

**Fifty Lakes Property Owners Association (FLPOA)**  
**Minutes from Board Meeting**  
**8:30 am April 9, 2022**  
**Fifty Lakes Community Center**

**Board Members Present:** Jim Castle, Ken Neihart, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier.

**Board Members Absent:** Jon Arnoldy, Cindy Bissonnette, Michael Bury and Mike Prouty.

**Reports:**

Secretary: The minutes from the October 2, 2021 board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer: The treasurer reported a balance of \$17,024.02, plus a balance of \$820.00 in the Karl Bell-Mitchell Lake fund.

The following expenses were reported by the treasurer;

10/15/2021 Crow Wing County \$563.80 for AIS inspectors.

11/18/2021 Fifty Lakes Bar \$100.00 for Santa gifts.

11/24/2021 Mark Bradley \$4000.00 for levelers on Kego Creek.

12/01/2021 Mark Bradley \$490.00 for beaver trapping.

12/04/2021 Ole and Brenda \$150.00 for Santa.

03/11/2022 USPS \$72.00 for PO Box.

03/16/2022 First Impressions \$1,193.61 for membership mailings to property owners in the City of Fifty Lakes for 2022.

The total expenses reported were \$6,569.41.

The following future or anticipated expenses were reported by the treasurer and approved by the board for payment:

Pine River Watershed Alliance \$150.00.

MN Lakes and Rivers \$150.00.

Whitefish Area Property Owners Association (WAPOA) \$1,000.00.

Lakes and Rivers Alliance (LARA) \$100.00.

Insurance for the FLPOA approximately \$400.00.

Membership: As of April 9, 2022 the numbers of members for 2021-2022 was 122 members.

**Discussion Topics:**

1. Levelers on Kego Creek. Two 12" levelers were installed on the second beaver dam in November 2021. The FLPOA applied for and received a \$3,900.00 grant from the "Land & Waters Preservation Trust" for the installation of the levelers. There are already three levelers that have been installed on the first beaver dam. The levelers on the first dam have been in operation for over 15 years. Having levelers on both beaver dams should stabilize the lake level on Kego and also the lakes that are downstream of Kego. Lakes downstream of Kego are Mitchell, Eagle and East and West Fox.
2. Annual Water Testing, Zebra Mussel Veliger Testing and Plant Surveys at Public Watercraft Landings. The FLPOA will again this year participate in these programs/activities. The association will coordinate with the Whitefish Property Owners and Crow Wing County to complete the tasks required. Volunteers from all the lakes in Fifty Lake will be involved. If you are interested in participating in any of these tasks, contact a FLPOA board member to get involved.
3. Fifty Lakes Lake Improvement Program (FLLIP). The City of Fifty Lakes has set aside \$40,000.00 to be used to protect all the lakes in the city. Three members on the FLLIP committee are also board members in the FLPOA. The purpose of the FLLIP committee is to make recommendations to the city council to protect, maintain and improve the lakes in the city.

4. County Timber Harvest. Crow Wing County held a Timber Auction March 25, 2022. In the county 13 tracts were up for auction and 11 were sold. The foresters will have until March 25, 2024 to harvest the timber on the tracts they bought. The county listed a value on the tracts that were purchased at the auction to be \$558,365.70 for 13,807 cords of timber. There were seven different species of trees offered at the auction. In Fifty Lakes the following sections were sold at the auction. Sections 9, 10, 14, 17, 18, 20 and 29. Only a part of each section was sold. A county forester marked the area in each section that could be harvested. The total value that was listed by the county for Fifty Lakes was \$229,305.00.
5. Annual Membership Letter. The letter asks property owners in the City of Fifty Lakes to join the FLPOA and also solicits an additional donation to support having inspectors at the four public watercraft landings in the city. The lakes in the city are still free of any AIS infection. According to the DNR there are over 50 lakes in Crow Wing County that are infected with zebra mussels. Last year there were 10 new water bodies reported, that were infected with zebra mussels in the county. These new infected water bodies are included in 50 reported by the DNR. The association needs your support to keep the lakes in the city free of an AIS infection. Having an inspector at watercraft landings is still the best way to protect our lakes.
6. AIS Delegation Agreement. The City of Fifty Lakes has formed a delegation agreement with the MNDNR to manage the four public watercraft landings in the city. The FLPOA will assist the city in the management of the landings. In 2021 Crow Wing County controlled the four landings and pulled our assigned inspector 28 times and assigned him to higher priority landing in the county. Two inspectors will be hired by the city and the association will develop a schedule for the inspectors. The salary for the inspectors will come from association dues and donations made by our members.
7. FLPOA Annual Meeting. The annual meeting will be held on June 11, 2022. The association is still in the planning stage. The city and the association are also talking about some kind of a joint meeting because the city has an announcement regarding some proposed plans for some improvements they would like to make. Stay tuned for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Neihart  
Secretary FLPOA