

DRAFT – not reviewed or approved
PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND
REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Commission Meeting (Zoom)
Saturday, October 12, 2024

Commissioners Attending:

James McCarthy, Gene Schultz, Tim Larson, Carla Gillespie,
Absent: Brad Olson, Dan Lowe, Tom McIntee

Public: Eight residents in attendance

Meeting Convenes. _____ 9:03 a.m.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Draft minutes of August 10, 2024 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

As of 10/9/2024 we have a total of \$105,239.74 in the checking and savings accounts, \$28,401.92 in business checking and \$76, 837.82 in the rapid response savings.

Township Report

Chair McCarthy provides township update.

The town board voted (two in favor, one abstention) to approve our request to install a signs and tools decontamination station and and iLids system (invasive species detection) at the Dick Hollar Landing.

iLids is solar-powered and requires a good Verizon signal. Our initial prospective location has a weak Verizon signal and is too shady. The solar panels can be moved to a sunnier spot. The District is still trying to problem-solve the Verizon signal. For example, Bone Lake has two iLids stations and one of them is powered by WiFi.

The DNR has recently changed its funding formula for these stations, so our cost will be greater than initially thought.

Jim Ladner requested that the Town Board write a letter of support for our grant applications, as this adds a point to the grading system. The request was approved.

He also asked Polk County to write a letter of support.

County Report

Polk County Land & Water Resources hosted a meeting for all lake districts. Some members of the Water Quality Committee were in attendance.

Matt Berg Intercept Survey

Matt Berg has completed the field work for his full lake Intercept Study. Completion of his analysis and report will not be done until next year. We will request the DNR to grant an extension of time for submission of the report and final invoice. Matt verbally reported that there are no warning bells and that his preliminary analysis indicated that the lakes do not show signs of any invasive AIS infestation.

Water Quality Committee

Jim Ladner submitted several grant pre-applications to the Alex Smith at the Wisconsin DNR. Now those pre-applications are being worked up into applications that will be submitted before the November 15 deadline.

The Water Quality Committee has developed several pre-applications that are ready to send to Alex Smith at the DNR.

The topics of the draft applications will cover the following areas:

- The efficacy of blue-green algae reduction through alum application in the littoral zone of N. Pipe.
- Septic system monitoring and other surface water issues

- Modeling and monitoring the lake-to-lake water flow under the bridge.
- Addressing the flow of high phosphorous water into Pipe Lake through the SW culvert bordering Beth Fox's property.
- Curtailing the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species through the use of a landing site decontamination and possible ILids monitoring system

Resolutions to approve these grant applications were approved. Thank you to Jim Ladner for preparing these grant applications.

Secretary Carla Gillespie has requested that notes be taken at Water Quality Committee Meeting and shared with the board.

Update on Landing Monitors

A motion to increase the hourly rate for landing monitors was approved. The increase does not require any change to the tax levy or initiation of a donation program.

Tom Klein will try to find a back-up monitor to assist Doug Effertz.

Gene Schultz reported that the reimbursement request for 2024 landing monitors is complete and he expects the District to be reimbursed \$3,000 by the DNR. Gene is applying for a CBCW grant for the 2025 monitoring program.

Healthy Lakes

Commissioner Tom McIntee is spearheading our Healthy Lakes effort. He reported to Chair McCarthy that four properties have been signed up for next year. In 2024 we had none.

Calendar of District Meetings and Events for 2024-25

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

Sat Oct 12, 2024 Zoom

Sat Jan 11, 2025 Zoom

Sat. April 12, 2025 Zoom

Sat. May 24, 2025 . - Memorial Day weekend in-person meeting

Sat August 9, 2025. Zoom

Sat Aug 30,2025 Annual Meeting

Boat Parade. Sat July 5 at 1:00 pm , rain date Sun July 6 (July 4th is Friday).

Picnic. Sat Aug 16, 2025

Meeting Adjourns at 10:11

Respectfully submitted by Carla Gillespie, Secretary