

**Approved by Commissioners November 10, 2012**

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
August 10, 2012**

**ATTENDING:**

Tom O'Hern, Brook Thill, Joe Zaspel (Johnstown Board Representative), Herschel Brown (Polk County Representative) Dan Paulson, Acting Secretary, Carol Vantine via phone.

**GUESTS:**

Larry Brazina, Dick Hollar.

**MEETING:**

The Meeting was called to order by acting Chair Tom O'Hern at 5:00 P.M..

**Public Comment:** No one spoke at this time.

**Report of the Budget :** The budget report was presented by Treasurer Tom O'hern.  
Motion: Hershel Brown motioned and Joe Zaspel seconded the motion to accept the budget report. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Basin Report:** Water is washing out the bank of the pond on the East side about 25 feet North of the inlet culvert.

Motion: Dan Paulson made a motion and it was seconded by Tom O'Hern: To have a rock spillway extending from the previous rock spillway approximately 25 feet towards the input culvert and the a rock dam on the east side of the Christian's road to impede the water flowing across the road and to protect the pond bank from further erosion for a cost of \$2400. Motion Passed unanimously.

**AIS Lake Access Monitoring:** Dick Hollar reported that Art will work whatever hours we need. He supports the hiring of another person to also monitor the boat landing. He will help train the new person. There is enough money in the proposed budget for the hiring of another monitor, and the training.

Motion: Carol Vantine moved and Joe Zaspel seconded the hiring of another person to assist with the AIS grant lake access monitoring. Motion Passed unanimously.

**Water Quality Report:** Lake and stream sampling is proceeding as planned. There have been monthly lake samples and 2 stream samplings as rain events have afforded. We did 10 samples per hour on the inlet side of the pond and a 3 samples per hour on the outlet culvert as requested by the DNR. There was not a significant difference in any of the 10 sample so we have requested that that regimen be abandoned and a simple one inlet and outlet sampling be used instead. We have not heard back from the DNR on that proposal.

**Picnic Planning:** Planning for the annual Pipe Lake Picnic appear to be progressing without problems. The County Line is set to host the event.

**Grant Activities:** There is money available to subsidize three more home owner project. Tree falls will take place this fall.

**Invasive Species Plan:** We need to develop a plan to combat an invasive species infestation on our lakes. We are starting to draft a preliminary plan and develop a contingency fund which must be approved by the DNR. An Invasive Species Plan is a major undertaking that can involve up to 70 pages in length. The monitoring plan has to be approved by the DNR and will continue after the grant is finished. It was noted that Beaver Dam Lake in Cumberland is costing those residents a significant amount of money each year to combat the **Eurasian Water Milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*)** infestation that they currently are fighting. We must do all we can to prevent and act quickly to fight this or any other harmful invasive species infestation in our lakes!

**Budget Proposal:** The beginning balance is contingent on the estimated bills outstanding. The Invasive Species project may require more expenses than currently allocated. Motion: Joe Zaspel moved and Herschel Brown seconded that the budget be approved. Motion Passed unanimously.

**Website:** The Website needs work to keep it up to date and to refresh the material. Currently Julie Johnson is updating the website. We need to look for someone who is interested in keeping our website up to date and refreshed with new material.

**Aquatic Plant Survey:** It was reported that 75% of the Aquatic Plant survey will be covered by the grant. This will change the reimbursement to \$7000 and the bottom line of the budget to \$6800 of the budget. The budget was amended accordingly.

**Township Notes:** Carol Wallin will be stepping down as Town Clerk. The November Election will be held at the Church at the intersection of County Road "T" and "G". The Township was approached by Dan Paulson and Dick Hollar to consider an ordinance for a Not Wake /Quiet Time for North Pipe Lake. The Town Board requested a survey of the land owners on North Pipe Lake as to their preference in this matter. An anonymous survey will be mailed to all of the land owners regarding their preferences on this matter in September. **THIS IS NOT AN ACTION OF THE PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT.** It is only an effort on the part of land owners on North Pipe Lake to establish a quiet time for that portion of the district.

**Annual Meeting Agenda:** The Annual Meeting Agenda was discussed. Motion: Carol Vantine moved and Dan Paulson seconded the approval and publication of the Annual Meeting Agenda. Motion Passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:30.