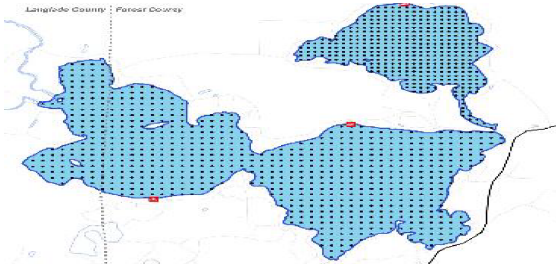


Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District Spring Newsletter, 2021



From the Chairman's Desk – Chuck Sleeter

I hope this letter finds all of you safe and healthy! I'm sure that you will agree last year was one filled with stress for our health and safety. We weren't able to go to the places we wanted to and do what we enjoy the most. If you're like me I just want to try and leave last year's problems way behind us. Hopefully we can once again go fishing, visit with friends, do our water sports and all the fun things we dream of doing up north.

I want to express the District's gratitude to several volunteers who stepped up to take over our Pickerel Lake aeration system. Unfortunately, our dedicated aeration boss Jerry Hietpas became ill and could not complete the required activities. In the spring this means shutting the pumps down, removing the safety fence from the lake and putting equipment into storage. These great volunteers were: Keith Verhagen (leader), Gene Ebben (leader), Gus Turk, Dan Welhouse, Dennis Welhouse, Gary Stoffel, Mark Starich and Vern Hilker.

I would like to point out that not all these folks are from Pickerel Lake as some are from Crane and others do not even live on the lakes. True Volunteers! This is another example of how our District could not operate without our generous volunteers!

Your attendance at the Spring Lake District Meeting should be very enlightening. Brad Kupfer will give us a presentation on the Lake Management Plan including the results from the survey that we all completed. We



Crane Lake Sunrise

wish to thank Brad and all the volunteers that worked so hard on the survey and plan.

I will present the information as it relates to the Crystal Lake water pumping into Pickerel Lake. I have heard your concerns and I intend to address them in the update. In addition, we will discuss the 2021 fish stocking program for both lakes, as well as a Pickerel Lake wild rice update and bullhead removal plans for both lakes.

The COVID-19 virus safety protocol will be the same as last fall. Please wear masks and social distance.

The Pickerel/Crane District Board of Commissioners would like to wish all our District folks a safe and fun summer at the lakes.

Thanks,

Chuck

MISSION STATEMENT

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

Fisheries Management Plan

April:

Shortly after Ice-out, Mike Preul and his crew from Mole Lake, along with volunteers Gene Ebben and Brian King set out 6-8 fyke nets on various locations throughout Crane Lake. The purpose was to get an estimate of the adult walleye (15" or larger) population that exists in Crane. They conducted a fertilization of eggs using female and male walleyes caught in the nets, and then placed those eggs on the reef.



Crane Lake Female Walleyes

May-June:

WDNR plans to do a few nights of electrofishing to remove bullheads from Pickerel Lake. The DNR cannot use volunteers at this time due to Covid-19 concerns, but we could use someone to set up the tanks for them and then help give away the bullheads caught.

Sept-Oct:

WDNR plans to stock over 16,000 large fingerling walleyes into Pickerel and Crane Lakes, with 13,000 going into Pickerel and the remaining 3,000 into Crane. These fish will come from WDNR hatcheries or will be purchased from Mole Lake by WDNR.

Lake Management Plan Update

The Lake User Surveys that were sent out last spring have all been tallied and recapped. This process took longer than expected due to COVID-19 concerns from June through December. Brad Kupfer will be presenting a summary of the survey, highlighting key points and recommendations on how we might address many of the thoughts and concerns in the next 3 years.

On another note, White Water Associates, who are responsible for creating our Lake Management Plan, will have valuable information and key insights to share at our meeting. Top-line information regarding the current state of our lakes and future considerations will be presented at our spring meeting.

Lake District Annual Spring Meeting

You are invited to attend our Spring Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 22, 2021 at 9:00 am in the Town of Nashville Community Center located at 1038 County Road Q, Pickerel, WI.

Please wear masks and social distance.

A limited number of our meeting minutes from the **Fall 2020 Annual Meeting** will be available, and we suggest an early arrival in order to read them before the meeting starts. Also a copy of the Fall 2020 Meeting Minutes is posted on our website at pickerelcranelakedistrict.org.

For Your Information

Board of Commissioners – Please contact Margie Ebben at (715-484-8140) if interested in being nominated to the Board of Commissioners. The following positions will be up for nominations in the fall: Chairman.

Weed Harvesting – Please remember to place a green flag at the end of your dock if you would like your dock-area weeds harvested. If interested in volunteering to help, please contact **Jim Huss at 715-216-2453 (Pickerel)** or **Brian King at 715-484-2807 (Crane)**.

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

Pickerel/Crane Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District	
Year-End Treasurer's Report 1/01/20 - 12/31/20	
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	1,908.71
Credits	21.79
Donations	4,000.00
Interest	2,206.40
Tax Levy	27,800.00
12-Month Revenues	\$35,936.90
Expenditures	
Administrative	283.75
Aeration	1,129.60
Boat Landings	1,115.30
Dues	50.00
Insurance	3,566.00
Lake Management Plan	9,187.53
Meetings/Mileage/Telephone	679.20
Postage	424.15
Printing	316.77
Rent	600.00
Webpage/Newsletter	507.59
Weed Harvesting	5,235.97
12-Month Expenditures	\$23,095.86
Closing Balance	
CD's Capital Purchases	51,411.76
CD Boat Landings	9,459.24
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	39,784.78
Savings	15,427.82
Checking	22,923.42
Money Market/Contingency Fund	47,563.84
2020 Year-End Balance	\$186,570.86
Respectfully Submitted, <i>Kathy Kupfer</i> , Treasurer	

Pickerel/Crane Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District	
1st Quarter Treasurer's Report 1/01/21- 3/31/21	
Opening Balance	
CD's Capital Purchases	51,411.76
CD Boat Landings	9,459.24
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	39,784.78
Savings	15,427.82
Checking	22,923.42
Money Market/Contingency Fund	47,563.84
Prior Year Balance	\$186,570.86
Revenues	
Interest	345.33
Tax Levy	18,744.77
1st Quarter Revenues	\$19,090.10
Expenditures	
Aeration	617.09
Dues	50.00
Lake Management Plan	1,367.50
Rent	500.00
1st Quarter Expenditures	\$2,534.59
Closing Balance	
CD's Capital Purchases	51,540.81
CD Boat Landings	9,488.26
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	39,897.11
Savings	15,437.34
Checking	39,140.45
Money Market/Contingency Fund	47,622.40
2021 First Quarter Balance	\$203,126.37
Respectfully Submitted,	
<i>Kathy Kupfer</i> , Treasurer	

Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District
PO Box 18
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NOTICE OF PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE P&R DISTRICT SPRING MEETING
May 22, 2021 9:00 AM
TOWN OF NASHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
1038 CTH "Q", PICKEREL, WI

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Welcome New Members to the Meeting
4. Introduce Commissioners
5. Fall 2020 Meeting Minutes (Handouts Available)
6. April 22, 2021 Commissioners' Meeting Minutes (Handouts Available)
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Old Business
 - (a) Jerry Hietpas Aeration Report
 - (b) Aquatic Plan Harvesting Report for 2020 and Plans for 2021
 - (c) Wild Rice Update
 - (d) Crystal Lake Pumping Update
9. New Business
 - (a) Lake Management Plan and Survey Results Presented by Brad Kupfer and Dean Premo from Whitewater Associates (Please hold all comments and questions until after the presentations)
 - (b) Fisheries Update
 - (c) Select Nomination Committee for Fall 2021 Meeting
10. Public Comment
11. Adjourn

NOTICE

Masks are recommended for everyone. (Masks will be available)
Social distancing will be required.

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