

DRAFT – not reviewed or approved  
PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND  
REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
Commission Meeting  
Saturday, October 14, 2023  
BY ZOOM

Commissioners Attending:

James McCarthy, Carla Gillespie, Tim Larson, Jan Karl Breyer, Gene Schultz, Tom McIntee

Absent: Dan Lowe, Brad Olson

Consultant. Buzz Sorge

Public: Over 10 residents attended by Zoom

Meeting Convenes

9:10 a.m.

Election of Officers

Tim Larson nominated Jim McCarthy for president, Gene Schultz for treasurer and Carla Gillespie as secretary.

Jim McCarthy moved to appoint Carla Gillespie to fill the remainder of Natalie Lovejoy's term which ends in 2024. The motion is approved.

Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting, August 12, 2023, are approved.

Treasurer's Report

Gene Schultz reports that the only changes since the annual meeting were some additional picnic expenses.

### Public Landing

There is a brief discussion about when the new concrete slab will be installed at the landing

### Water Quality and Grant Application

Tim Larson reported that he was informed by the regional DNR supervisor, Alec Smith, that the Surface Water Management grant description materials submitted to Smith by email from Buzz Sorge on August 30, 2023, were not in the correct format. Smith said the DNR would not consider the grant materials because the format and email address did not conform to the new pre-application guidelines. The email sent to Smith on August 30, described five tasks for which the District hoped to obtain funding. The tasks included a grant to update the lake management plan, to do modeling studies for potential alum treatment of North Pipe, and to study the impact, if any, of motorboat use on the internal loading of North Pipe Lake. Tim Larson is checking to see if the DNR will consider the application if it is resubmitted.

Mike Linden suggests that if we need to wait until next year to submit the application we make it more comprehensive so that it includes both lakes.

Larry Bresina suggests we purchase some new equipment for water quality monitoring.

Jan Breyer seconds.

We approve in advance the purchase of up to \$2,500 in testing equipment.

Tim, Larry, Mike and Tom and others will meet to discuss next steps on water quality.

Buzz Sorge says development close to the lakes is the main problem and that we should put out a plan in language that will help people to buy in. He says the unmentioned

“sleeping dog” in the discussion is climate change - the amount of rainfall, when it rains and water temperature. Climate change has changed loading.

Mike Linden notes that climate change is affecting all lakes but our lakes are changing a lot faster than others.

Tom Klein is willing to take over Dick Hollar’s role of coordinating lake and landing monitors.

There is a discussion of an issue raised by Beth Fox at the annual meeting about a culvert at the SW end of Pipe Lake.

Matt Berg’s finished report found no invasive species in either lake.

### Wake Boats

There is a discussion of wake boats, the danger to shoreline, the danger of ballast tanks and antifreeze. Using a wake boat for five minutes can disrupt 200 acres of a lake. At this time, there are no wake boats on North Pipe. The three or four wake boat owners on Pipe Lake have been keeping to the center of the lake.

### Guidelines

There is a discussion about whether we should create a “guidelines for lake living” document that includes an image of how far from shore you should be in various types of watercraft. We could look at what other lakes have done, there is also a publication called The Ripple Effect that may be useful.

### Calendar

**All District meetings at 9 a.m.**

**In-person meetings at Christ Lutheran Church meeting room.**

January 20, 2024 - District meeting - Zoom

April 20, 2024 - District meeting - Zoom

May 25, 2024 - District meeting - in-person

July 6, 2024, (Saturday) - boat parade, rain date Sunday, July 7.  
(July 4 is Thursday in 2024)

August 10, 2024 - District meeting - Zoom

Aug 17, 2024 - Annual Picnic at 12 noon at County Line

August 31, 2024 (Saturday) - District Annual Meeting - in-person

October 12, 2024 - District meeting - Zoom

Meeting adjourns 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carla Gillespie, Secretary