

DRAFT – not reviewed or approved
PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND
REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
Saturday August 12, 2023
BY ZOOM

Commissioners Attending:

Jan Breyer, Gene Schultz, Tim Larson, Jim McCarthy, Dan Lowe
Absent: Natalie Lovejoy, Brad Olson

Consultant. Buzz Sorge

Public: Over 10 residents attended by Zoom.

Meeting:

The meeting was convened by the Chair, Jan Breyer, at 9:05 am.

Minutes

The minutes of the 5/27/2023 meeting were posted on the website and attached to the Notice of the meeting. Several corrections in spelling and dates were noted and the revised minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gene Schultz reviewed the financial report for 1/1/20223 – 8/8/2023.

Township Report

Dan Lowe reported that a new concrete pad to extend the boat ramp had been approved by the Township. It is expected to be put in place before Labor Day.

County Report

No county report

Water Quality Committee Update

Tim Larson noted there remains a need to replace Dick Hollar to supervise landing monitoring and lake quality monitoring.

The District's application for a DNR grant to update its 2018-2023 Lake Management Plan was not successful. The DNR grants are awarded annually and the District will apply again. The DNR schedule calls for a Preapplication filed by September 15 and the Final Application due November 15, 2023.

Buzz Sorge, a retired Wisconsin DNR employee, is assisting the committee in the grant application preparation. Mr. Sorge attended the meeting and reported that he has spoken with Dr Bill James, Alex Smith at the Wisconsin DNR and Paul McGinley, a retired UW professor. He reviewed some recent research on possible impacts on the lakes. He said that a meeting will be held on Aug 15, 2023 to discuss the application. He anticipates that the proposal will include focused 2024 data collection efforts to support a 2025 request for a remedial treatment plan.

There was discussion about the data that had been gathered to date about the lakes and about future use and storing of data. Mike Linden said that the DNR is updating its database on lake water quality data. The DNR maintains the "SWIMS" database. It includes much of the water quality data that is on the District's database that has been created by Dan Hollar (the unique thing about Dan's website is that it also contains extra data points (phosphorus samples, etc.) obtained from the UW-Stevens Point (WEAL) Lab). Dan created the database and has maintained and operated it to date in his home on a volunteer basis. Mike Linden noted that the District could find a physical server to store the data, but that a software engineer to maintain it will be an expense. Mike suggested that a freelancer could be explored. Greg Warner inquired whether the District could transition to a simpler system. Mike Linden posed the question if some of the district efforts to store data might be duplicating the DNR databases.

Mike Linden noted that the DNR SWIMS database has 30+ year data on most Wisconsin lakes including Pipe and North Pipe Lakes. That data shows a steady decrease in water clarity in both Pipe Lake and North Pipe Lake over the last 30 years. North Pipe Lake clarity has decreased on average 3" per year over the last 30 years; Pipe Lake has decreased 2" per year (or 5 feet over 30 years). Mike noted that these decreases are consistent with the observation of long time residents on the lakes. The SWIMS database shows that other lakes in the region have varied records. Some have enjoyed relatively steady clarity, others have decreases like Pipe and North Pipe Lake.

Boat Parade and Picnic

Participation in the 2023 boat parade was the largest in history. Photos have been posted to the Pipe Lakes Facebook page and the District website.

Nominations for Commissioners

At the Annual Meeting, there will be an election of 2 commissioners (the 3 year terms of Jan Breyer and Jim McCarthy end in 2023). Jan Breyer is stepping down as chair and retiring from the Commission. Jim McCarthy and Tom Klein have expressed interest in running. Mike Linden suggested that the commissioner openings be posted on the Lakes Facebook page and District website.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim McCarthy, Secretary

PIPE NORTH PIPE LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

YTD Account Balances - As of 8/08/2023		
Bank Accounts		
BUSINESS CHECKING XX0282	\$	73,925.01
RAPID RESPONSE SAVINGS FUND XX5632	\$	25,762.13
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$	99,687.14

YTD Checking Summary - Year to Date		
Category	1/1/2023 - 8/08/2023	
INCOME		
Lake Grant Reimbursement		
Aquatic Invasive Species - AAEP 61120	\$	4,500.00
Aquatic Invasive Species - AAEP 70523	\$	3,462.73
Clean Boats Clean Waters - CBCW120123	\$	1,000.00
TOTAL Lake Grant Reimbursement	\$	8,962.73
Tax Levy-Tax Levy	\$	10,767.15
TOTAL INCOME	\$	19,729.88
EXPENSES		
Constituent Development		
Postage & Supplies	\$	79.40
Website	\$	450.00
TOTAL Constituent Development	\$	529.40
Lake Grant Expenses		
Clean Boats Clean Waters - CBCW120123	\$	5,287.50
Healthy Lakes - LPT62219	\$	875.00
Healthy Lakes - LPT76122	\$	850.00
TOTAL Lake Grant Expenses	\$	7,012.50
Lake Quality		
Beach Port-a-Potty	\$	60.22
Lake & Stream Sampling	\$	893.00
TOTAL Lake Quality	\$	953.22
Miscellaneous Expenses		
Organization Dues	\$	500.00
TOTAL Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	500.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	8,995.12
OVERALL TOTAL	\$	10,734.76