

MEETING MINUTES
2021 PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE P&R DISTRICT FALL MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2021 9:00 AM
TOWN OF NASHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
1038 CTH "Q" PICKEREL, WI

1. **Call to order:** 9:00 AM
2. **Roll call:** Present: Chuck Sleeter, Chairman; Dan Stoehr, Secretary, Margie Ebben, acting Secretary; Curt Haga, Commissioner
Absent: Kathy Kupfer, Secretary; Jerry Hietpas, Commissioner
3. **Pledge of Allegiance**
4. **Welcome New Members:** No new members were in attendance. Chuck thanked all those who were able to attend.
5. **Spring 2021 Meeting Minutes:** The minutes from the May 22, 2021 Spring Meeting as well as the Commissioners' meetings of May 22, 2021; May 26, 2021; and July 12, 2021 were available as handouts as well as being posted on the website. A motion was made by Curt Haga to approve the 2021 Spring Meeting minutes and seconded by Ed Mytton. Motion carried.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** Acting treasurer, Margie Ebben, presented the 2021 Year-to-Date Budget Comparison and explained that there is a \$25,159.27 balance as of August 20, 2021, but noted that many of this years expenditures come up in August and September so much of that money will be used up by the end of this year. Also, there is \$8,000 in Revenue for walleye restoration, but if that money is not used this year it will go into a CD for future use. A motion was made by George Rock to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Gene Ebben. Motion carried.
7. **Old Business**
 - (a) **Aeration Report, Jerry Hietpas, Aeration Boss:** Chuck explained that due to health concerns, Jerry was unable to attend the meeting, but did report that both aeration pumps were started up and they are ready to go when needed.
 - (b) **No weed harvesting on Crane Lake and 2021 Pickerel Lake harvesting report:** Chuck explained that it was recommended by two different lake specialists not to do weed harvesting on Crane Lake so as to keep down the spread of the Eurasian milfoil. The question was then raised as to why we are doing weed harvesting on Pickerel Lake. Chuck explained that the Lake Management Plan found that the Eurasian milfoil is already part of the Pickerel Lake ecosystem and weed harvesting would not have much more of an impact on its spread so the weed harvesting intent on Pickerel Lake is more for ease of dock access. A comment was also made about using environmentally safe chemicals to get rid of the Eurasian milfoil. Chuck was unaware that this was available, but did take down the name of the company and will check with our lake specialists regarding the use of these chemicals. Another question was raised as to the quality of

water coming into Pickerel Lake from the pumping of Crystal Lake. It was felt that there is more slime in the water than before and is this due to the pumping. Chuck said he would check with Greg Matzke who is managing the pumping and get his opinion. Another question was raised as to whether we can limit the boat traffic from Pickerel Lake into Crane Lake. Chuck said he highly doubted that we could do that but he would look into it. Chuck also mentioned that there will be a new sign at the channel that will ask boaters to remove all weeds before entering the channel.

As far as the Pickerel Lake Harvesting Report, Jim Huss was unable to attend today's meeting but explained to Chuck that they had plenty of volunteers this year and thanked all those who have helped out. 91 loads of weeds have been removed from Pickerel Lake this summer. Repairs are needed on the harvester but this is due to normal wear and tear.

- (c) **Lake Management Plan and request for project leaders urgently needed:** Chuck explained the need for volunteers to help out with the implementation of the Lake Management Plan to work with those volunteers already in place on Crane Lake. The following 3 people stepped up to help out: Scott St. Louis (715-484-2135); Craig Piechowski (920-296-2705); and Ed Mytton (262-442-5765).
- (d) **Walleye stocking for 2021:** Pickerel and Crane Lakes are scheduled for stocking on every "odd" year therefore this fall we are anticipating getting 3,500 walleye fingerlings for Crane and 13,000 for Pickerel. These are from the Mole Lake Fishery and are at no cost to the district. A comment was made that Crane Lake now has about 2.71 walleyes per acre but was interested in how many walleyes per acre are in Pickerel Lake? No one knew that answer, but Chuck said he would check with Mike Pruel.

8. New Business

- (a) **Bullhead extraction volunteers for both lakes needed for 2022:** A request for volunteers will be made at next year's Spring Meeting. In the meantime, Chuck said he would check with Mike Pruel regarding the best way to extract the bullheads.
- (b) **Three volunteers needed for Audit Committee:** Duties include going over the Financials and reporting to the Board per our Bylaws. Brian King, Noah Pearson and Melinda Pearson volunteered.
- (c) **Temporary replacement for Vice Chairman:** Due to medical issues, Jerry Hietpas asked to temporarily step down from his position until he feels he can come back and fulfill his position. According to State Statute 33.287 subsection 2c the chairman has the authority to appoint someone temporarily to the Vice Chairman position. Chuck asked for any volunteers and hearing none, appointed Craig Farah to the position. Craig has been a former Vice Chairman so he is familiar with the position and willing to help out temporarily until Jerry is able to come back.

- 9. **Budget Hearing/Adoption of Tax Levy:** Acting treasurer, Margie Ebben, presented the 2021-2022 Budget with a tax levy of \$27,800.00. This is a zero percent increase from last year. A copy of the budget was available at the meeting and is also available online at our website: pickerelcranelakedistrict.org. Margie discussed those budget items that were increased and decreased and then it was opened to discussion. A motion to approve the 2021-2022 Budget was made by Mark Tetzlaff and seconded by Dan Mitchell. Motion carried. A motion was made by Dan Mitchell and seconded by Craig Pitchowki to approve the tax levy of \$27,800.00. Motion carried.

- 10. **Election for position of Commissioner:** The only position that is up for election this year is

Chuck Sleeter's position of Chairman. The floor was opened up for nominations and Chuck Sleeter was nominated by Ted Corona. There were no other nominations. A verbal vote was made and Chuck Sleeter was approved unanimously as Chairman of the Pickerel/Crane Lake District.

- 11. Public Comment:** Gene Ebben emphasized that the more people are aware of what we are doing to improve our lakes such as using cameras and signs at the boat landings the better off we will be. Other comments include better communication as to why we are doing the things we are doing including website info at the boat landings. A positive comment was made about how helpful the aeration program is. George Rock wanted to thank the Commissioners and all those who volunteer. As a side, Chuck thanked George for engineering Pickerel Lake Road at no cost many years ago.
Door prize winners were Craig Piechowski, Keith Verhagen and Marilyn Borree.
- 12. Adjourn:** A motion was made by Gene Ebben and seconded by Brian King to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dan Stoehr, Secretary