

**Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Pickerel – Crane Lake P&R District
October 22, 2016**

Called to Order at 9:00 AM

Roll Call

Chuck Sleeter, Kathy Kupfer, Dan Vosters

Old Business

- a. Discussion on filling the secretary position

New Business

- a. Commissioners vote to fill Secretary position

Rod Sternhagen joined via conference call. Kathy motions to appoint Mike Zelinski to the position of Secretary. Dan seconds, unanimous vote.

- b. Discussion on Secretary's duties

Prior to the meeting Lauren outlined the Secretary's duties and they were subsequently amended by Kathy and forwarded to Mike. Additional discussions followed with amendments applied to the duties. Mike to review the duties and provide questions or concerns at the next meeting.

Newsletters printed and mailed by Clermont Printing in Antigo. Mike to review options to reduce costs. Further discussion around the feasibility of issuing newsletter electronically. If a path forward can be identified we would need to get the approval of the members.

Website also needs to be reviewed for possible modifications which could enhance the site to a more suitable methodology for communication. Mike to review options with resident experts within his networking circles.

- c. Consider purchasing extra walleyes for stocking in Pickerel lake

Mike Preul from the Mole Lake hatchery offered the district, via Brad Kupfer, 3,000 walleyes for the price of 1,000. Total price was not confirmed but believed to be \$1,250.00. Kathy confirmed money is available in the walleye fund.

Chuck motioned to purchase the walleyes as long as the price did not exceed the budget. Seconded by Dan, motions carries.

- d. Discuss Doemel Lane stream clean up

Brad and Kathy Kupfer have identified an opportunity to improve the water flow into Crane Lake. A small stream flows from the north and crosses Doemel lane and ultimately empties into Crane Lake. After further review it was determined the stream is blocked by multiple forms of debris and does not have an unobstructed flow to the lake. Greg Matsky from the DNR was contacted and he recommended the flow be restored to provide a direct water flow which will assist with water exchange within the lake as well as provide a potential spawning

avenue for the walleye population. The property owners were contacted and permission given to clean out the stream. On Nov 5th at 9:00am, Brad Kupfer, Mike Zelinski will join Greg Matzky to perform the necessary clean-up activities.

e. Dock removal

The docks are removed each year by volunteers. The standard crew throughout the last few years is Dan & Dennis Welhouse, Mark Starich and a few other helpers. It was noted by Dan that the North dock on Pickerel has realizes a fair amount of physical abuse throughout the year. A real benefit it is manufactured out of steel as compared to the other Aluminium docks which are less forgiving. Decision make to move forward with a \$50.00 gift certificate since he is using his personal equipment to pull the docks.

It was noted that the landings are owned by the township and as such should be managed by the township. Chuck noted, that based on experience the township would not put in or take out the dock for a number of reasons. Kathy volunteered to call the town Chairman and discuss roles and responsibilities. If nothing else, get clarity on what the township will or will not do at the landings.

Time was also spent reviewing options for providing recognition for volunteers. Since there are varying levels of volunteer duties, there was no clear conclusion as to how to proceed. This topic will be added as new business to the next agenda.

f. Harvester repairs update

- g. 2016 Harvester Report and WDNR
Weed report submitted by Chuck

Additional Notes

- 2017 Spring Meeting scheduled for May 27
- 2017 Fall Meeting scheduled for September 2

Agenda Topics for the next meeting

- Discuss & develop volunteer recognition guidelines. How can we offer appreciation in a fair and equitable manner?