

# The Loon Call

Official Newsletter of Pipe and North Pipe Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District

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## Annual Association Meeting Approves 2010 Budget and Elects Two To the Board

### District Voters Re-Elect Commission and Elect New Commissioner

At the September 5th Annual Meeting the District voters re-elected Carol Vantine to another 3 year term as a Commissioner. Carol has served as the Chair of the Commission for the past 3 years.

Dan Paulson was elected to a 3 year term as a commissioner. This is his first term on the Commission. Previously he helped collect stream samples for the water quality committee.

### District Voters Approve the 2010 Budget

District voters approved the Budget for the 2010 fiscal year at the annual meeting. This budget includes the activities and moneys for the Lake Protection Grant that the District was awarded by the Wisconsin DNR. It also includes the activities that we normally carry out such as the Publications and Picnic for example. A summary of the budget appears at the right comparing the 2010 budget with the 2009 budget. The grant will cause the district to expend money in the first couple of years of the grant before the state will reimburse us for those expenses. A copy of the complete budget is listed on page 2.

### Peggy Webber is Keeper of the Maps

Any one interested in a map of North Pipe Lake and Pipe Lake please contact Peggy Webber at [whitweb@mac.com](mailto:whitweb@mac.com)

### Volunteers Cited for Extraordinary Work

At the annual meeting Chair Vantine highlighted the **extraordinary work of volunteers in 2009**, including **Joan Billig**, who provided leadership for the July 4 Boat Parade, **Chris Morton**, who organized and managed the August 22 Annual Picnic, and **Kent Wilson** who served as the key contact person for the June 13-14 Boat Safety Education Courses.

Also, Ms. Vantine noted that **Lisa Lynch** was doing an excellent job with the mailings of the newsletters and other communications, and maintaining contact lists of the membership. Please notify Lisa Lynch of any changes in your contact information.

### Boater Safety Class to be Offered Again

Mr. Wilson noted that the courses will be held on the second weekend of June in 2010. A volunteer is need to help coordinate the class. Please contact a commissioner if you are interested.

### Lake Friendly Landscaping Workshops

**Julie Doth** reported on the Lake Friendly Landscaping Workshops held on June 26 (rain gardens), July 10 (native plants) and August 7 (design and tour) at Balsam Lake. Julie said the presentations, resource materials and tours were excellent and very informative.

### DNR Surveys Pipe Lake

On the evening of October 5th Heath Benike, biologist, Brian Spangler, technician, and Jeremy Fisk, technician, from the Barron County DNR Office had their boat out on Pipe Lake to sample fish. Heath Benike stated that they are interested in the number of walleye and large mouth bass in the lake. It seems that if there are a large number of large mouth bass the number of walleye decreases. They are trying to see what effect the fishing size regulations are having on the populations of these two species.



### ATV ROAD RULES JOHNSTOWN TWP

- Can operate only on posted roads
- 35 mph (10 mph within 100 feet of pedestrian)
- DNR registration and under-age driver restrictions
- Must always yield to other vehicles and pedestrians
- Illegal to operate on private property without permission
- Call Sheriff - 715-845-8300 for more information or complaints

### 2009 CALENDAR COMMISSION MEETINGS

Oct 23 5PM Board Meeting  
2198 W. Pipe Lake CT

#### Agenda:

- Approve minutes of previous meetings
- Review finance report to date
- Review culvert permit status
- Tracking procedures for grant
- Review technical assistance
- Set 2010 Meeting dates
- New Business

## Protecting Pipe Lakes

Garbage Dragged into the Woods by Animals Is Unsightly Problem



Above is a picture of garbage that was dragged off into the woods along East Pipe Lake Lane. Many of us have had to deal with bears and raccoons rummaging through our garbage at night. C & C Disposal makes their pickup early on Tuesday mornings in our area. Most of us put our garbage out by the road on Monday evening. Some who are not here during the week put the garbage out on Sunday. C & C will make a reasonable effort to pick up things but is not responsible to clean up trash that has been scattered or dragged off into the woods. That is the responsibility of the owner.

Please help us to keep our woods pristine and beautiful.

Thank you.



## 2010 Commissioner Assignments

<p><b>Carol Vantine</b></p> <p><b>Joe Errigo</b></p> <p><b>Tom O'hern</b></p> <p><b>Tom Mears</b></p> <p><b>Dan Paulson</b></p>	<p><b>Chair</b></p> <p><b>Secretary</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <p><b>Volunteer Coordinator</b></p> <p><b>Communications</b></p>
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## Pipe Lakes District Budget

2010 Budget Categories

2010

### INCOME

Opening Balance	\$3,368.19
Grant Reimbursement	\$41,635.00
Tax Levy	\$17,000.00
Picnic Income	\$650.00
Invasive Species Grant	
Reimbursement of Planning Grant	\$0.00
Map Sales	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$62,653.19</b>

### EXPENSES

#### Grant Expenditures

##### General

Coordination	\$2,800.00
Mailing materials	\$100.00
Support for small group guidance meetings	\$500.00

#### Road Construction and Maintenance

Culvert outlet protection on 230th	\$350.00
Culvert replacement on 20th Street	\$3,800.00

#### Stream Bank Stabilization

Downstream from 230th avenue	
Upstream and downstream from logging road	
Sub-watersheds not included in 2007 grant	
Farm Management Practices	
Support for improved farm management practice	

#### Phosphorus Retention Projects

Northeast of North Pipe Lake	\$3,000.00
East-central of Pipe Lake	

#### Shore land Buffers

Initial Technical Assistance	\$4,500.00
Buffer Zone Restoration	\$7,500.00
Residential Area Practices	\$18,750.00

#### In-Lake

Tree-falls	\$1,000.00
Aquatic plant survey	
Invasive species contingency plan	\$500.00

#### Monitoring Studies

Enhanced Stream Monitoring	\$3,350.00
Total Payable	\$46,150.00
Donated services	\$2,700.00

Total expenses (includes donated services)	\$48,850.00
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#### Contingency

	\$2,000.00
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**TOTAL GRANT PROJECTS** **\$48,150.00**

#### Lake Quality

##### Lake Management Projects

Fish Stocking program	\$1,000.00
Clean Boats, Clean Water Program	\$2,000.00
Underwater inspections	\$450.00

**SUBTOTAL LAKE MGMT PROJECTS** **\$3,450.00**

##### Lake Quality Monitoring

Lake (WEAL) and Stream Samples	\$1,000.00
Beach water	\$180.00

**SUBTOTAL MONITORING** **\$1,180.00**

**TOTAL LAKE QUALITY** **\$4,630.00**

#### Constituent Development

Boat Parade	\$80.00
Picnic	\$850.00
Conference Registration	\$100.00
Domain Registration	\$200.00
Printing and Mailings	\$600.00

**TOTAL DEVELOPMENT** **\$1,830.00**

#### Miscellaneous Expenses

Insurance	\$750.00
Meeting Hall	\$100.00
Organization Dues	\$50.00
Beaver Trapping	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$400.00

**TOTAL MISC EXPENSE** **\$1,400.00**

**TOTAL EXPENSE** **\$56,010.00**

**CARRY FORWARD TO NEXT YEAR** **\$6,643.19**



## CAROL'S CORNER

District Commission Chair

As we have been preparing the cabin for winter - stacking wood, emptying flower pots, putting away the boat and dock - I have been marveling at the beauty of Pipe Lake and North Pipe Lake. All of us are so lucky to be able to enjoy the loons, mallards, the eagle, finches, fox, wild turkeys, raccoons, bears and other wildlife in such a pretty setting. Personally, I am less fond of the deer who eat my plants and the woodpeckers that persistently try to build nests in our cabin siding. But, they are a part of the natural wonder of our district. I see life as a balance of good and not good, of the unexpected plus and the unwanted minus, of the refreshment of body and mind through relaxation and the cost of hours of quiet work by volunteers to keep our lakes and lands healthy.

At our Annual Meeting we celebrated the grant awarded us by the DNR - \$200,000 over the next five years. That is a real bonus - but it would not have happened without the efforts of each of our Commissioners and the leadership over the last five years of Larry Bresina and Dick Hollar. Now, both of those leaders have stepped aside from Commission (although both will be active in monitoring lake quality) and it is time for others to come forward. I would like to welcome Dan Paulson to the Board. Dan is managing the web-site and newsletter to help keep all of us informed. Tom O'Hern, Tom Mears, Herschel Brown, Joe Errigo, Doug Rouzer and I will continue on the Board. Our collective focus is to organize and communicate each of the steps necessary to implement the grant successfully and to continue our monitoring and addressing the health of our lake system.

It is time, also, for each of you to give your attention to how you might improve your property and the health of the lakes by participating in our shoreland restoration, tree fall, or culvert and stream remediation projects. We will be writing about these opportunities in The Loon Call and, on occasion, through email or direct mail. Please - help us prepare for a healthy future by joining us in protecting North Pipe Lake and Pipe Lake.  
*Carol Vantine is the current Chair of the District.*

**The Loon Call is written by Rooney & Scout's Publications with help from Association Members like you. Please send articles, information and pictures that may be of interest to Association Members to [daniel492@centurytel.net](mailto:daniel492@centurytel.net)**

## 15 WAYS TO PREVENT WATER POLLUTION

PCLAR 2004

- Pick up pet waste
- Use only phosphorus free fertilizer
- Know the rules and permits before you build or clear vegetation in shoreland areas
- Restore your shore with a 35-foot buffer
- Learn the value of aquatic plants and keep them in place
- Keep roadside ditches clear of debris, grass clippings and leaves
- Prevent sediments from reaching waterways
- Control storm runoff with rain barrels, rain gardens, splash blocks
- Inspect and maintain your septic system
- Fire pit ashes contain phosphorus: prevent them from reaching the water
- Remind visitors of water use and recreation regulations
- Talk with your neighbors about water quality.
- Be a good shoreland steward

Considering water quality, habitat, and scenic beauty, a calculator to estimate the condition of your shoreland lot or the effect of projects to counter the effects of impervious surfaces can be found at <http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/dsfm/shore/calc/>

## DRY HYDRANT

A dry hydrant to service fire tank trucks in all temperatures has been installed on the north end of Pipe Lake. The hydrant will significantly reduce the time needed to access water in the event of a fire on either North Pipe or Pipe Lake.



## Woody Cover

***"In Northern Wisconsin, underdeveloped lakeshores contain one log for every five feet of shoreline..."***

Because most Wisconsin lakes are surrounded by trees and shrubs, storms and winds often blow woody "debris" (i.e., branches, limbs, and trees) into the water. This fallen wood is more than just debris, it forms a critical habitat for tiny aquatic organisms that feed bluegills, turtles, crayfish and other critters. Water insects such as mayflies graze on the algae that grows on decomposing wood. Dragonfly nymphs hunt for prey among the stems and branches. Largemouth and smallmouth bass often find food, shelter, or nesting habitat among these fallen trees.

Above water, a fallen tree is like a dock for wild life. Ducks and turtles load and sun themselves on the trunk. Muskrats use the tree as a feeding platform. Predators such as mink and otter hunt for prey in the vicinity of the tree. Dead trees that remain along the shoreline are used as perches by belted kingfishers, ospreys, and songbirds.

Many waterfront residents consider this woody cover unsightly and remove it from their shoreline. In northern Wisconsin, undeveloped lakeshores contain one log for every five feet of shoreline, while tree-falls may entirely disappear on highly developed lakes. Yet this takes away hiding and feeding areas for many fish and wildlife species. Unless the fallen tree is a hazard to navigation or swimming, consider leaving it in the water to provide fish and wildlife habitat, fishing, and wildlife observation.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, The Water's Edge. Pg. 6.

## At the Picnic

Right: Joe & Pam Konietzko

Left: The Picnic Banner

Below right: Tammy Johnson, Jessica Koppen & Rebecca Johnson (photos by Peggy Webber)



## Annual Meeting of the Membership Summary

SEPTEMBER 5, 2009, Called to Order at 9:02

ATTENDING (Commissioners):

Larry Bresina; Herschel Brown; Joe Errigo; Tom Mears; Tom O'Hern; Carol Vantine

Approximately forty members were present at the meeting and signed the attendance sheet.

Megan Fugitt gave a brief presentation on the scope and content of Welcome Packets for new property owners.

Treasurer Tom O'Hern distributed and presented the Financial Report for the period ending September 2, 2009. The membership unanimously accepted the Financial Report as submitted.

Reid Billig presented the Nominating Committee Report. Carol Vantine and Dan Paulson agreed to run for the two vacant seats created by the expired terms of Carol Vantine and Larry Bresina.

Larry Bresina distributed and presented an information sheet entitled **"Key Lake Management Progress Steps (1998- 2009),"** which is attached to and hereby made a part of these minutes. The presentation clearly summarized the many achievements of the Lake Association and, following its creation in 2002, the Pipe Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District over the past eleven years.

Chair Vantine distributed and presented a **proposed budget for 2010 through 2014** for implementation of the Lake Protection Grant.

Grant-related activities for 2010 were summarized as follows:

- Expanded **lake monitoring** program
- Technical and financial assistance for **shoreland restoration projects** (up to \$350 for assessments with a \$25 contribution by the owner; up to \$1,500 in matching funds for implementation (materials and labor) of approved plans. Some projects may require deed restrictions.
- County approved **tree falls**
- Abatement of **stream erosion**
- Analysis and planning for construction of **retention basins**.

Chair Vantine noted that the District will receive \$200,000 from the State of Wisconsin if we invest about \$37,000 of our own funds over the next five years (in addition to our existing initiatives in these and related areas). We will have to maximize the number of volunteer hours to hit that \$37,000 figure. If we meet these significant volunteer requirements, and provide the necessary cash contributions, we will **generate five dollars for every dollar we invest!**

Chair Vantine outlined the following philosophy that guided the development of the 2010 budget:

- Project a **carry forward** of approximately \$6,640 to 2011 (reducing in subsequent years) in order to meet cash flow needs;
- Project a **contingency** of \$2,000 in 2010, increasing by 3% each year, which includes the costs of a bank loan to meet cash flow needs;
- **Minimize project outlays** during the five year implementation period (certain expenditures for culvert replacement and tree falls will be made in 2009 );
- Increase the **tax levy** from \$9,000 to \$17,000 in 2010 through 2014, with the understanding that the Commission may be able to reduce the assessment in the out-years.

The Membership **approved a motion to adopt the 2010 Budget** as submitted (39 in favor, two opposed).

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.