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PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND
REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Commission Meeting (Zoom)
Saturday, August 10, 2024

Commissioners Attending:

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

Absent: Brad Olson, Dan Lowe

Public: Eight residents in attendance

Meeting Convenes

9:02 a.m.

Water Quality Committee

The Water Quality Committee is working on several pre-applications for DNR Water Surface grants and will share them with Alex Smith at the DNR.

Professor William James, author of the 2019 North Pipe Lake internal load study and professor at UW Stout, has proposed a study on the littoral (shallow) portions of North Pipe to determine whether an alum treatment might be effective.

A study of the septic systems around the lakes is being discussed.

A core sample was taken years ago on North Pipe. There is discussion of obtaining a core sample on Pipe Lake.

Chair Jim McCarthy makes a motion to set aside \$2,250 to retain Cheryl Clemens to draft pre-applications and final applications for the DNR grants. The motion is approved.

Polk County has a culvert inventory on its agenda.

Marc Schulte's excellent work preparing our historic water quality data made things much easier for Prof. Bill James and Prof. Paul McGinley.

Treasurer's Report

For the period January 1, 2024, to August 4, 2024, we have had a positive cash flow with a balance of \$6,821.

There will be an audit before the fall meeting.

Update on Landing Monitors

Long-time landing monitor Butch Knight has passed away.

Chair McCarthy makes a resolution to send condolences to Butch Knight's family and to spend money on some kind of memorial on his behalf.

Doug Effertz stepped up and has filled in almost all of Butch Knight's schedule this year. Doug has expressed an interest and willingness to continue next summer. We need to find another monitor to assist him.

Township Report

Chair McCarthy has submitted a request for permission to install posts for new signage at the landing. The township meeting where this vote will take place has been delayed until the August meeting.

Healthy Lakes

Commissioner Tom McIntee is spearheading our Healthy Lakes effort and has spoken with a couple of interested residents. Colton Sorenson will check out these sites on August 23.

Annual Picnic

Treasurer Gene Schulz has organized the picnic. He estimates 150 people will attend. Lots of volunteers have signed up.

Proposed Slate of Commissioners for District election

Two commissioner's terms are up for re-election. - Treasurer Gene Schulz and Secretary Carla Gillespie. Chair McCarthy nominates both of them as the slate of electors. The motion passes.

Old Business

Larry Bresina asks if Matt Berg is conducting a point intercept study. He is.

There is more discussion of the culvert on Beth Fox's property. The phosphorus level is very high at the point where the water comes through the culvert.

Tim Bresina mentions the mounting unit for the Weir on one of the culverts on 24th St. needs to be replaced.

New Business

Tom McIntee floats the idea of a recycling dumpster.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Draft minutes of May 25, 2024, meeting are approved.

Calendar

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

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 10:10

Respectfully submitted by Carla Gillespie, Secretary