sleeter



## Lake Management Plan (LMP)

White Water Associates, Inc. has begun implementation of the Pickerel/Crane Lake Management Plan. Dean Premo, President of White Water Associates, Inc. has sent us the following update:

“As you are aware, this summer we are in a data gathering mode for Pickerel and Crane Lakes. By the time of your annual meeting, the major tasks completed will be the (1) Shoreland/Shallow Water Assessments, (2) Point-Intercept Aquatic Plant Surveys, (3) Aquatic Invasive Species Surveys, and (4) Water quality sampling (including dissolved oxygen and temperature profiles). These are data intensive undertakings (especially the shoreland/shallow water assessments and the aquatic plant surveys) with large data sets that require checking, data management, and analysis. In the case of the aquatic plant surveys, voucher specimens for each plant species will be collected, pressed and dried, labeled and mounted, and shipped to UW Stevens Point for verification of our identifications. This is a several month process after which we can input the data into a dedicated spreadsheet and analyze the output for comparison to the previous point-intercept plant survey and preparation of an aquatic plant management plan.”

Please plan on attending our Annual Fall Meeting for more LMP details!

## MISSION STATEMENT

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

## “Clean Waters: Our Mission, Our Legacy”

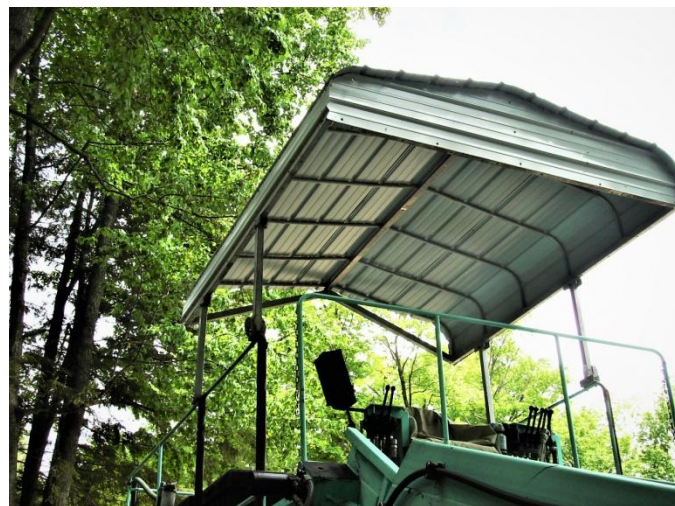
Chairman Chuck Sleeter attended the annual meeting of Northern Wisconsin Lake Group leaders and members from six counties on June 12th. This event organized by the Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Assn., along with Vilas County Lakes and Rivers Assn., focused on ways to encourage natural shorelines and cleaner waters.

According to Chuck, one of the most interesting presentations at the event summarized studies linking lake quality to Northwoods' economies and property values. A recent study by Dr. Thomas Kemp of UW Eau Claire concluded that the value of home prices increases as lake water clarity increases. This study estimated the residential property value gains associated with improvement in water clarity on 60 northern Wisconsin lakes in Oneida and Vilas Counties. Below are some results from Dr. Kemp's 2018 report.\*

- Depending upon the lake, an improvement in water clarity by about 3' would increase average home sale values by \$8,000 to \$30,000. An increase in water clarity of approximately 6' could increase home prices by as much as \$47,000.
- On extremely clear lakes an increase in water clarity would not add much more value. However on a lake with limited clarity, improving water quality could have a significant impact on sales price.
- Conversely if water clarity diminishes, the sales value will decline, but more dramatically, due to the logarithmic nature of the relationship.
- Depending upon the lake, a decrease in water clarity of 3' could decrease average home sale values by up to \$45,000. A decrease in water clarity of approximately 6' could decrease home prices by as much as \$64,000.

*\* Impact of Water Clarity on Home Prices in Oneida & Vilas County, WI, T. Kemp, UWEC, 2018*

A complete copy of Dr. Thomas Kemp's report may be found on Oneida County Lakes and Rivers Association's website at [www.oclra.org](http://www.oclra.org).



## New Harvester Canopy

On June 10th, our Lake District volunteers came together to construct a “Do-It-Yourself” canopy made up of discarded boat covers and pier aluminum. The canopy replaced the old canopy top that had collapsed last winter under a heavy snow load. The new top overhangs 1 foot on the front to protect the operators from sun and rain. Its aluminum welding was done locally.

Special thanks to all who volunteered on the canopy project: Ted Corona, Tom Dorn, Jim Heckendorf, Jerry “Hot Dog” Hietpas, Jim Huss, Chuck Sleeter and Keith Verhagen.

On June 24th, the harvester was put in Pickerel Lake by the following volunteers: Tom Dorn, Jerry “Hot Dog” Hietpas, Phil Hollmann, Dan Huss, Jim Huss, Keith Verhagen and Dan Vosters. Thank you all for your continuing help with the harvester. Also, many thanks to the Pickerel Tombstone Sno-Club for the use of their tractor.

Please remember to place a green flag at the end of your dock if you would like your dock-area weeds harvested.

## ANNUAL FALL MEETING

**Lake District Annual Fall Meeting** – You are invited to attend our Fall Meeting to be held on Aug. 24, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Town of Nashville Community Center located at 1038 CTH “Q”, Pickerel, WI. Be sure to attend the meeting for a chance to win a free Pro Series Tackle Bag. Hope to see you there!

Before the meeting, check out our website for a list of volunteer opportunities and other Lake District highlights at [pickerelcranelakedistrict.org](http://pickerelcranelakedistrict.org).

## Treasurer's Reports

Pickerel/Crane Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District

Mid-Year Treasurer's Report 1/01/19- 6/30/19

Opening Balance	
CD's Capital Purchases	49,579.01
CD Boat Landings	9,069.83
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	38,488.40
Savings	15,037.79
Checking	12,489.57
Money Market/Contingency Fund	46,538.04
<b>Prior Year Balance</b>	<b>\$171,202.64</b>
Revenues	
Boat Landings	601.93
Credit	258.24
Donations	4,000.00
Interest	754.33
Tax Levy	18,602.21
<b>6-Month Revenues</b>	<b>\$24,216.71</b>
Expenditures	
Administrative	14.62
Aeration	1,626.82
Boat landings	966.33
Capital Purchases	3,025.95
Dues	25.00
Insurance	267.00
Lake Management Plan	18,660.00
Meetings/Mileage/Telephone	407.32
Postage	183.18
Printing	227.12
Rent	500.00
Walleye Restoration	3,690.51
Webpage/Newsletter	197.40
Weed Harvesting	1,215.00
<b>6-Month Expenditures</b>	<b>\$6,313.75</b>
Closing Balance	
CD's Capital Purchases	50,047.12
CD Boat Landings	9,172.67
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	38,821.03
Savings	15,093.63
Checking	41,753.79
Money Market/Contingency Fund	46,844.86
<b>2019 Mid-Year Balance</b>	<b>\$201,733.10</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Kupfer, Treasurer

## Pickerel/Crane Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District 2020 Proposed Budget

Expenditures		2020
Administrative		100.00
Aeration	<b>2020 Proposed</b>	1,300.00
Boat Landings	<b>Tax Levy</b>	1,300.00
Capital Purchases	<b>\$27,800</b>	3,000.00
Dues		100.00
Insurance		4,000.00
Lake Monitoring		100.00
Lake Management Plan		10,000.00
Meetings/Mileage/Phone	<b>Percentage</b>	1,500.00
Misc./Contingency Fund	<b>of Change</b>	1,000.00
Postage	<b>0%</b>	500.00
Printing/Ads		500.00
Rent		800.00
Walleye Restoration Project		8,000.00
Webpage/Newsletter		600.00
Weed Harvesting		3,700.00
		<b>\$36,500.00</b>
Revenues		2020
Boat Landing Donations		200.00
Donations		2,000.00
Interest		1,500.00
Tax Levy		27,800.00
Money Market/Contingency Fund		5,000.00
		<b>\$36,500.00</b>

## For Your Information

**Board of Commissioners** – Dan Vosters, our Commissioner from Pickerel Lake, has announced his resignation from the Board. The following positions will be up for nominations at the Aug. 24th Fall Meeting: Chairman, Treasurer and Commissioner. Please contact Lynda Hansen at 920-499-2638 if interested in being nominated to the Board of Commissioners

**Meeting Minutes** – As voted on by Lake District members attending the 2019 Spring Meeting, the meeting minutes when up for approval, will no longer be read aloud at the following Lake District meeting. Handouts of the Spring Meeting Minutes will be available at the Fall Meeting. If you want to read the minutes before the meeting, a copy is also posted on our website at [pickerelcranelakedistrict.org](http://pickerelcranelakedistrict.org).

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

Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District  
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**NOTICE OF PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE P&R DISTRICT FALL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 24, 2019 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. Greet and Thank Everyone for Attending
5. Minutes: May 18, 2019 Spring Meeting and  
July 15, 2019 Commissioners' Meeting
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Old Business
  - (a) Aeration Report, Jerry Hietpas, Aeration Boss
  - (b) Weed Harvester Report
  - (c) Mike Preul with Wild Rice, Bullhead Extraction and  
Harvester Updates
  - (d) Pickerel Tombstone Sno-Club Donation for Use of Tractor
  - (e) Update on LMP Progress and Project Leader Urgently Needed
  - (f) Walleye Stocking Update, Brad Kupfer
  - (g) Northside Pickerel Lake Dock Status
8. New Business
  - (a) Lake Protection Information from Northern WI Lake Group
  - (b) DNR Asks Boaters to be Good Neighbors
  - (c) Discussion on Election for Commissioners
9. Public Comment
10. Budget Hearing/ Adoption of Tax Levy
11. Election for Position of Commissioner
  - (a) Nominations from the Floor
  - (b) Written Ballot Vote
  - (c) Announcement of Results
12. Adjourn

**Notice: A Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District Commissioners' Meeting will be held immediately following the Fall Meeting adjournment.**

**AGENDA**

1. Selection of Positions on the Board
2. Adjourn

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

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