

2018 FALL MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 25, 2018 - 9:00 AM
TOWN OF NASHVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER
1038 CTH "Q" PICKEREL, WI

1. Call to order
2. Roll Call: Chuck Sleeter, Kathy Kupfer, Rod Sternhagen, Dan Vosters, Mike Zelinski
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Greeting
5. Read Spring Meeting Minutes

Motion by Loren King to approve May 19th Spring Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ted Corona; motion passes

6. Treasurer's Report

Kathy reviewed 2018 YTD budget and expected plan for the remainder of 2018. Overall budget remains on track with no concerns. Revenues received per expectations.

Motion by John Laird to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Keith Verhagen; motion passes

7. Old Business

(a) Aeration report, Jerry Hietpas Aeration Boss

Jerry reported the all equipment was tested and in good working order. The volunteer team is ready for another year.

(b) Weed harvester report, Jim Huss

The harvester has been running 7 days a week on Pickerel Lake and the team is working hard to address the extremely heavy weed growth this year. The team is currently delayed for a few days due to fuel oil mistakenly being poured into the hydraulic oil tank. The system has been flushed, and they plan to be back running by mid-week.

Harvesting on Crane lasted 1 week utilizing the Sokaogon Chippewa Community harvester. The week progressed well with no issues.

(c) Pickerel Tombstone Snow Club donation for use of tractor

A \$100 donation was issued to the Tombstone club in the spring of 2018. Chuck conveyed that the snow club tractor was again utilized in early August to pull the Mole Lake harvester out of Crane Lake.

Motion by George Rock to donate an additional \$100 for use of the tractor, seconded by Curt Haga; motion passes.

(d) Crane Lake reef, Brad Kupfer

Timeline/Milestones

- Grant approved for \$25,000 per Mike Preul
- Measurements for the reef were taken in mid-June. Current conditions observed were much better than expected, increasing our chances for successful spawning reef
- Analysis for current substrate and gravel needs were provided by Greg Matzke
- Total gravel and rock needs to be determined by Greg Matzke by Tuesday, August 28
- Brad, Greg and Mike Preul to meet with Chuck Jackson
- Greg Matzke to send DNR permit to the District for review and resubmittal to WDNR.

The execution plan for February remains in progress. There are multiple options to be reviewed to determine the most efficient plan to deliver the materials to the lake. The area where the rocks will be placed will be roped off by Greg Matzke and volunteers will be required to keep the lake plowed for easier transportation of materials. Brad Graves (Brad Graves Landscaping) and Dan Welhouse will provide their skidsters to place materials per guidelines. Greg Matzke and Mike Preul to be present during the positioning of the materials. Once the reef is completed, rock and gravel will remain on the ice until the spring thaw.

Motion by Joan Sternhagen for the committee to meet with Greg Matzke and Mike Preul to determine who has responsibility for the project and ultimately the development of a plan to move and place materials, seconded by Curt Haga; motion passes.

(e) Walleye stocking update, Brad Kupfer

In the fall of 2018, 6,000 7-10” walleyes to be stocked in Pickerel and 1,700 in Crane. The fish will be purchased from the Sokaogon Chippewa Community at a cost of \$15,000.00.

(f) Northside Pickerel Lake dock (Donation)

A dock was purchased for the Ed Jacobs’ memorial and will be installed in the spring on Pickerel Lake. The only remaining activity is to purchase a plaque to be placed on the dock. Thank you again to the Jacobs family.

(g) Thank the Sokaogon Community - Bullhead removal

Approximately 3,500 bullheads were removed from Pickerel Lake with all funding provided by the Sokaogon Chippewa Community. Thank you for your continued support.

(h) Discuss District’s five-year plan

Changes to the May 2018 plan as follow:

- Lake Management Plan increased \$ 5,000 in 2019, \$10,000 in 2020
- Harvester Repairs increased \$11,000 in 2018, and decreased to \$3,000 for 2019-2022
- Harvester Replacement deleted from Plan

P&R 5 Year Plan	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

8. New Business

(a) Discuss new Web Site (presentation)

Kathy provided an overview of the new website and requested all members visit the site www.pickerelcranelakedistrict.org and review the new and exciting features. Thank you Kathy for the hard work and many hours expended to get the site up and running.

(b) Discuss planer boarding impact on Walleyes

The use of trolling on Crane Lake has become a concern for many district members. A petition was reviewed which requests the Town of Nashville to terminate the use of trolling to help protect the walleye population. A similar resolution will also be drafted and set to WDNR for their review.

(c) Results of the L/M/P update proposal

White Water Associates was the only consultant to submit a proposal through the closed bid process. White Water was also the preferred consultant based on the committee's research. An overview was provided on the initial scope of the project. Priority topics to be evaluated are invasive species, shoreline condition and shallow water habitat. The initial quotation is a total of \$38,980 with a maximum grant potential of \$25,000 through the WDNR. Expected final expense to the District is \$14,000.00 - \$16,000.00.

(d) Vote on selection of firm to complete the L/D L/M/P

Motion by Curt Haga to move forward with White Water & Associates for the development of a new Lake Management Plan (WWA quotation dated 4-3-2018), seconded by Marilyn Rock; motion passes.

(e) Discuss harvester repairs

Chuck conveyed the need to move forward with the purchase of key items on the harvester to assure it remains in good working order. The main components to be ordered are the main drive belt and front cutters. Total expense is \$9,795.82 which is in the 2018 budget with repairs projected to be completed by Steve Bailey in the winter and spring of 2019.

(f) Pontoon Boat Classrooms / where to call for scheduling

Pontoon boat classes are offered by Langlade County conservation department. Intent of the classes is to provide district members insight into the broader habitat of the lakes. Classes can be setup by calling Emily at 715 627-6206.

9. Public comment

- It was noted that the winter kill on Pickerel Lake was very slight after the hard winter and the aeration system has performed very well. Prior to the system being deployed, there was massive fish kills after difficult winters.
- A District member asked if the limit on pan fish can be reduced to assist with improving the abundance and size of pan fish. This technique has been known to be very beneficial in improving lakes in northern MN. Brad Kupfer will discuss with WDNR.
- George Rock recognized the many volunteers for their hard work and commitment to the District and its initiatives.
- Loren King articulated some of the major changes he has seen as it relates to weeds in Crane Lake since he purchased his property in 1968. Most notable is the major increase of muck and weeds in deep water. Even though Crane has realized an increase in weed growth, the harvesting has played a critical role in reducing an even greater expansion.
- An open discussion ensued as to whether we can stop reading the minutes at the spring and fall meetings. The committee will review options and bring them to the next meeting.

10. Budget Hearing/ Adoption of Tax Levy

The committee recommended a 2019 budget of \$33,000.00 versus 2018 at \$41,000.00. A detailed comparison of year over year changes was reviewed and questions answered. Tax levy would remain unchanged at \$27,800.00.

Motion by Lynda Hanson to accept a budget of \$33,000.00 for 2019, seconded by Joan Sternhagen; motion passes.

Motion by Joan Sternhagen to accept a tax levy of \$27,800.00, seconded by Curt Haga; all yea and one nay, motion passes.

A general discussion pursued on the feasibility to increase taxes 1% to help fund future initiatives. An action was

taken by the committee to provide the impact of a 1% change at the next meeting.

11. Election for position of Commissioner

- (a) Nominations from the floor – no new nominations from the floor
- (b) Written ballot vote – no vote required
- (c) Announcement of results – Dan Vosters agreed to stay on another term as commissioner. Thank you Dan.

12. Adjourn

Motion to Adjourn by Ted Corona, seconded by Lyn Verhaegen; motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 11:35

P&R Lake District Commissioners Meeting

Call to Order: 11:47

- 1. Selection of Positions on the Board – No changes of members or roles to the board
- 2. Adjourn
Motion by Chuck Sleeter to adjourn, seconded by Dan Vosters; motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 12:05pm