

Pickerel/Crane Lake P & R District Commissioners' Meeting

April 22, 2021

Call to Order 9:00 AM

Meeting Minutes

1. **Roll Call:** Chuck Sleeter, Kathy Kupfer, Curt Haga and Dan Stoehr; Absent Jerry Hietpas

2. Old Business

- (a) **LMP and Survey Results:** Brad Kupfer discussed for 40 minutes the Lake Management Plan Survey results by providing the actual results as well as summaries and possible proposed actions for (1) Property Information, (2) Recreational Activities, (3) Current Conditions, Health and Management and (4) Future Considerations. The 30-page report was distributed to each Commissioner and will be available for review on the pickerelcranelakedistrict.org website.
- (b) **Harvester Issues:** There is a safety issue with the loading of the harvester and communication with those involved. Chuck is looking into getting some wireless solar cameras as an option to improve safety. New grease lines, which have already been purchased, will be put on the harvester this spring. Chuck will be requesting a more detailed report that includes the number of volunteer hours to be used for requesting future grant money.
- (c) **Aeration Issues:** Due to the illness of Jerry Hietpas, 8 volunteers were recruited to help take down the fences and put them away. Thank you letters were sent to Keith Verhagen, Gene Ebben, Gus Turk, Dan Welhouse, Dennis Welhouse, Gary Stoffel, Mark Starich, Vern Hilker, and Jerry Hietpas for all the work he has done.
- (d) **Wild Rice Info:** No recent update, but as of last year there was some rice coming up. Brad will follow up with Mike Preul to see where we currently stand with respect to the management of the wild rice.
- (e) **Crystal Lake Pumping Project:** It is considered a waste water project by the DNR so it goes under its waste water regulations. Therefore, there is nothing that we can do to stop it. There has, however, been ongoing testing and monitoring by the DNR.

3. New Business

- (a) **Fish stocking in Pickerel and Crane Lakes:** We will have fish stocking in the fall of 2021. We will get 16,000 walleye fingerlings from Mole Lake with 13,000 going into Pickerel Lake and 3,000 into Crane Lake at no cost to the District.
- (b) **Update on fish survey in Crane Lake:** Mike Preul and volunteers Gene Ebben and Brian King spent 4 days, April 6-9, counting and measuring the fish caught in the fyke nets. The results are not yet in, but Mike Preul indicated we would be very happy with our walleye population.
- (c) **Bullhead Extraction from Crane and Pickerel Lakes:** While doing the above fish survey, they also took 2,500 bullheads out of Crane Lake and they were given to the REGI Raptor Center in Antigo. There will also be a bullhead extraction in Pickerel Lake in June of this year.
- (d) **Agenda for Spring Lake District Meeting:** The agenda was discussed and will be made available before the meeting by having it posted on the website, Nashville Town Hall South, the dump bulletin board and Shuh's bulletin board.
- (e) **Discuss guidelines for acknowledging volunteers:** As outlined in our District bylaws, there is no monetary reimbursement for volunteers except for those volunteers using their own personal equipment.

- (f) **Meeting room options:** Agreed to continue to use the South Town Hall meeting room at a rate of \$100 per time for the spring and fall meetings and \$25 per time for any Commissioners' meetings when they are separate from the regular spring and fall meetings.
- (g) **Public Comments:** Set up for the spring meeting will be at 4:00 PM on Friday, May 21st. The Spring Meeting will be the following morning starting at 9:00 AM. Due to Covid restrictions, there will be no donuts or coffee available.

Currently the Board Members terms have been 2 years, but to be current with our Bylaws they should be 3-year terms. After discussion, it was decided to have the Chairman only up for election this fall. In 2022, the Treasurer and a Commissioner will be up for election. In 2023, the Secretary and Vice Chairman will be up for election. The following year the cycle will start over again.

Thank you notes from Margie Ebben and Rod Sternhagen were read outloud to the Board.

Curt announced that Lake Metonga's Lake Association is having a public presentation of its Lake Management Plan at 10:00 AM on May 8, 2021 and we are all encouraged to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 11:24 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Stoehr, Secretary