

DRAFT – not reviewed or approved
PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND
REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Commission Meeting (in person)
Saturday, May 25, 2024
Lutheran Church at County Roads T & G

Commissioners Attending:

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

Absent: Brad Olson

Public: Over 38 residents attended in person

Meeting Convenes

9:04 a.m.

Approval of Draft Minutes

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

Township Report

Dan Lowe provided an update on boat landing.

The township has hired the county to reset the pad. The wait for an excavator could be three to four weeks.

A temporary sign may be placed at the landing to warn people of the issue with the new slab.

Some road patching will be completed this summer but no major resurfacing projects.

County Report

Brad Olsen called in sick, but briefed Jim McCarthy on the update.
The VRBO county ordinance is now in effect.
The rental period is 180 continuous days.
There can only be one rental during a seven-day period.
On May 30, there will be a meeting for all lake districts.
On June 6, there will be an AIS training session.
An AIS campaign will take place June 26 - July 6. The county will send us material we can hand out at the landing.

Treasurer's Report

Because Treasurer Gene Schultz transferred \$50,000 from checking to savings we are now earning about \$100/month in interest.

AIS Prevention Program. Berg report and 2024 point intercept

The AIS report from Matt Berg is online. He did not detect any invasive aquatic species (AIS) in either lake. He encourages anyone who finds a plant they do not recognize to take a photo and call or email him right away.

He has been contracted to do an intercept study for both lakes.

Boating Signage and Handout for new Google Maps Feature

Mike Linden and Mark Schulte developed a real-time overlay for the map of our lakes on Google maps that delineates the area that is 200 feet from shoreline. When in use, it shows where you are in relation to that zone.

They also created 100 postcard handouts.

Landing Enhancements and Signage

With our landing monitors, we already have an excellent monitoring system in place. But we could make some enhancements that would be helpful when our human monitors are not there.

Boat Washing Station

We could add a very low-cost "brushes and signage" boat washing station that has brushes, a picker tool and a bleach sprayer. This type of boat-washing station is at all of

the county-managed landings and is well-suited for the level of traffic on our lake, according to Colton Sorenson from Polk County.

The small size of our landing can also accommodate a boat-washing station of this size.

This type of station costs about \$400 which covers the tools and a mandatory 4 ft x 8 ft sign.

Camera System

We are also exploring an iLids station. These solar-powered cameras are motion activated. When a boat is detected, an audio message cautions the driver to check their boat for AIS before entering the lake and then begins filming. It will capture the license plate number and can send the information the Sheriff if a boat enters the lake with visible plant matter.

This station costs \$20,000 to \$25,000 to install and about \$2,500 a year to operate. The DNR can cover about 75 percent of the installation cost. This also comes with required signage.

Landing Signage

Carla Gillespie has been working on signage at the landing and how information can be reconfigured if we install the iLids monitor, the brushes and signage station and the new name of the landing. There are a lot of small signs of various shapes and colors that have been attached to the main sign, the goal is to clean up the look.

The boat-washing station must be placed 75 feet from the shore, which would put it between the current sign and the road. Colton Sorenson used Google maps to locate an appropriate spot. The new 4 ft x 8 ft required sign has some of the same language as two other smaller signs already at the landing but they are still required. We have received two estimates, both around \$400.

The yellow fishing-limit signs are also required.

If we add the landing features and redo the main District welcome sign, it will incorporate the new name Dick Hollar Landing. A new 4ft x 8ft sign would be \$400. In the meantime, an addition has been added to the top of the existing sign with the landing's new name. This was paid for by anonymous donors and installed by Mike Linden and Marc Schulte.

Healthy Lakes Program 2024

Tom McIntee is heading up the Health Lakes 2024 initiative. This program outlines five best practices for lake property owners:

1. **Fish Sticks** are feeding, breeding, and nesting areas for animals that live in or near the lake. They can also prevent bank erosion.
2. **Native plantings**
3. **Diversion**
4. **Rock Filtration**
5. **Rain Garden**

The DNR reimburses up to \$1,000 of the cost of these projects if they are pre-approved.

Find more information and to evaluate your property with the online tool “Score Your Shore,” visit healthlakeswi.com

Contact Tom McIntee if you are interested in doing a project on your property.

Lake Monitoring

Our water sampling and lake monitoring efforts are ongoing thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers.

Water Quality Committee

We missed the grant application deadline last year, but this has given us the opportunity to rework the grant to include both lakes instead of just North Pipe.

Bill James and Paul McGinley were contracted to analyze historical water quality and meteorological data to determine the relationship between run off and changes in water quality.

The county is conducting a survey of streams, culverts and other other run-off sources.

Tom McIntee and Beth Fox volunteered to lead a committee that will examine the SW culvert runoff.

The stratification of North Pipe makes it unsuitable for alum treatment on the full lake, but the committee suggests studying whether it could work on the periphery. Tim recommends not spending our own money, but folding this into our grant proposal.

New Business

Tim Larson volunteered to lead a septic system committee that will explore options that may provide incentives to owners for replacement of failing systems.

Calendar

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

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 adjourns at 10:47

Respectfully submitted by Carla Gillespie, Secretary