

**APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONERS on AUGUST 9, 2014**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS  
PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
May 17, 2014**

**ATTENDING:**

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

**ABSENT:**

County Representative

**GUESTS:**

Dick Hollar and Larry Breszina

**MEETING:**

Curt Deering called the Meeting to order, at 8:05 AM.

**Public Comment:**

Dick reported on two new statewide initiatives that will occur at the public boat landing. The first is the Drain Campaign occurring on June 14 and 15. This statewide initiative is intended to make sure anglers know about Wisconsin's draining laws—what they are, why they're important, and some easy ways to comply. Free ice packs, flyers, and posters will be given to anglers at the boat ramp.

The second program is the Landing Blitz taking place over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. Again, this program is intended to raise awareness of CBCW.

**Minutes Approved:**

The minutes of the January 11, 2014, meeting were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer Report:**

Tom reviewed the budget noting all expenses have been paid. The current surplus will be proposed to initiate a fund for responding to an invasive species. This will be presented at the Annual Meeting..

**Old Business:**

Water Quality Committee Report

- Greg shared several recent developments and activities from the Water Quality Committee.
  - Members include Dick Hollar Larry Breszina, Carol Vantine and Larry Wilson.
  - Several meetings via conference call occurred over the winter.

- A potential relationship with US-Stout and Professor William James is being discussed. This may lead to an arrangement with an intern conducting sampling and studies on our lakes.
- A stream walk was conducted on May 13 and 2 areas were identified requiring additional work to further minimize erosion.
- The recreational impairment designation by the DNR was discussed. A meeting with the DNR will be arranged to follow-up on what this means for North Pipe Lake, what we can do about it, and what resources are available.
- Procedures and schedules are being developed for measuring and sampling that will provide for consistency and guidance for volunteers.
- All farmland within the Pipe Lakes drainage area are under a nutrient management plan except the evergreen tree farm and it is not considered high risk.
- CBCW staffing needs to be supplemented. It was decided to hire Nick Thill to assist with CBCW and to allow additional hours of coverage that was provided in the 2014 budget.
- Boat landing hours will now be Friday from 4-8 PM; Saturdays and Sundays from 7:30 Am to 5 PM. Additional staffing will also be provided for bass tournaments and other special high volume times.
- Dick noted that CBCW hats, shirts and vests are available. The Commission approved purchase of these items so staff could be readily identified at the boat landing.

Tom reported the Fish Stix program from 2013-2014 was deferred to 2014-2015 winter because of the snow this past summer. An extension from the grant has been approved.

He also noted that 6000 walleye yearlings are being stocked every other year, indefinitely at this time.

Stephanie was asked to lead an effort to remove obsolete pages from the web site.

#### **New Business:**

Dick Hollar proposed a monitoring plan costing \$1687.00. The Commission approved the plan as submitted.

#### **Polk County Update:**

Tom shared with the group that William Johnson who defeated Herschel Walker in the recent election will be the Supervisor attending our meetings. He was not available for today's meeting.

#### **Township Update:**

Joe reported that two additional cement planks will be installed at the boat landing. He also noted that Pat Kolstad has been retained to address beaver control. If problems with beavers on the lakes are noted, please contact Mike Anderson. The portapotty at the boat landing will again be a shared expense between the Township and Lake District. This is about \$170 per party.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM

Respectfully

Greg Warner, Secretary