

# Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District Spring Newsletter, 2022

## From the Chairman's Desk – Chuck Sleeter

Hello everyone,

I hope all is well and you're ready for some fun filled summer days on the lakes.

As you may know, our new Lake Management Plan calls for citizen participation. That participation is being ensured by forming a "Lake Monitoring Action Committee" for each lake. Our members on Crane Lake have been very proactive and have already established their committee. They have had two meetings during which they came up with some great lake improvement and protection activities. At this time, however, Pickerel Lake does not have a Lake Monitoring Action Committee. Not only are we required by the state to have such a committee on both lakes, but we need to show the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources that those of us on Pickerel Lake are united in monitoring the lake and will follow the requirements of the Lake Management Plan.

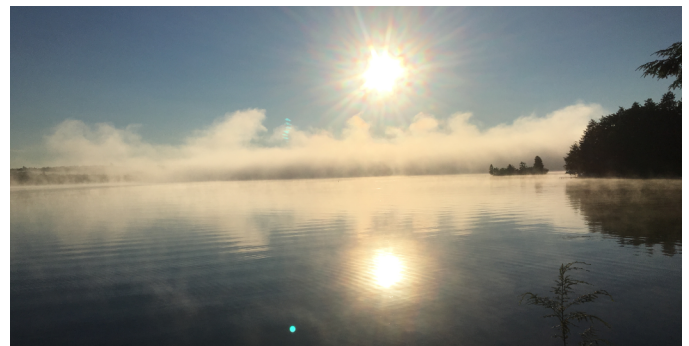
I would really like to see the Pickerel Lake Monitoring Action Committee include a diversified group of lake users, such as fishermen, boaters and other recreational users. So, I'm putting a call out asking you to volunteer to become a member of this Committee. We can make it fun and still get our job done. This committee will be an advisory committee to the Board of Commissioners. This means the committee will advise the board of any and all situations that need to be addressed and

then the board will be responsible for any and all actions necessary to correct the situation. Many of the things our volunteers will be asked to do will be nothing more than what you do every day. For example, while you're out enjoying the lake make note of anything outstanding or troubling about that experience and discuss it at a committee meeting. I expect we may have one or two meetings a year. You do not need to be a lead person; you can just be part of this required committee which will shape and plan the future of Pickerel Lake. We will be discussing this at the Spring Meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> or you can give me a call at 715-219-0835 if you're interested in volunteering. Thank you.

Stay safe,

Chuck Sleeter

Chairman



### ***Mission Statement:***

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



## Pickerel/Crane Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District



### ***A Gift for You***

Included in your newsletter, please find a magnetic card with our webpage address. Our lake district webpage ([www.pickerelcranelake.org](http://www.pickerelcranelake.org)) is a valuable source of information for our membership. Keep this magnetic card handy so you can easily find information about:

- Aeration
- Archived Newsletters (2009-Present)
- Archived Meeting Minutes (2009-Present)
- Lake Management Plan (Findings and Recommendations)
- Upcoming Meeting Dates, Times, and Agendas
- Shoreline Restoration
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Walleye Restoration
- Wild Rice Initiative
- Weed Harvesting

If you have ideas for more topics you would like to see, please contact Kathy Kupfer at [kathykupfer52@outlook.com](mailto:kathykupfer52@outlook.com) or 715-484-2520.

### **Lake District Annual Spring Meeting**

You are invited to attend our Spring Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 9:00 am in the Town of Nashville Community Center located at 1038 County Road Q, Pickerel, WI. No Covid mandates at this time, but if someone is ill, please stay home. Masking is optional. A limited number of our meeting minutes from the Fall 2021 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 2021 meeting minutes are posted on our website at [pickerelcranelakedistrict.org](http://pickerelcranelakedistrict.org).

### **Fishing Report**

There will not be a stocking of walleyes in either lake this year as we are on the schedule for odd-numbered years. There will be a fall shocking to determine fish densities in both lakes.

We are now permitted to net bullhead fry and dispose of them. These are often found near the shorelines and appear as a “black mass.” These can be netted with a pool net or any net with a fine mesh. Go get ‘em!

Volunteer Agreement Forms will be available at the meeting for ALL netters to fill out.

### **Lake Management Plan Initiatives**

#### **Pickerel Lake Harvesting Changes**

We have a 3-year approval to do the following on Pickerel Lake:

- Maintain harvester lanes around the lake as established in 2012.
- Cut a 24’ by 100’ strip on the Pickerel side of the culvert (connecting Pickerel and Crane Lakes) to allow boaters to discard weeds BEFORE entering the culvert. All floating weeds cut will be picked up and discarded.
- Pick up and discard floating beds of Eurasian and/or hybrid milfoil by dropping the boom on the harvester approximately 2’ and removing plants via the conveyer. At no time are we to disturb native rooted vegetation.

#### **Crane Lake Eurasian Milfoil Initiative**

We have been approved for a 3-year grant to locate, manage, and remove pockets of Eurasian milfoil beds. White Water Associates will begin work around May 31<sup>st</sup> for the pre-survey, locating beds of Eurasian milfoil and capturing GPS coordinates where those beds are found. Between May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, we have contracted with a DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) company to locate the beds using the GPS coordinates and remove them by hand or through suction harvesting. Once completed, White Water Associates will return around the 30<sup>th</sup> of June to conduct a post-survey to determine the effectiveness of the DASH removal.

For this reason, there will be no harvesting of aquatic plants on Crane Lake until we have determined that we have firm control of the Eurasian milfoil.

<b>PickereI/Crane Lakes Protection &amp; Rehabilitation District</b>	
<b>Year-End Treasurer's Report 1/01/21 - 12/31/21</b>	
<b>Opening Balance</b>	
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
<b>Prior Year Balance</b>	<b>\$186,570.86</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Boat Landings	516.00
Credits	156.52
Donations	1,100.00
Interest	1,213.95
Tax Levy	27,800.00
<b>12-Month Revenues</b>	<b>\$30,786.47</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Administrative	96.75
Aeration	1,036.25
Boat Landings	235.60
Dues	50.00
Insurance	3,825.00
Lake Management Plan	2,127.28
Meetings/Mileage/Telephone	756.00
Postage	475.31
Printing	418.20
Rent	725.00
Webpage/Newsletter	586.93
Weed Harvesting	9,026.25
<b>12-Month Expenditures</b>	<b>\$19,358.57</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	
CD Walleye Restoration	8,006.57
CD's Capital Purchases	51,762.50
CD Boat Landings	9,577.48
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	40,145.75
Savings	15,534.42
Checking	24,169.13
Money Market/Contingency Fund	48,802.91
<b>2021 Year-End Balance</b>	<b>\$197,998.76</b>
Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Kupfer, Treasurer	

<b>PickereI/Crane Lakes Protection &amp; Rehabilitation District</b>	
<b>1st Quarter Treasurer's Report 1/01/22- 3/31/22</b>	
<b>Opening Balance</b>	
CD Boat Landings	9,577.48
CDs Capital Purchases	51,762.50
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	40,145.75
CD Walleye Restoration	8,006.57
Savings	15,534.42
Checking	24,169.13
Money Market/Contingency Fund	48,802.91
<b>Prior Year Balance</b>	<b>\$197,998.76</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	
Interest	264.31
Tax Levy	19,145.67
<b>1st Quarter Revenues</b>	<b>\$19,409.98</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>	
Aeration	530.75
Dues	50.00
Lake Management Plan	5,922.30
Rent	700.00
Webpage/Newsletter	622.87
Weed Harvester	7.50
<b>1st Quarter Expenditures</b>	<b>\$4,011.18</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>	
CD Boat Landings	9,606.86
CDs Capital Purchases	51,836.55
CD Invasive Aquatic Plant Control	40,205.05
CD Walleye Restoration	8,018.40
Savings	15,544.00
Checking	22,486.80
Money Market/Contingency Fund	73,722.26
<b>Closing Balance, March, 2022</b>	<b>\$221,419.92</b>
Respectfully Submitted, Kathy Kupfer, Treasurer	

## For Your Information

**Board of Commissioners** – Please contact Craig Farah (920-470-8845) if interested in being nominated to the Board of Commissioners. The following positions will be up for nominations in the fall: Treasurer and Commissioner.

## Weed Harvesting – Pickerel Lake

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**.

**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](http://pickerelcranelakedistrict.org) for a list of all the volunteer opportunities within our Lake District.

**DNR Warden Information** – To report a violation:  
Forest County: Alek Henseler (715)889-0379  
[alek.henseler@wisconsin.gov](mailto:alek.henseler@wisconsin.gov)  
Langlade County: Bradley Dahlquist  
(715)623-4190 ext. 3132  
[bradley.dahlquist@wisconsin.gov](mailto:bradley.dahlquist@wisconsin.gov)

### Pickerel/Crane Lake District Commissioners & Representatives

Chuck Sleeter, Chairman <a href="mailto:chucksleeter@gmail.com">chucksleeter@gmail.com</a>	715-219-0835
Craig Farah, Vice Chairman <a href="mailto:aznwis@yahoo.com">aznwis@yahoo.com</a>	920-470-8845
Curt Haga, Commissioner <a href="mailto:chaga@wi.rr.com">chaga@wi.rr.com</a>	262-385-7398
Kathy Kupfer, Treasurer <a href="mailto:kathykupfer52@outlook.com">kathykupfer52@outlook.com</a>	715-484-2520
Dan Stoehr, Secretary <a href="mailto:dtstoehr@gmail.com">dtstoehr@gmail.com</a>	715-484-2393
Barb Szopinski, Town of Nashville	715-478-2524
Steve Kircher, Forest Cty. Conserv.	715-478-1387

## THANK YOU!

To the anonymous donor who last fall generously gave \$1,000.00 to the Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District!

Pickerel/Crane Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District  
May 21, 2022  
9:00 AM.  
Town of Nashville Community Center & Town Office  
Building  
1038 CTH "Q" Pickerel, WI 54465  
Phone 715-219-0835

### AGENDA:

- (1) Call to Order
- (2) Pledge of Allegiance
- (3) Welcome New Members to the Meeting
- (4) Introduce Commissioners
- (5) Approval of the Fall Meeting Minutes (Handouts Available); 9/21/21 and 2/15/22 Approved Commissioners' Meeting Minutes also Available
- (6) Treasurer's Report
- (7) Old Business
  - (a) Jerry Hietpas Aeration update
  - (b) Aquatic Plant Harvesting 2021 update (Jim Huss)
  - (c) Crystal Lake Pumping update (email from Greg Matzke)
  - (d) Wild Rice Planting update (email from Mike Pruel)
- (8) New Business
  - (a) Crane Lake 2022 Weed Harvesting Discussion
  - (b) Harvesting program changes 2022 (Brad Kupfer)
  - (c) Boat Landing Improvements update (Curt Haga)
  - (d) Elections for two Commissioner positions
  - (e) Select Nomination Committee for Fall Election
- (9) Public Comment
- (10) Adjourn

A Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District Commissioners' Meeting will be held immediately following the Spring Meeting adjournment. Agenda as follows:

- (1) The Board Members Action Items
- (2) Adjourn

NOTICE  
THE VIRUS SAFETY PROTOCOL  
MASKS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING

Please visit us online for more information at:  
[pickerelcranelakedistrict.org](http://pickerelcranelakedistrict.org)

