

DRAFT – not reviewed or approved  
PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND  
REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
Commission Meeting  
Saturday, April 20, 2024  
BY ZOOM

**Commissioners Attending:**

James McCarthy, Gene Schultz, Tim Larson, Carla Gillespie, Dan Lowe

Absent: Brad Olson, Tom McIntee

Public: Over 10 residents attended by Zoom

**Meeting Convenes**

9:00 a.m.

**Township Report**

Dan Lowe provided an update on boat landing and discussed the problem with the new slab. The Town chair, Mike Anderson is in charge of the landing project. He has contacted Polk County who will send over some equipment to help reposition the slab. Dan Lowe did not know when the county employees may show up. Mike Anderson is the person to contact with any questions.

Mike Anderson

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It is possible that a temporary sign may be placed at the landing to warn people of the issue with the new slab.

### **Approval of Draft Minutes**

Draft minutes of January 20, 2024, meeting are approved.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Because Treasurer transferred \$50,000 from checking to savings, we are now earning \$74/month in interest.

Income reflects a DNR grant reimbursement from last year.

### **Landing Monitor Report & Aquatic Invasive Species Surveys 2023**

Marc Schulte made maps showing 200-ft distance from shore and 15' depth maps.

These maps can be added to website and accessed using a QR code posted at the landing.

They could also be printed on postcards that our landing monitors can hand out.

### **Water Quality Committee**

The WCC reports that the stratification of North Pipe makes it unsuitable for alum treatment on the full lake, but suggests studying whether it could work on the periphery. Tim recommends not spending our own money, but folding this in to our DNR grant proposal since district financial participation in the grant request is helpful.

There was discussion of asking Colton Sorenson from the Polk County to assess the situation with the agricultural drainage pond and the culvert located in the southwest corner of the lake near Beth Fox's property.

Tim provided clarification on Pipe and North Pipe Lakes being "mercury-impaired." This only applies to consumption of fish, not bodily contact or swallowing of lake water.

Tim reported on two study projects that are underway or will begin this spring. The first is a study of historical water quality data and historical meteorological data. Lake resident Marc Schulte has completed a collation and cleaning up of all the historical, water quality

data. Prof. William Janie and Paul McGinley are going to undertake an analysis of the data to determine if rainfall and runoff have impacted water quality over time.

The second spring project will be conducted for the District by the County. The county staff will conduct a physical inventory of all streams and other runoff into the lakes. This updated catalog of all sources of runoff will be helpful in addressing possible sources of phosphorus and other runoff in the lakes.

### **Healthy Lakes Program**

Tom McIntee will have a Healthy Lakes Program presentation ready for the Memorial Weekend meeting.

### **New Business**

Discussion of -

Installation of video cameras to look for invasive species

Boat washing station at landing

Incentives for septic system testing and upgrades

New signage at the landing

### **Calendar**

**All District and Commissioner meetings on Saturdays at 9 a.m.  
In-person meetings at Christ Lutheran Church meeting room.**

May 25, 2024 – Commissioner meeting - in-person

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

August 10, 2024 – Commissioner 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 - Commissioner meeting - Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 10:57

Respectfully submitted by Carla Gillespie, Secretary