

PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Johnstown Town Shed, 2181 County Road G

November 3, 2019

Attending:

Jan Breyer, Cindy Manwarren, Tim Larson, Jim McCarthy, Joe Zaspel (township representative).

Absent: Gene Schultz; Tracy Le Banc (County representative),

Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. The minutes of the prior meeting (August 3, 2019) were approved with a corrected description of the proposed Shoreland Ordinance being considered by Polk County. The proposal would eliminate conditional use permits and instead rezone the subject property and surrounding area.

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted. A copy of the report, dated Oct 20, 2019 is attached to these minutes.

The August picnic cost the district \$267. It generated \$880 in revenue and \$1,147 in expenses.

The report reflected the receipt of 2nd half real estate taxes and expenses of \$7,472.11 including an initial invoice on the Water Quality studies.

The report reflects the receipt of state prepayment on the two DNR grants. As a result of these grant prepayments, the balance is \$82,014.44 The Rapid Response fund remains at \$25,239.43.

Resolution to Approve change in bank account

The treasurer reported that Dairy State Bank suggested that the Rapid Response account be changed to an account bearing a more favorable interest rate. Upon a motion and second, the commission unanimously approved a motion to authorize a change in the Rapid Response bank account.

Polk County Update:

Tracy Le Blanc was unable to attend, but sent an email with an update. The County Board adopted a moratorium on the Shoreland changes because of the dispute about CAFO. CAFO involves proposed large hog farming on the Trade

River area. There is ongoing discussion of trail use and planning. The county board is again seeking a new county administrator.

It was separately reported that Jeremy Williamson is no longer an employee of the county. The county states that it will rehire a new person for the position. Jeremy has been Pipe Lake's principal contact at the County on water quality issues. Jeremy is now a Phd student at the Univ of Minnesota under Prof Joseph Magnor. Prof Magnor is conducting one ot-of the water quality studies for the District. Jeremy will continue his involvement with the District studies, but as a graduate student.

Township Update:

Joe Zaspel reported that the Township had to take out a \$75,000 loan to cover storm expenses. FEMA requires the township to pay bills and then seek reimbursement of paid invoices.

Road surface on 220th St from County Rd G west past bridge (approx. 50 ft) was prepped in May. The paving project is on hold because of the storm and budget disruption.

There was discussion regarding the donation box placed at the landing. The District authorized placement of the box to accept donations to defray the cost of the landing monitoring.

Joe Zaspel reported that the township board was advised that it cannot provide assistance for the cost of landing monitors.

There had been a meeting of town board and District commissioners planned to discuss the trash, clean-up and other issues at north beach and the boat landing. It was postponed because of the storm. Hope to reschedule in April or May.

Old Business:

- Water Quality Study Updates.

Tim Larson reported on the progress on the two large scale water quality grant requests approved by the DNR. The North Pipe Lake study is going forward.

Preliminary findings suggest that alum treatment does not appear to be a logical solution. It was pointed out that North Pipe stays well stratified through the seasons. It appears that the phosphorous is coming from the watershed. Further study is needed to determine the source(s) of the phosphorous.

New Business:

SECCI Disk MONITORING:

Dan and Beth Wahl have volunteered to take on the SECCI disk monitoring task on North Pipe. Dick Hollar will train them. Jan Breyer raised the point that we are dependent on 2 or 3 people for all SECCI monitoring. It is a fragile system. It was agreed that a push should be made in the spring to broaden the group of volunteers.

Resolution to Submit grant for Lake Monitoring Grant.

Dick Hollar prepared a grant application to renew the state grant to assist in lake monitoring cost. State assistance is now capped at \$4,000 and the grant is competitive. DNR has 3 grant readers who assign points to each application. Dick submitted a resolution to approve submission of the grant application. Upon motion and second, it was unanimously approved. A copy of the resolution is attached.

Data Collection

There was brief discussion about collection and storage of historical data of the District. Potential sources are the town shed, and former commissioners including Carol Vantine, Greg Warner, Dick Hollar, Larry Bresina and Tom O'Hern.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim McCarthy, Secretary