

PICKEREL/CRANE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

2026 FALL MEETING MINUTES

AUGUST 29, 2026

9:00 AM

TOWN OF NASHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

1038 CTH Q PICKEREL, WISCONSIN

1. Call to order: Chairman Chuck Sleeter called the 2026 fall meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. Roll Call: Board members present were Chairman Chuck Sleeter, Vice-Chairman Noah Pearson, Treasurer Teri Geurts, Secretary Dan Stoehr, and Commissioner-at-large John Shuppe.
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Welcome: 2 new members were welcomed to the district meeting.
5. Approve May 16, 2026 Spring Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Craig Farah and seconded by Brad Kupfer to approve the 2026 spring meeting minutes. Motion carried.
6. Treasurer's Report: Chuck made a motion to amend the agenda by adding item 6a. Seconded by Craig Farah. Motion carried.
 - a. Amend 2026 budget for grant projects: Treasurer Teri Guerts explained that the total cost for the 3 grant projects was \$26,858.00. 3 grants that were applied for will pay \$16,168.18 and the remainder \$10,689.82 was originally going to be paid over 3 years. Due to the projects being completed quicker than expected, this total cost due the district may end up being paid in 2026 rather than over 3 years. The money will come from the grant reserve account. To reflect these changes, an adjusted budget was presented and a motion was made by Craig Farah and seconded by Brad Kupfer to approved the 2026 adjusted budget as presented. Motion carried.
 - b. Teri Geurts explained the district is in very good financial shape with having assets for all accounts of \$265,298.06. Revenues so far this year are \$52,841.12 and expenses are \$15,730.87.
7. Old Business
 - a. Harvester Report (John): John reported that the harvester was put in with great difficulty on June 10th due to low water levels. So far, the total number of loads is 77, which is less than in the past due to a cold winter which knocked down a lot of the weeds. John emphasized that it can take 3-5 volunteer hours to do just one load so

he is very appreciative of the time that the volunteers have put in. Total volunteer hours so far this year is 265 which is just the time operating the harvester. This doesn't include all the time to dump the weeds, refueling and maintenance. John would like to thank Pine Grove Pub for a \$150 donation as well as Tom and Val of Pickerel Point for having an appreciation dinner for all the harvester volunteers.

- b. Aeration Report (Ginny): Ginny reported that they are in the process of getting things together, but the purchase of a new augur and battery will wait till they become more readily available this fall. She would like to thank Tom of Pickerel Point Resort who helps out a lot and keeps an eye on the aeration system. Also, a thank you to Duane Anderson as well as the neighbors for the use of their land.
- c. Bull Head Bash 2026 (Dan, Tom): Dan Vosters reported that even though the numbers were down this year, they still had over 360 bullheads removed from the lakes. The winners were Paul Pankow and his grandson Troy with 148 (1st); John and Connor Webster with 65 (2nd); Craig Lutz with 49 (3rd). Thank you to Tom of Pickerel Point for his sponsorship of this program and in posting the results. Dan recommended that for next year we give prizes for the first two winners and then a random drawing for the third place winner so that everyone will have a chance to win a prize.

8. New Business

- a. Crane Lake WDNR Lake Grant Activity (Brad): Brad explained the timeline for project activity over the next 3 years. Two and a half days were spent removing the Eurasian Milfoil from Crane Lake with one full day in the channel, one day in Bartz Bay and a half day on the north and west shorelines. The channel was blocked off (thanks to signs put up by Noah Pearson) and 11 bags (a full 6' x 10' trailer) of Eurasian Milfoil was removed from the channel alone.
- b. Pickerel Lake WDNR Grant Activity (Brad): Brad reported that the point-intercept survey was already completed ahead of schedule which satisfies one of the grants for Pickerel Lake. The other grant includes water quality surveys and a lake user survey which are still ongoing at this time.
- c. Repaired 3 Lake District Posting Boards (Chuck): Chuck reported that 3 lake district posting boards have been repaired and updated. Thank you to Chuck Sleeter for doing all of this work.
- d. Recognition of Service and Appreciation to Secretary and Vice-Chairman: Chuck recognized Noah Pearson for his 3 years of service to the district as the Vice-Chairman and Dan Stoehr for his 6 years of service to the district as the Secretary.

- 9. Budget Hearing/Adoption of Tax Levy: Chuck first reported that the tax levy has not increased in over 27 years. Treasurer Teri Guerts reported that the 2027 operating budget will be \$40,238.00 and that the tax levy will again remain the same at \$27,800.00 for next year. A motion was made by Craig Farah and seconded by Dan Vosters to approve the 2027 operating budget and tax levy. Motion carried.

10. Elections of Secretary and Vice-Chairman

- a. Nominations from the floor: Election chairman Craig Farah reported that Gail Duernberger has volunteered to be on the ballot for secretary and Don Albright for vice-chairman. There were no other nominations from the floor.
- b. Written Ballot Vote: There was no written ballot as there was only one nomination for each of the positions.
- c. Announcement of Results: Craig Farah made a motion to approve Gail Duernberger as Secretary and seconded by Dan Vosters. Motion carried unanimously. Craig Farah made a motion to approve Don Albright as vice-chairman and seconded by Dan Vosters. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Public Comment: Dan Mitchell asked about boating regulations on the lakes. After discussions it was suggested that the list of boating regulations be printed in the spring newsletter as well as being posted on the web site.

12. Adjourn: A motion was made by Craig Farah and seconded by Dan Vosters to adjourn. Motion carried and Chairman Chuck Sleeter adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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