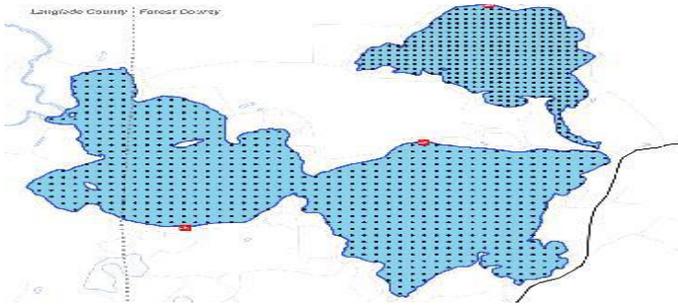


Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District Spring Newsletter, 2019



From the Chairman's Desk – Chuck Sleeter

Well folks, winter is finally over and after a very long and snowy winter we are all ready for a great summer on the lakes. In my opinion the quality of our lakes and our lake community are deeply dependent on our volunteers.

I would like to take this opportunity to speak about all our great volunteers and how these generous people allow us to accomplish our goals. Since we are not paying anyone for their time, we can take these dollars and apply them to the projects and costs of running the Lake District.

Our volunteers are called on to help with numerous projects including putting in a Walleye reef in Crane Lake, they take on the responsibility of overseeing the fish stocking and Bullhead eradication projects, they install and remove the docks, they operate our massive harvester and harvesting project, they do our water testing and operate our \$70,000.00 aeration system in the middle of winter and check it almost daily. Sometimes we forget the hard work our Treasurer and Secretary do for us and the many hours it takes to do these jobs. In addition to our many volunteers, our valued partners such as the Sokaogon Chippewa Community and the Wisconsin DNR have also donated many hours to our District. I don't want to forget the folks who are not in the Lake District and still come to help.

We truly appreciate all our volunteers and ask everyone to consider joining us.

Thanks,
Chuck Sleeter



Pickerel/Crane Lake Spawning Reef Project Summary Submitted by Brad Kupfer

Work officially began on the walleye spawning reef during June of 2018, as volunteers helped Greg Matzke and his technician conduct measurements on 12 different transect points on the reef. Eight months later, on February 4, 2019, Bill Marquardt spent 4 hours removing snow and completed about 3/4 of the reef before nightfall. Then Mother Nature blessed us with a series of snowfalls, including a two-day total of over 14 inches. On February 19th, Brad Graves (Brad Graves Landscaping) and Flannery Excavating began the 9-hour task of moving all of the accumulated snow and slush from the reef area using skid steers. Once the reef was free of snow, Rob Aderholdt (Aderholdt Builders) was contracted to snowplow the area and keep the reef free of snow until our proposed construction dates of March 5-7. On Friday, March 1st, Brad Graves again cleared the reef area of snow and slush and then Rob Aderholdt finished the job with a final snowplowing. This prepared the reef for the following week, as temperatures were below zero for the weekend, allowing the ice to thicken until the washed rock could finally be deposited. (Continued on next page)

Spawning Reef Project, continued

On Monday, March 4th, volunteers from Flannery Excavating, Brad Graves, Mike Preul (Mole Lake Fisheries Director), Greg Matzke (DNR Fish Biologist), Katie Renschen (DNR Fisheries Technician) and Brad Kupfer showed up around noon to map out the various contours for the reef. We were able to initiate a trial run of the Flannery dump trucks driving down the slope from Alexander's to the channel and then dumping the washed rock on the ice at the beginning of the reef. The first load of washed rock arrived around 3:00pm; unfortunately, the first dump truck proceeded to get stuck. Luckily, Flannery had a bulldozer on site and was able to pull out the truck and eventually dump the load of mixed gravel and rock. Small dump trucks were loaded using a skid steer and the washed rock was deposited and leveled according to the marked contours. Five loads of washed rock were put down the first day, beginning on the far west end of the reef.

On Tuesday, March 5th the crew listed above moved approximately 28 truckloads (roughly 480 yards) of washed rock with the help of our own volunteers from the district (Gene Ebben, Jerry Hietpas /Hot Dog, Keith Verhagen, Mark Starich and Mike Stieve). Mother Nature was not very kind again as temperatures hovered around the mid-teens. Kathy Kupfer (District Treasurer) provided lunch for all of the volunteers while Steve and Mike Alexander let us serve lunch for all the volunteers in their kitchen/dining area.

Wednesday's temperatures brought more of the same weather temperatures but this time with 20 mph winds. Art Seidl joined the group on day 2 and we were able to finish the reef around 5:00pm, adding another 31 truckloads of washed rock for a grand total of 64 truckloads and 1,018 yards of rock! Lunch was again provided by Kathy and, thanks to the Alexanders, we were able to get out of the cold and wind.

Moving forward, once the ice goes out, Mike Preul (Mole Lake Fisheries Director) has agreed to test the viability of the reef by physically distributing walleye spawn eggs onto the newly-established reef to hopefully demonstrate that the enhanced reef is suitable for reproduction.

This fall, we will be receiving a total of 16,000 Walleye Fingerlings from the Mole Lake Hatchery, of which 3,500 fingerlings will be stocked into Crane and the remainder of 12,500 will be stocked into Pickerel. The Friday before these are stocked, Greg Matzke will conduct a boom shocking survey on Crane Lake, hoping to locate and identify newly-hatched walleye generated by the eggs Mike Preul planted on the reef. We will also conduct another Bullhead Removal on both lakes on two consecutive nights using the boom shocking method in June. More details to follow, as volunteers will be needed.

Special thanks to all who devoted time and energy in helping complete the spawning reef project:

- Our WDNR representatives
- Mole-Lake Fisheries Director: Mike Preul
- Our District volunteers: Brad Kupfer, Wayne Daun, Tom Schmitz, Gene Ebben, Jerry Hietpas, Keith Verhagen, Mike Stieve, Mark Starich, Art Seidl, Mike Alexander and Steve Alexander
- Jay Jamison and Jim Buchanan (Sokaogon Chippewa Community Housing Authority-Mole Lake skid steer drivers)
- Our business partners: Brad Graves Landscaping, Bill Marquardt (plowing), Rob Aderholdt (plowing), Flannery Excavating, Crandon and Brian Wilson for doing such a wonderful job of coordinating Flannery crew and equipment, and
- Our District Treasurer, Kathy Kupfer, for staking out the reef, and preparing and serving lunches for 40+ people in 2 days!

Lake Management Plan (LMP)

White Water Associates, Inc. has been chosen to implement the Pickerel/Crane Lakes Stewardship Program. In this multi-year lake study and planning project, professional scientists, resource managers, and lake volunteers will actively investigate the lakes and surrounding watershed.

Please plan on attending the May 18th Spring Meeting for LMP details, including handouts and a brief presentation by Angie Stine (White Water biologist) to outline the program and answer questions from the members. Information will also be available in The Forest Republican and on our website at

pickerelcranelakedistrict.org.

Treasurer's Reports

Pickere/Crane Lakes Protection & Rehab. District Year-End Treasurer's Report 1/01/18 - 12/31/18

Opening Balance	
CD's Capital Purchases	48,916.57
CD Weed Harvesting	13,698.43
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	37,962.10
Savings	29,074.22
Checking	3,005.24
Money Market/Contingency Fund	45,987.51
Prior Year Balance	\$178,644.07
Revenues	
Boat Landings	272.00
Credits	2.00
Donations	5,325.00
Interest	2,309.28
Tax Levy	27,800.00
12-Month Revenues	35,708.28
Expenditures	
Administrative	56.31
Aeration	1,400.18
Boat Landings	1,389.75
Capital Purchases	3,107.36
Dues	75.00
Insurance	3,588.00
Meetings/Mileage/Telephone	1,314.38
Postage	430.57
Printing	420.71
Rent	700.00
Walleye Restoration	15,053.35
Webpage/Newsletter	1,053.11
Weed Harvesting	14,560.99
12-Month Expenditures	43,149.71
Closing 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
2018 Year-End Balance	171,202.64

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Kupfer, Treasurer

Pickere/Crane Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District 1st Quarter Treasurer's Report 1/01/19- 3/31/19

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
Prior Year Balance	\$171,202.64
Revenues	
Credit	253.50
Donations/Grant	4,000.00
Interest	618.08
Tax Levy	18,275.57
1st Quarter Revenues	\$23,147.15
Expenditures	
Aeration	723.92
Capital Purchases	3,025.95
Dues	25.00
Postage	26.80
Printing	75.32
Rent	500.00
Walleye Restoration	3,440.51
1st Quarter Expenditures	\$7,817.50
Closing Balance	
CD's Capital Purchases	\$49,789.85
CD Boat Landings	9,120.82
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	38,653.44
Savings	15,067.38
Checking	27,206.53
Money Market/Contingency Fund	46,694.27
2019 First Quarter Balance	\$186,532.29

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Kupfer, Treasurer

For Your Information

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

Board of Commissioners – Please contact Lynda Hansen at 920-499-2638 if interested in being nominated to the Board of Commissioners. The following positions will be up for nominations in the fall: Chairman, Treasurer and Commissioner.

Volunteers Needed – Check out our website under “Upcoming Meetings” for a list of volunteer opportunities at pickerecranelakedistrict.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!

Lake District Spring Meeting – You are invited to attend our Spring Meeting to be held on May 18, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Town of Nashville Community Center located at 1038 CTH “Q”, Pickere, WI. Hope to see you there!

Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District
PO Box 18
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PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE P&R DISTRICT SPRING MEETING
MAY 18, 2019 9:00 AM
TOWN OF NASHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
1038 CTH "Q" PICKEREL WI 54465

AGENDA

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Welcome New Members to the Meeting
- (4) Introduce Commissioners and Interim Sec. Margie Ebben
- (5) Reading of the Fall 2018 Meeting Minutes
- (6) Commissioners' Meeting Minutes (Handouts Available)
- (7) Treasurer's Report; Consider Amending Budget
- (8) Old Business
 - (a) Angie Stine Presentation and Update on LMP
 - (b) Jerry Hietpas Aeration Report
 - (c) Aquatic Plant Harvest for 2019 and Front-end Rebuild Update
 - (d) Pickerel Lake Northside Landing New Dock to be Installed with Plaque
 - (e) Brad Kupfer P/C Lakes Walleye Stocking for 2019
 - (f) Brad Kupfer Crane Lake Walleye Spawning Reef
 - (g) Volunteers Recognized
 - (h) Kathy Kupfer Web Page Update
- (9) New Business
 - (a) 2019 Sokaogon Chippewa Lake Protection Award and Donation to Walleye Reef
 - (b) Mike Preul Presentation on Wild Rice
 - (c) P/C Lake District Five-Year Plan
 - (d) P/C Lake District Mission Statement
 - (e) Bass Limit Update

- (f) Dan Vosters Motor Trolling Restrictions Update
- (g) Elections for Chairman, Treasurer and 1 Commissioner Position at Fall Meeting
- (h) Lynda Hansen Nomination Committee for Fall Election
- (10) Public Comment
- (11) Adjourn

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