

APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS
PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
April 27, 2013**

ATTENDING:

Curt Deering, Tom O'Hern, Stephanie Boysen, Greg Warner, and Joe Zaspel
(Johnstown Board Representative)

ABSENT:

Herschel Brown (Polk County Representative).

GUESTS:

None

MEETING:

Chair, Curt Deering called the Meeting to order, at 8:00 AM.

Public Comment:

No one spoke at this time.

Minutes Approved:

The minutes of the December 15, 2012 meeting were approved.

Treasurer Report:

Mr. O'Hern reviewed the process for conducting an audit of the Commission's 2012 financials. Three individuals, Gerry Ganske, Kay McDonough and Greg Warner will conduct independent reviews of the 2012 financial activity. The Commission approved the process and the audit contingent upon the last review.

Mr. O'Hern also noted that the District's loan has been paid off. All current debits have been paid with current cash on hand of \$4370. The current treasure report was approved as submitted.

Old Business:

- Ms. Boysen is preparing a comprehensive communication plan. She is currently in the information gathering phase. The plan will be presented at the July Commission meeting. Ideas are encouraged to identify new lake property owners and approaches to welcoming them to the community.
- The retention basin seems to be working as designed this spring. Water is gushing through it. Vegetation for the basin is being pursued. Greg to contact Dick Hollar to determine needs and plans. Monitoring has begun.
- Mr. O'Hern briefly reviewed the status of the funding for the Shoreland Protection Project Grant. As a result of fewer land owners than estimated

using the dollars for shoreland rehabilitation, dollars may be available for other suitable lake activities. He will pursue these with Ms. Carol Vantine.

- The “fish sticks” project is complete and waiting for the ice to melt. The Commission approved purchasing 2 new buoys to mark the location. Additional sites are being considered for this project.

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New Business:

- Preliminary topics for the Special Meeting agenda were discussed. A draft agenda will be developed and circulated to Commissioners.
- The content and age of materials on the Pipe Lake web site was briefly discussed. Each Commissioner will review the web site to determine any enhancements for discussion.
- Mr. Warner reviewed two documents he prepared to evaluate interim progress with the 10 year and 5 year plans. Commissioners are asked to review the documents and provide feedback. Mr. Warner will review this interim work at the Special District Meeting in May.
- Pipe Lakes are used for bass tournaments periodically. Concern was expressed with inspection of these boats used for the tournaments. Mr. Warner followed-up with Dick Hollar after the meeting. He learned that Mr. Hollar provides screening if Art Ringsvoldt cannot staff the boat landing. He noted that these individuals are very aware of aquatic invasive species and consequently, their boats are clean.

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Polk County Update:

No report.

Township Update:

Mr. Zaspel reported that all Township incumbents were re-elected. There will be additional discussion following the May 14 Township meeting on upgrading the meeting facility. He reminded residents that the Township web site has information on dealing with the growing bear community. Fire permits are required (other than recreational fires) and he can assist with permits.

Adjournment:

Respectfully

Greg Warner, Secretary