

Pickerel/Crane P&R Lake District Commissioners Meeting  
July 21, 2018 9:00 am  
Town of Nashville Community Center & Town Office Building  
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Phone 715-219-0835

**Call to Order:** 9:05am

**Roll Call:** Chuck Sleeter, Kathy Kupfer, Rod Sternhagen, Dan Vosters, Mike Zelinski

**Treasurers Report**

YTD Expenses at \$4,373.84 versus an annual budget of \$41,000. The budget remains on track with larger expense items slated in the second half of the year. Sizable items include walleye restoration and harvester repairs.

**Old Business**

**(a) Proposed budget for 2019 budget hearing**

Motion by Chuck Sleeter to move 2019 budget down in the agenda to follow harvester report, seconded by Kathy Kupfer; motion passes

**(b) Update on Walleye Spawning Reef**

Greg Matzke from WDNR completed the lake assessment in June with the assistance of Brad Kupfer and two other volunteers. The size of the reef and materials required has been outlined and preparations for implementation can now begin. It was noted by Greg that the proposed reef area is in very good shape so the addition of new reef material will only enhance an existing positive spawning bed. To date, we have not received confirmation the \$25,000 grant request submitted by the Mole Lake Tribe has been approved. Since the Tribe is the requester and recipient of the grant there is also the question of who would manage the project and have ultimate responsibility for key decisions. Brad Kupfer to contact Mike Preul and Greg Matzke to get clarity on all questions.

**(c) Rental of meeting hall at Town of Nashville Community Center**

Town of Nashville has notified the District that they will be charging a \$100.00 fee for all nonprofit organizational meetings held at the community center. On an annual basis the District will be charged for the Spring and Fall meetings held at the community center.

**(d) Website update**

The new web site is up and running and Kathy provided a brief demonstration of the layout and key operating features. A big thank you to Kathy for the many hours put forth to create the new site.

**New Business**

**(a) Discussion on Wake Boarding complaints**

Commissioners have received multiple calls from residents on Crane Lake concerned over the high frequency of fishermen utilizing planer board trolling techniques to catch walleyes. Whereas the technique is legal by state law, there is a concern over the number and size of fish being taken. The fishermen have confirmed to residents that they are catching high numbers of very large fish each time they are out. The overall concern is that the fishermen are taking many of the large females that would be the main spawning stock which the district has worked so hard to develop and sustain. After speaking with Greg Matzke and internal discussions the committee has agreed to draft a petition to get the state to change the law to eliminate trolling on Crane Lake and or potentially lakes less than 500 acres. The petition would then be brought to the District Fall meeting for the adoption of a resolution which would be forwarded on to the WDNR.

**(b) Lake Management Plan Progress**

A thorough review was completed on the submitted proposals which also included reference checks to multiple associations and districts in northern Wisconsin. Both consultants submitted relevant proposals and have very good reputations. A lengthy discussion ensued on the pros and cons of each proposal and consultant.

The open bid process would be initiated next week with the expectation to bring a recommendation to District at the Fall meeting and vote to proceed.

**(c) Consultant for Lake Management plan**

Motion by Kathy Kupfer to recommend the Whitewater Associates proposal to the District, seconded by Dan Vosters; motion passes.

Motion by Chuck Sleeter to move harvester update and proposed expenditures up in the agenda, seconded by Rod Sternhagen; motion passes.

**(g) Harvester update and proposed expenditures**

Chuck and the harvester team evaluated the current state of the harvester and identified multiple issues that need fairly urgent attention. Specifically identified; wear in sprockets of main drive, belt and chains stretched and front cutters bent. The team then reached out to Inland Harvester Manufacturing and solicited estimates for materials required to repair. Estimate total was \$9,795.82. After further discussion the team concluded it was better to move forward with the repairs this fall to assure the machine is appropriately maintained and we can move safely in 2019 with a fully-capable machine.

Motion by Kathy Kupfer to include the \$9,795.82 expenditure in the 2018 budget. Funds would be transferred from the weed harvesting CD to cover additional costs. Seconded by Dan Vosters; motion passes.

**(d) Lake District Five-year plan review**

Changes to 5 year plan from May 2018 plan

- LMP increased \$5,000 in 2019, \$10,000 in 2020
- Harvester Repairs increased \$11,000 in 2018, reduced \$3,000 2019-2022
- Harvester Replacement deleted from plan

**Pickeral - Crane Lake District - 5 Year Plan**

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Projects	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Walleye Restoration	\$15,000		\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Lake Mgmt. Plan		\$15,000	10,000		\$5,000
Shoreline Condition				\$5,000	
Shallow Water Habitat			\$5,000		\$5,000
Harvester Repairs	\$17,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Harvester Replacement					
	\$32,000	\$18,000	\$21,000	\$11,000	\$16,000

**(e) Work on the Fall 2018 meeting Agenda**

Agenda topics discussed with Chuck to finalize and issue to the team by the end of next week.

**(f) Topics for the Fall Newsletter**

Multiple topics discussed and provided to Mike for addition to the fall newsletter.

**(a) Proposed budget for 2019 budget hearing**

After a lengthy discussion a budget was outlined that is deemed fiscally sound and would support the needs in 2019.

Motion by Rod Sternhagen to accept a proposed budget of \$33,000.00 and a tax levy of \$27,800.00, seconded by Dan Vosters; motion passes.

Motion by Kathy Kupfer to move \$9,000.00 from boat landing reserve account into a CD, seconded by Chuck Sleeter; motion passes.

**(b) Tombstone/Pickerel Snow club donation**

Motion by Rod Sternhagen to donate \$100.00 to the Tombstone Snow Club, as discussed at our annual spring meeting, for the continued excellent support of the relocation of the weed harvester, seconded by Dan Vosters; motion passes

**(c) Langlade County summer Pontoon Classrooms**

The Langlade County Lakes Association has offered up their ecology experts to support pontoon boat classes where district members tour the lakes and learn about the many facets of the lake ecosystems. Dan Vosters will be taking the lead to setup a class in August.

**Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Chuck Sleeter, seconded by Rod Sternhagen; motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm