

PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
2025 SPRING MEETING MINUTES
MAY 17, 2025 9:00 AM
TOWN OF NASHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
1038 CTH "Q" PICKEREL, WI

1. Call to Order: Chairman Chuck Sleeter called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Welcome New Members to the Meeting: No new members were present.
4. Introduce Commissioners: Board members present were Chairman Chuck Sleeter, Vice-Chairman Noah Pearson, Treasurer Kathy Kupfer, Secretary Dan Stoehr and Commissioner-at-large John Shuppe.
5. Approve Fall 2024 Meeting Minutes: After no discussion there was a motion by Dan Vosters and seconded by Mark Starich to approve the 2024 fall meeting minutes. Motion carried.
6. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Kathy Kupfer presented an amended 2025 budget of \$37,500 and the reasons as to why it had to be amended. This did not change the current tax levy of \$27,800. She also reported that as of April 2025, we have a total balance of \$225,189.53 which includes savings, checking, a money market/contingency fund and invested CD's. Kathy did a special thank you to the audit committee of Fred and Linda Maas and Marge Shuppe for their work in completing the 2024 audit. A motion was made by Curt Haga and seconded by Doug Newman to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
7. Old Business
 - a. 2024-2025 Aeration Report: Ginny Vick reported that the aerator did a great job this year, but one of the motors did go down and needs to be fixed or replaced. She has lined up a master electrician to look at the motor to see if it can be repaired or if it needs to be replaced with our back-up motor. She also thanked all the volunteers who helped put the aerator in and took it out. Chuck also had a special thank you to Deb and Art Smith for donating the use of their shoreline for the use of the aerator.
 - b. 2024 Weed Harvester Report: John Shuppe reported that last year there was 177 loads removed from Pickerel Lake containing 1 million pounds of weeds! This included 499.6 volunteer manhours of work. A big Thank You to all who volunteered in helping with the removal of the weeds from Pickerel Lake. John also reported that there are still a lot of weeds in Pickerel Lake, but we had a good winter that knocked down a lot of the weed growth especially compared to the year before. Brad Kupfer

mentioned Crane Lake residents are encouraged to help out with the removal of weeds from Pickerel Lake since Crane Lake will not be harvested due to the potential spread of the Eurasian milfoil. Chuck gave a thank you to Tom of the Pickerel Point bar who sponsored a dinner for all of the volunteers.

- c. 2024 Audit Report: Marge Shuppe of the audit committee reported that the 2024 financial audit was completed and that there were no discrepancies.

8. New Business

- a. Algae Study Summary: Brad Kupfer reported on the 2025 Algae Study conducted by White Water Associates on Crane Lake. He stated that overall, the Crane Lake algal community is healthy, fairly diverse, and comparable to other inland lakes in the region. Details of the report can be found on the pickerelcranelakedistrict.org website.
- b. Pickerel Creek Dam Update: Last fall Noah Pearson and Brad and Kathy Kupfer met with DNR and Town of Ainsworth representatives about the status of the Pickerel Creek Dam. The appropriate markers were found and measurements were taken. It was concluded that the dam is operating the way it should be and no changes need to be made. The dam is controlled by the Town of Ainsworth. George Rock also discussed the history of the dam.
- c. Bullhead Netting: Brad Kupfer reported that the best way to get rid of the bullheads in either Pickerel or Crane Lakes is to net the juvenile bullheads when they are schooled in groups near the shore during the months of June and July. He is again looking for volunteers to sign up and net the juvenile bullheads; please contact Brad at 715-484-2393 for more information. Dan Vosters asked about having a contest to see who could collect the most adult bullheads. Chuck thought this would be a good idea and he will form a committee that will include Dan Vosters and himself.
- d. Potential Filamentous Algae Removal on Crane Lake: After discussing what filamentous algae is, Brad Kupfer reported that at this time there is no economical way to remove it unless chemical treatment is involved. Due to the potential hazards of chemical treatment, he currently advised against its use.
- e. Candidates for Fall Election (Treasurer and Commissioner-at-large): Kathy Kupfer stated she will not be running for re-election and her position is open for treasurer. Teri Geurts has expressed interest and will be on the ballot at the fall meeting. Brad Shuppe will be running again for the commissioner-at-large position and he will also be on the fall ballot.
- f. Nomination Committee for the Fall Election: Chuck appointed Craig Farah as the Election Committee for the fall election. Please contact Craig at 920-470-8845 if interested in either the treasurer or commissioner-at-large positions.

9. Public comment:

- Mark Starich asked about the status of the use of wake boats. Dan Stoeher reported that the state appears to be giving that authority to the local townships. Currently, the Town of Ainsworth said that they would go along with whatever

the Town of Nashville would do. The Town of Nashville is taking input and collecting information before they make a decision.

- Kathy Kupfer reported that we again received a check in the amount of \$3,000 from the Mole Lake Sokaogon Chippewa Community that can be used however the board seems fit. The tribe contributed over a \$100,000 to local communities and lake districts this year in their effort to give back. John Shuppe accepted the check on behalf of the lake district and a thank you was sent out.
- Brad Kupfer reported that this is the year that the lake district will be doing a walleye restocking again this fall. 3,400 6-9 inch walleye fingerlings from the Mole Lake fishery will be released into Crane Lake and 13,000 into Pickerel Lake. Please contact Brad at 715-484-2393 if you would like to volunteer to help.
- George Rock commented that he would recommend the local tribes over the government in the management of walleyes.
- Noah Pearson commented that the mailing list has been updated and your name may appear differently since it is the same name as what is on the tax rolls.
- A question was asked if Crystal Lake is pumping water out of their lake into Pickerel Lake. Chuck said that they no longer have to do the pumping and changes have been done in Crystal Lake that hopefully will resolve any future problems.

10. Announcement of Raffle Winners: Door prize winners were Mary Rablego, Teri Geurts and Terri Lohr.

11. Adjourn: A motion was made by Brian King and seconded by Mark Starich to adjourn. Motion carried. Chuck adjourned the meeting at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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