

Meeting Minutes  
Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District Fall Meeting  
Sept. 5, 2015 - 9:30 a.m.  
Nashville Town Hall

All Board members present except for David Solin, Langlade Co. Rep.

Spring meeting minutes read, motion to accept, all agreed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's reports were read. Donations, expenses were explained with an addition of Boat Landing Donations in 2012 - 301.88 / 2013 - 250.90 / 2014 - 204.44 2015 - 206.00 and the year is not over yet! To increase accountability, most purchases are made in form of credit card; we no longer pay out to individual people. Kathy will be talking to Co Vantage about fee for receiving a credit from the credit card company. Tax Levy is not changing. Question: Are our expenditures coming in under what we are budgeting? - Kathy - we are good this year, we are coming in very nicely. Motion to accept made seconded and all in favor – passed.

**Boat Landing discussion:** Chuck and Jamie will go to the North End boat landing and discuss repairs with Nashville boat landing budgeted money. On Crane - Brad - people want to park where people turn around boats. May we put signs on the right? There were signs, but they are not there. Jamie will look into it as well. The ramp could use a load of rock at the intro on Crane as well there is a good size hole there. We still have money in our budget. Rocks don't work because of ice - we've tried before requires continuous maintenance. Guest Patrick of UW Extension questioned if we have utilized grant money? He will send us the info via email. Great if you want to develop restrooms, etc to help for disabled people. Then we get into issues that the people next door are not affected. Power loading is still an issue. Can we load cameras to gain license plate numbers and turn in to DNR? - no fines from DNR for this. Brad - let's generate a list of needs for all boat landings and decide which concerns are able to be met. (sand gravel in place of stone?)

**Aeration Report** - Hot Dog (Jerry Hietpas) - Found three leaks last year. The company that put them in should call to fix leaks. Start up the generators before winter sets in. Is there a portion set aside for all the volunteers? 12 volunteers when we took it out. A lot from Crane Lake which is great since this improves everything. Hot Dog was recognized as a good guy and leader of this group - much appreciation for this team. **Recognize them in the newsletter.**

**Weed Harvester Report / Jim Huss** - How many loads at that time before the newsletter? - 7 loads. The last three weeks 48 loads - that is how fast the celery weed comes up and floats to shore. East shore and north shore by Shue's and Voris' Bay all moves that way. Guys have been picking these up. Hard because they all came up at same time. Other years it's a mixture of milfoil - pond week 3-5% of celery usually - now it is 95% - so ducks are happy. New guys came on board and old volunteers still on. Hot Dog has moved 90% on the truck. New truck went in. Old truck - should we sell or not? Huss doesn't think it will bring in much money. Should we keep it as a reserve or put it on the other end? That one gets less loads - Dan Voster agrees that this would be helpful. Where would we leave it? This will be discussed.

Is there still an issue of EWM in Pickerel - We are not seeing it - The Harvester is totally cleaned - power washed before it goes to Crane Lake. We do take all precautions on cleaning the boat. Some in Crane don't like weed Harvester - Brad asked why? It does not cause the algae bloom as this is part of the natural cycle of the lake - it is called natural bloom. Drivers keep a close watch as to not harvest on docks with no green flag. - Mr. King North shore there are certain areas - boat can still get in and out - Mr. Tetzloff is on the north shore and it is fine. The north shore on Pickerel is always hardest hit according to Jim Huss.

We are at the mercy of snow club as to when we can move the harvester to Crane Lake because we use their tractor and we can't use it when the mower is on. They do rent it out, but we can only use it when it is available. It's hard to anticipate the day when it is needed because we don't know the weed needs each year. We could plan a day to get the tractor. Harvesting ends on 9/14. This is the second year the harvester has not gone on Crane. People are paying money into it. This is always on Chuck's mind and is never forgotten. Be at the spring meeting to discuss this again and get it resolved - there are some who hate it - some want it. We have no weed boss on Crane Lake - another issue - someone needs to step up. Can we schedule earlier? This needs to be discussed at the spring meeting - **Also will be in agenda and in newsletter.** We are not dragging our feet but have gotten push back by people who don't want it. About 2/3 want it from floor - Huss has three who asked for it this year.

**Decision on old Weed Truck** - Should we keep it one more year? - will be stored right next to the new truck. How much is insurance? This year take liability off both trucks and keep on liability if a tree falls on it or vandalized. Call when not in use - minimal expense on trucks. The worst thing for these trucks is to have them sit. Both needs to be used during summer. Should we test sell it and see if it gets \$2,400? Problem is that it is a government truck, so it needs to go out on bids. If it is just being run in fields no insurance is needed - just put insurance on it the days it is used. We can use the equipment on it for the new truck - Motion made to keep seconded - all in favor no one opposed. Will keep it at least for a year.

**Donations Boxes** - Len Hadovski - South Shore is most popular - least in Crane. Len is going to put some reflective stickers to make it most noticeable. People don't like to donate if the boat landing has problems. There are limbs and old bushes near the Crane Lake boat landing. Jamie and Jim and Chuck will look into this.

**Boat Landing Posting Signs** - Len Hadovski - Town of Nashville rules signs - Are these boating regulations enforceable? Who is enforcing it? The no wake is controversial. Local ordinance supersedes state law. Mechanism to enforce it is Forest County Rec officer. King put in buoys and duck string and put 80 ft in front of dock which is legal - 4:30 is too early to stop skiing - Can we change it to a time that works? This is a town chairman thing - Len asked if state law addresses speed limit? At dusk and at certain times they address distance (100 ft.) This was a controversial question for people who come up on Friday and want to ski others want to do evening fishing. If this was an ordinance written 20 years ago it might be time to revisit it - UW Extension guy. Should we just align with state regulations?

**Walleye Recap** - Greg Matzke's report is in the newsletter - Matzke has been transferred to land division. Greg says that 16,000 stocking in both lakes - this is power stocking - (read from newsletter) **More information will be in spring letter.** 9/14 they are coming in to do shocking on both lakes to survey new numbers of all fish.

**New Business:** Lake District Zoning Issue - The newsletter did not get mailed from the printer when requested. Chuck called them - after several excuses it had fallen by the side.

They said that secretary did not give them a date. Secretary produced an email to prove that a date was given. It is now in their lap. Should we decide to ever use them again? Should we pay them? The meeting was posted at three location - as long as it is posted in two places - plus it was in the newspaper two times. As a group do we switch printers? First in regards Brad has worked with printers - an error was made - didn't pay - if bill was significantly less then that is good. Movement made to allow board to make this decision. Dan Vosters recommends to stay with it. From floor don't cut off the vendor with one mistakes - their should be compensation - perhaps cover expenses and printing. Can tell more about a company in bad times than in good times from auditor guy.

**Patrick UW Extension - Works with WI Lakes Partnership** promoting Healthy Lakes and grant options. Offered a sign up for newsletter Discussion on Land/Lake shore water interface and how to help erosion and control runoff. Offered ideas on how to limit impact. Grants are available where 25% is paid by stakeholder and the rest is covered by the grant.

**Lake District Zoning Issue** - According to Act 55 The way the law is written, the county is not allowed to demand restoration for the land to decrease the water run-off. Before you build - just think about the lake. Langlade Co. Oneida and Polk Co. are trying to oppose this resolution. Should we draft an opposition letter to Madison? Join in with other Lake Districts?

**Local History to Newsletter:** A lot of history on these two lakes. If you are interested in sharing the history of your place, we can put this into the newsletter - Walt Ferguson is acting as our historian. - **Contact Walt Ferfuston 916-719-3442**

**Public Comment:** Lynn Verhagen - Stake holder and as representative as Pickerel fire and rescue made a plea to make sure fire numbers are in place and visible during all seasons.

**Budget Hearing** - Discussion over each account - which ones are set and which ones need to be guessed at. Money not spent in 2015 budget stays in checking, savings / \$66,000 in these accounts. What are we doing for a rainy day? Can we just keep money aside - but doesn't it need to be earmarked? Could we reduce tax? Does excess money need to be put into a special account? Cut capital outlays - EWM \$33,000 defined for capital expenditures or weed harvester engine replacement. Kathy if we have extra left over - we will put it in weed harvesting reserves. A year after then it becomes a CD Weed Harvesting or Capital Purchase CD. We have five years of expenditures - should we earmark these moneys? Potential financial problems include replacing 3/4 million dollar harvester. Guess speaker Patrick from UW guy offered to give us coaching on this challenge - funding available or AIS instead of being able to handle emergencies. Len Hadovski - King is ok with it. - A stakeholder from Crane stated that budgets should be made to anticipate expenses not building in a savings account. He is looking for transparency - when things like this happen - Patrick says it can look bad if it is not understood. Chuck is going to work with Patrick on this issue.

Motion made to accept budget - seconded - all passed

**Nominations from the floor** - Dan Voster's position - no volunteers - he has agreed to stay for another term; Kathy - will stay - motion is made and seconded all in favor; Chuck - Len nominate, seconded all in favor. All commissioners are retained for another term

Adjourn 12:20 - motion made, seconded, all in agreement