

Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District Fall Newsletter, 2020



WDNR photo of rice stalk heads

From the Chairman's Desk – Chuck Sleeter

Hi Folks,
Over the past twenty some years I have spoken to you about lots of topics. They ranged all the way from winter fish kills to what we can do to save our lakes now, and in the future.

Today I'm writing to you about COVID-19. This threat has affected not only our district meetings but many of our activities. I have found that some folks are taking this virus very seriously and others not so much. Some folks would just like to ignore the issue.

While I have served as Chairman, we have faced many problems and issues. Today we are facing a very serious coronavirus that has taken the lives of over 145,000 Americans and impacted the lives of millions of others. So, with that in mind we will do everything possible to help prevent you from coming into contact with the virus at our meeting.

Our Annual Fall Meeting agenda is as short as I can make it and still cover our required items. I would like to be out of the building in less than thirty minutes. If you will note the agenda also has a NOTICE that I personally put on it.

This "notice" informs you on what to expect when you attend the meeting. You will see the chairs arranged according to social distancing. Please do not move them. We are strongly requesting that you wear a face covering to help protect yourself and others. We will have some masks available at the building entrance if you should forget.

Please keep safe,
Chuck Sleeter

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Wild Rice Returns to Pickerel Lake

Historically, Pickerel Lake contained natural wild rice beds. In 2019, a cooperative project was initiated between the Mole Lake Tribe and the Pickerel/Crane Lake District to restore wild rice on Pickerel Lake. On September 12, 2019, the seeding of green wild rice into a three-acre site on Pickerel Lake was completed by Mike Preul, Director of Mole Lakes Fisheries, and several tribal members.

The seeds successfully germinated this spring. In early June, Lake District members reported seeing the floating-leaf stage of wild rice development where long, thin leaves were seen floating on the water surface. The seed-head stage (shown above) should appear by late August.

As Mike Preul noted in our 2020 Spring Newsletter:
"Wild rice is very sensitive to uprooting from excessive wave action and boat propellers, so please be mindful and avoid boat travel through and around the bed.
Thank you!"

It's Up to You to Keep It Blue

Litter destroys nature's beauty. Unfortunately, year after year, our lakes and streams continue to be strewn with cans, bottles and other trash. Fishing line is too often tossed over the side of the boat. Not only does it last almost forever, it can wreck an outboard motor when tangled in the prop. Worse, line often becomes tangled around the legs, necks and beaks of our birds. Each year, many loons, shorebirds and other wildlife die horrible deaths due to improperly discarded fishing line. Litter, whatever the form, belongs only in the trash.

What you can do:

1. Never throw anything in the water other than your bait when fishing, yourself when swimming, and the occasional skipping stone.
2. Lead by example, encouraging others to not litter.
3. If you find cans, bottles or other litter in the lake and can safely remove it (with your life jacket fastened), put it in the trash.
4. When hiking, remind your friends and family of the camper's motto, *if you can carry it in, you can carry it out.*
5. Always dispose of your minnows in the trash or far away from people and pets.
6. After cleaning fish, place the remains in the trash for disposal *away* from the lake. (During warm weather, some anglers wrap and freeze the remains until the trash is picked up.)
7. Never use phosphorus-based lawn fertilizer and reduce runoff from non-impervious surfaces however possible.
8. Maintain your septic system. Nutrients from a poor system will seep through the soil and end up in the lake.
9. Rake leaves and garden waste to a location far away from the water where they can be naturally composted rather than burned.
10. Ashes = Algae: Never dump your fireplace or woodstove ashes into a lake or stream and never burn on the ice where the nutrient-rich ashes are sure to end up in the water.

The above article is composed of excerpts from a book called "Saving Our Lakes and Streams" by James A. Braaken. In his book Mr. Braaken states, "Any information you find within this book can be used in your lake newsletters or websites. Please credit the author and mention this book."

This is a great book, which—as its subtitle proclaims—offers *101 Practical Things You Can Do Today*. Check it out!

Lake District Annual Fall Meeting

You are invited to attend our Fall Meeting to be held on Saturday, Aug. 29, 2020 at 9:00 am in the Town of Nashville Community Center located at 1038 County Road Q , Pickerel, WI.

We are required to hold an Annual Meeting every year according to our Lake District Bylaws. The following positions are up for nominations at this meeting: Secretary and Vice-Chairperson.

Our meeting minutes from the **Fall 2019 Annual Meeting** are pending approval at this meeting. A limited number of copies will be available, and we suggest an early arrival in order to read them before the meeting starts. Also a copy of the Fall 2019 Meeting Minutes is posted on our website at pickerelcranelakedistrict.org.

For Your Information

Board of Commissioners – Please contact Lynda Hansen (920-499-2638) or Margie Ebben (715-484-8140) if interested in being nominated to the Board of Commissioners.

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

Mailing List Update – 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!

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

**Our hearts are with the families, friends
and communities who have lost loved ones
to COVID-19 and with those who are
fighting the virus!**

Treasurer's Reports

Pickerel/Crane Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Mid-Year Treasurer's Report 1/01/2020 - 7/21/2020

Opening Balance

CD's Capital Purchases	50,589.10
CD Boat Landings	9,278.41
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	39,179.13
Savings	15,268.90
Checking	12,267.29
Money Market/Contingency Fund	47,146.99

Prior Year Balance \$173,729.82

Revenues

Boat Landings	257.00
Credit	21.79
Donations	4,000.00
Interest	1,209.79
Tax Levy	18,739.73

7-Month Revenues \$24,228.31

Expenditures

Administrative	97.18
Aeration	985.34
Boat Landings	385.00
Dues	50.00
Insurance	4,298.00
Lake Management Plan	7,750.03
Meetings/Mileage	410.94
Postage	148.21
Printing	55.10
Rent	500.00
Webpage/Newsletter	314.50
Weed Harvesting	2,889.38

7-Month Expenditures \$17,883.68

Closing Balance

CD's Capital Purchases	51,044.88
CD Boat Landings	9,384.21
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	39,538.83
Savings	15,300.62
Checking	17,413.06
Money Market/Contingency Fund	47,392.85

Mid-Year Balance as of 7/21/2020 \$180,074.45

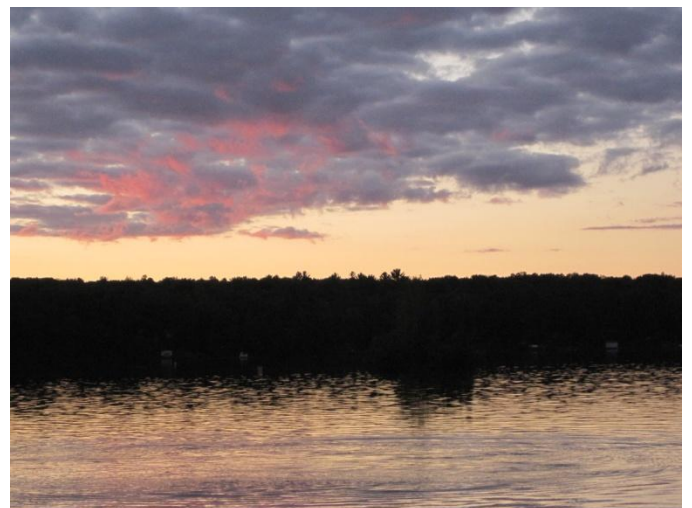
Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Kupfer, Treasurer

Pickerel/Crane Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Proposed 2021 Budget

Expenditures		2021
Administrative		200.00
Aeration	2021 Proposed	1,500.00
Boat Landings	Tax Levy	7,500.00
Capital Purchases	\$27,800	3,000.00
Dues		100.00
Insurance		4,500.00
Lake Management Plan		7,000.00
Lake Monitoring		200.00
Meetings/Mileage/Phone	Percentage	1,500.00
Misc./Contingency Fund	of Change	1,000.00
Postage	0%	500.00
Printing/Ads		600.00
Rent		800.00
Walleye Restoration		0.00
Webpage/Newsletter		600.00
Weed Harvesting		5,000.00
		\$34,000.00

Revenues		2021
Boat Landing Donations		200.00
Interest		1,000.00
Tax Levy		27,800.00
Contingency Fund		5,000.00
		\$34,000.00



All is calm, all is right!

Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District
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NOTICE OF PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE P&R DISTRICT FALL MEETING
AUGUST 29, 2020 9:00 AM
TOWN OF NASHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
1038 CTH "Q", PICKEREL, WI

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Fall 2019 Meeting Minutes
4. Budget Hearing/Adoption of Tax Levy
5. Election of Secretary and Vice-Chairperson
 - (a) Nominations from the floor
 - (b) Vote
 - (c) Announcement of Results
6. 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

NOTICE

CHAIRS WILL BE SET AT THE REQUIRED SOCIAL DISTANCING SPECIFICATIONS. PLEASE DO NOT MOVE THE CHAIRS.

FACE MASKS

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE STRONGLY ASKED TO WEAR MASKS. THE DISTRICT WILL HAVE MASKS AVAILABLE FOR FOLKS WHO DO NOT HAVE ONE.

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

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pickerelcranelakedistrict.org