

PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND
REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Commission Meeting
Saturday January 9, 2021
Remote meeting by Zoom

Attending:

By Zoom conference call

Jan Breyer, Cindy Manwarren, Tim Larson, Jim McCarthy, Gene Schultz

Absent: Tracy Le Banc (County representative), Joe Zaspel

Public attendees: over 25 lake residents participated in the meeting by Zoom.

Meeting:

The meeting was convened by Zoom video conference call at 9:00 am. The minutes of the prior meeting (Nov 7, 2020) were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer Report:

The most current financials through Dec 31, 2020 were presented and approved. The account had a year-end balance of \$67,496.91. The Rapid Response Savings account had a balance of \$25,422.68.

Election of New Treasurer.

In order to provide a period of time to transition to a new treasurer, Cindy Manwarren asked to resign from her position as Treasurer effective January 2021, Cindy will continue to serve her term as a Commissioner.

The board thanked Cindy for her years of service and hard work as Treasurer.

Jim McCarthy nominated Gene Schultz to serve as Treasurer for the remainder of current Treasurer term and moved that the board adopt the following Resolution:

It is hereby resolved that Gene Schultz is duly appointed as Treasurer of the Pipe and North Pipe Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District and that he shall have all authority, rights and duties assigned to the Treasurer under the Bylaws and by statute, including, but not limited to, the authority to sign checks and make deposits and to execute all documents necessary to

carry out the business of the district. He is hereby designated to be an authorized signatory on all banking and financial documents for the District.

The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Commissioners.

Polk County Update:

Tracy Le Blanc has stepped down as county representative to the District.

Township Update: Joe Zaspel was unable to attend.

Water Quality Study Updates:

Tim Larson discussed the plans for the additional studies under the DNR-approved extension of the water quality grants. Tim reported that Prof Bill James, who completed his study of North Pipe, has proposed an additional study of algae species that migrate vertically around the deep hole in North Pipe. Tim said that he and Prof Joe Magnor plan to undertake and analyze additional measurement and study of hydro flow data. The Water Quality Committee is meeting later in January 2021 to finalize study plans.

Healthy Lakes

Two residents completed projects and have applied for reimbursement. Currently, there are no new projects in the pipeline.

Wake Boats

Continuing the discussion about wake boat activity from the last meeting, Jan Breyer reported on studies in Chesapeake Bay and New Hampshire. He spoke with Jeff Marr of Univ. Minnesota, St Anthony Research Laboratory who is undertaking the Lake Minnetonka study. They measured waves at 200', 300' and 600' from shoreline. Over 200 individuals contributed to fund the study. They finished gathering data in October 2020 and are currently studying the data and hope to have a report done in the spring.

Broadband Internet Service

There was continued discussion from the last meeting about the lack of adequate broadband connection around the entire lake and various individual's attempts to get CenturyLink to undertake needed upgrades and improvements. because of lack of capacity at the main hub on 220th.

Jan Breyer reported that he attended the Johnstown Town Board meeting and explained the broadband concerns raised at the last District meeting. He explained the “Broadband Forward” designation that Wisconsin governmental entities can adopt. The Town board members expressed a willingness to approve such a designation if it appears it may help in efforts to increase broadband service in the township.

Jan discussed the Wisconsin Public Service Commission in Madison. It has some limited state grants for improved service. It was suggested that the Township pair up with Lakeland Communication (the Luck area provider). CenturyLink, who is the provider for most of the township, has no interest in expanding in the area.

Lake resident Joe Pairritz reported that he had lost CenturyLink service. He noted that Starlink is a new satellite service that may provide broadband service to Pipe Lake. It is now open for Beta testers. Initial equipment cost is roughly \$500 and then \$99/month.

Landing Monitors

Looking for monitors for the summer

Data Archive

Dick Hollar said that data archive needs an administrator. His son Dan, who organized the entire database archive of all data since 1994, will train the administrator.

After some discussion, it was agreed that task requires more than just a volunteer or commission member. Various options will be explored and discussed at the next meeting.

Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim McCarthy, Secretary