

APPROVD BY THE COMMISSIONERS DECEMBER 15, 2012

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

ATTENDING:

Curt Deering, Tom O'Hern, Stephanie Boysen, Greg Warner, Joe Zaspel (Johnstown Board Representative), and Herschel Brown (Polk County Representative).

GUESTS:

Dick Hollar and Larry Brazina

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 from the May 25, 2012 and August 10, 2012 were approved with corrections.

Treasurer Report:

Tom O'Hern reported that all current liabilities have been paid. The Commissioners approved the Treasure's Report as submitted.

Old Business:

Lake Property's Owners Map: Mr. Hollar reported that he has a quote to print 220 copies of the revised North Pipe and Pipe Lake owners map for \$198. The Commissioners unanimously approved the expenditure. One map will be provided free to each property owner at the Special Meeting in May. Those not attending may obtain a map at the picnic. A free map is also provided to the Fire Department and the Township.

Polk County Update:

Herschel Brown reported that County expenses are higher this year as a result of unfunded mandates and increases in county services. The county debt service is high resulting from incurred debt to improve some infrastructure.

Mr. Hollar who serves on the County Citizens Advisory Committee reported that shoreline zoning issues and revisions have been discussed over the last couple of years but any decisions are currently on hold. These changes will likely benefit the Lake District.

Township Update:

Joe Zaspel reported that the Township wishes to solicit feedback on a proposal to enlarge the Township of Johnston meeting and storage building on County Road G. The improvements would include a lavatory and more space for meetings. If approved, the facility could also be used for gatherings such as family reunions. The Commissioners approved use of the distribution list for gathering feedback.

Date Confirmation:

The dates for the boat parade and the picnic were confirmed and will be placed on the web site. These dates are:

- Boat parade – Saturday, July 6 at 1PM with rain date of Sunday, July 7 at 1PM.
- Annual Picnic – August 17 at noon. This is moved up from 1PM. Need to confirm with County Line Tavern.

Confirmation of Committee Membership:

Communications Committee

Curt Deering confirmed that Stephanie Boysen would lead the Communications Committee. Larry Brazina has volunteered to participate. Ms. Boysen will identify others to assist with this important activity.

Financial Audit Committee

Tom O'Hern reported that Lou Fornetti would once again Chair the Financial Audit Committee. A new leader has tentatively been identified to lead this effort in 2014 (for the 2013 audit).

New Residents:

The Commissioners discussed several approaches to welcoming new lake residents and encouraging their involvement in lake activities. It was agreed that new residents would be recognized at the annual meeting. To ensure new residents attend this meeting, once a new resident is identified, a Commissioner will be asked to make a personal visit to introduce him or herself and to briefly discuss lake activities such as the annual meeting, boat parade and picnic. Anyone knowing of a new resident should contact a commissioner so a welcome can be scheduled.

WATER QUALITY:

Monitoring

Mr. Hollar reported that Bill Radtke and Dick Braun collect samples for water monitoring from North Pipe and Pile Lake respectively. Mr. Hollar serves as a back up. The commissioners expressed their appreciation for the efforts these individuals commit to this important activity. The Commissioners are prepared to assist with identifying back up personnel when necessary.

The 2013 plan is in place. Testing for the pond has been initiated but with the lack of rain not much data is available to date.

Ms. Boysen has agreed to assist with coordinating and presenting the results of these monitoring activities for a more consistent and more easily understood format.

Mr. Brazina mentioned a survey sent to Commissioners regarding workshops sponsored by the Polk County Association of Lakes and Rivers. Mr. Warner will forward the link to Commissioners so they may participate.

Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Resolution

Mr. Hollar reported the need to re-apply for the AIS grant. The attached resolution was unanimously approved to initiate the process.

Boat Landing Inspection

The Commissioners previously approved expanding the time for inspecting trailers and boats at the public landing. An additional person is necessary to expand the hours. Mr. Warner agreed to work with Mr. Hollar to initiate a process to identify prospective candidates. An updated report will be provided in December.

Water Protection Grant

Carol Vantine has agreed to continue providing leadership to this Grant.

Rapid Response Plan

Mr. Warner reviewed the status and a draft of a Rapid Response Plan. This plan is necessary to provide the processes necessary if a suspected aquatic invasive species is identified. The Plan will need to be approved by Commissioners and submitted to the WDNR. A revised plan will be provided at the December meeting.

District Five-Year Plan

Mr. Deering briefly reviewed and noted the need to refresh the District 5-Year Protection Plan. A revised document will be reviewed at the December meeting.

“Fish Stick” Project

Mr. O’Hern reviewed the process for the fish stick program. Trees will be felled and positioned on the ice this winter at 2 locations. One location is near the east-south-east corner of the big island and another near the island south and west of the big island. There is no cost for the trees as these are being donated. A budget of \$4500 has been approved for the hauling of the trees and placement on the ice by a WDNR approved landscaper.

Loon Call

Mr. Deering stated the need to integrate all communications for consistent messaging to the District residents. Ms. Boysen will include the Loon Call into the Communications Committee plan and activities.

New Business

Mr. Deering reported on a request from a lake resident to pump water from the lake for his lawn. The volume of water used for these activities was raised. Mr. Hollar reported at one time he calculated the amount of water used for these activities. He will send this to the Commissioners. He noted this was an inconsequential amount of water.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 AM

Respectfully

Greg Warner, Secretary

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