

# PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

## CONFERENCE CALL MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 15,2026                      5:30 PM

CONFERENCE CALL PHONE NUMBER 920-318-4209

1. Call to Order: The conference call Commissioners' meeting was called to order via phone by Chairman Chuck Sleeter at 5:35 PM.
2. Roll Call: Commissioners present by phone were Chairman Chuck Sleeter, Vice-Chairman Noah Pearson, Secretary Dan Stoehr, Treasurer Teri Geurts, and Commissioner-at-large John Shuppe. Also present by phone was Brad Kupfer.
3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Teri Geurts reported that at the end of 2024, the year-end balance was \$206,121.89. Revenues for 2025 were \$37,980.07 and expenditures were \$15,914.15 which left a 2025 year-end balance of \$228,187.81. Chuck made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented and it was seconded by Noah. Motion carried.
4. Old Business
  - a. Approve the Commissioners' Meeting Minutes for August 23, 2025 and August 27, 2025: Chuck made a motion to approve the minutes for August 23, 2025 and August 27, 2025 with Teri seconding the Motion. Motion carried.
  - b. Review Crane Lake Grant Applications: Brad Kupfer discussed 3 DNR grants that are currently being submitted for water improvement projects.
    - Grant #1: Crane Lake – 3/2026 – 12/2028 (3 years)
      - Total project cost of \$22,486.00
      - Grant request is for \$10,000
      - Lake District cost is \$12,486 spread out over 3 years at \$4,162.00 per year
  - c. Review Pickerel Lake Grant Applications:
    - Grant #2: Pickerel Lake – 3/2026-12/2027 (2 years)
      - Total project cost of \$13,632.00
      - Grant request is for \$9,133.44
      - Lake District cost is \$4,498.56 spread out over 2 years at \$2,249.28 per year

Grant #3: Pickerel Lake – 3/2026 – 12/2028 (3 years)

Total project cost of \$10,213.00

Grant request is for \$6,842.71

Lake District cost is \$3,370.29 spread out over 3 years  
at \$1,123.43 per year

- d. Vote and Approve Possible Spending for Grants: Noah made a motion to approve spending \$7,534.71 per year for the first two years (2026,2027) and \$5,285.43 for 2028 for the Lake District's cost of the 3 water improvement projects. Seconded by Chuck. Motion carried.
  - e. Confirm Volunteers to Conduct Water Testing on Both Lakes: Linda Pearson will be the lead volunteer for Crane Lake with Brad Kupfer as the back-up. Dan Vosters will be the lead volunteer on Pickerel Lake with his neighbor as the back-up.
  - f. Discuss Sharing Resources such as Testing Equipment: Brad suggested that it would be easier if each lake had their own set of testing equipment if not too cost prohibitive. He will look into how much the equipment will cost and then get back to the Board.  
**ACTION ITEM (BRAD):** Brad will look into the cost of water testing equipment.
  - g. Create Volunteer Committee to Develop Lake User Survey: After discussion, it was decided to put it on the agenda for the spring lake district meeting (see item 5g).
  - h. Review Committee Meeting Notice Postings: Chuck reminded the board that it is the chairperson of each sub-committee who is responsible for posting their own agendas.
  - i. 2026 Bullhead Competition and Prizes for Winners: Due to the popularity and success of the bullhead competition last summer, Dan Vosters requested that we give some kind of monetary reward for the winners. The board approved the request if we keep the total dollar amount at \$100 or less.
  - j. Status of the August 23, 2025 Action Items: After reviewing the action items, it was determined that all of the action items have been either completed or in the process of being completed.
5. New Business
- a. Check Budget for Boat Landing Expenditures: Chuck checked with Teri and confirmed that there is \$800 in the budget for boat landing expenses.
  - b. Review prototype for Possible Culvert Sign: Chuck discussed the possibility of two new signs replacing those that are currently on either side of the culvert when entering from Pickerel Lake. The signs are not finalized as there are some questions as to whether the Town of Nashville will issue an ordinance and how it will be enforced.

- c. Discuss Town of Nashville Wake Boating Ordinance and Prototype Sign for No Wake Boating (Total of 3): Chuck presented the board with a prototype sign to be installed at all 3 boat landings. The No Waske Boating sign was approved by the board, but Chuck admitted that enforcing the ordinance passed by the Town of Nashville may be a very difficult task.
  - d. Review Prototype Signage for No Power Loading (Total of 3): Chuck presented the board with a prototype sign to be installed at all 3 boat landings. The No Power Loading sign was approved by the board, but Chuck admitted that enforcing the ordinance passed by the Town of Nashville may also be a very difficult task. The board approved spending approximately \$75 per sign for up to 8 signs at a cost of \$600.  
**ACTION ITEM (CHUCK):** Chuck will look into finalizing the making of the 8 signs.
  - e. Review Agreement for Camera Systems and How the System Functions: Chuck reported that due to lack of enforcement, the camera system may not be worthwhile. He will talk with Creighton Litt regarding the system and if he still wants to go ahead and install it anyway. Noah suggested having a formal agreement with Creighton and the Lake District regarding the use of his cameras on public land.  
**ACTION ITEM (CHUCK):** Chuck will talk with Creighton Litt regarding the use of his camera system at the culvert and boat landings. He will also discuss with Creighton the use of a formal agreement on the use of his cameras on public land.
  - f. Newsletter Articles Due Date – April 2, 2026: Secretary Dan Stoehr told the board that all articles and reports should be sent to him no later than April 2, 2026 or sooner, if possible, for inclusion in the spring newsletter.
  - g. Spring Meeting Agenda Items: Some additional items for the spring meeting include a request for volunteers for the Lake User Survey and a report on the bullhead competition.
6. Adjourn: A motion was made by Dan and seconded by Noah to adjourn. Chuck adjourned the meeting at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Stoehr, Secretary  
Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District