

Approved by the Commissioners, July 15, 2011

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS
PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MAY 13, 2011
203 220TH AVENUE**

ATTENDING:

Joe Errigo; Tom O'Hern; Dan Paulson; Tom Mears; Carol Vantine (by phone);
Joe Zaspel

ABSENT:

Herschel Brown

GUESTS:

Larry Bresina; Dick Hollar

The meeting was called to order by acting chair, Tom Mears, at 5:05 PM.
Carol Vantine joined the meeting by phone.

The Commissioners reviewed and **unanimously approved the Minutes of the April 15, 2011 Meeting** as distributed.

Treasurer Tom O'Hern presented the Financial Report for the period ending April 30, 2011. The Commissioners **unanimously approved the Financial Report** as distributed.

Joe Errigo provided an update on the **Watercraft Safety Certification program scheduled for May 27 and May 28, 2011**. The Sheriff's office has informed us that about 20 young people from Balsam Lake will attend. Six registrations have been received from Pipe Lakes residents. More are expected. Radio Shack in Cumberland has agreed to loan the District a TV and VCR for use in the two part program. Dan Paulson will pick up the equipment and deliver it to the **Town Shed** before the start of the first session at 7 PM on Friday May 27. Joe Errigo will coordinate refreshments and on-site check in of registrants.

Tom Mears provided an update on the **Shoreland Management Workshop scheduled for May 28, 2011, following the Special Meeting of the Membership at Christ Church**. Registrations have been slow due to the late Spring. The Commissioners discussed the speakers for the event, the educational materials to be distributed to registrants, and assignments for refreshments (water: Dan Paulson; coffee: Tom Mears; donuts and bagels; Carol Vantine). Tom O'Hern agreed to secure a tax roll listing of homeowners that can serve as a sign up sheet for the Special Meeting and the Workshop.

Tom Mears reported that four homeowners have signed up for **shoreland assessments** to be conducted in late May.

The Commissioners **unanimously approved a motion directing Dick Hollar to serve as the District's authorized agent in making a request for reimbursement of AIS grant funds** (Invasive Species).

The Commissioners had a lengthy discussion about the May 12, 2011 email communication from Scott Geddes regarding the **modeling and other issues related to the proposed retention basin** at North Pipe Lake. Larry Bresina noted that Mr. Geddes' projections show a reduction of phosphorus loading to North Pipe of approximately 7%, which is approximately one half of our original goal of 15%. Also, there was discussion about appropriate techniques for measuring depth and flow in the basin, including weirs, loggers and flow meters. **The Commissioners unanimously agreed to proceed with the retention basin project, directing Carol Vantine to ask Mr. Geddes to (1) determine how his projections relate to our original 15% phosphorus reduction goal; and (2) develop bid documents that would allow us to determine costs with and without the proposed weirs. Further, the Commissioners asked Dick Hollar to review and approve the proposed weir design, including the size of outlet pipes.**

The Commissioners **unanimously approved a motion increasing Art Ringsven's compensation for the Clean Boats Clean Waters Program to \$9.00 per hour.**

Dan Paulson reported on the **monitoring program for lakes and streams**. Dick Hollar commented on the challenges of recruiting volunteers for monitoring. There was a discussion about the possibility of paying for outside assistance.

Joe Zaspel reported on recent **Township activities**, including road inspections, priorities for repairs, culvert repairs and replacements, and sign replacements. Mr. Zaspel informed the Commissioners about the Township's recent decision to participate in the USDA Beaver Control Program. Improvements are being made to the fire permit process.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joseph Errigo,
Secretary

