

DRAFT – not reviewed or approved
PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND
REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
Saturday, April 12, 2025
BY ZOOM

Commissioners Attending:

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

Absent: Brad Olson

Public: About 10 residents attended by Zoom

Meeting Convenes

9:03 a.m.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Draft Minutes of Jan 11, 2025 meeting are approved.

Treasurer's Report

Year-to-date account balance of \$123,000, a significant increase from the previous month. Income includes \$1,250 grant for lake plantings, a \$10,500 tax levy, and an anonymous donation of \$7,500 through Fidelity.

Expenses have been light so far this year. They include making expenses, \$1,600 expense for a modeling study and \$200 for weir maintenance.

Township Report

Doug Rouzer is the new town chairman, Joe Zappel resigned after the election. The town chair, supervisor and clerk will appoint a replacement supervisor at the May Town meeting.

Doug Rouzer stated his priority is to maintain and repair roads and mowing ditches. He is interested in a special increase in the town levy to fund road upgrades.

Tom McIntee provided information to the board about the state of the Pipe Lake Boat Landing. The concrete pads have shifted causing a gap that watercraft trailers are getting hung up on. Chairman Rouzer will coordinate repairs and possibly post a “CAUTION” sign for landing users until the repairs can be completed. Questions were raised about the County or the District assisting in the repair of the landing. Dan Lowe expressed concerns about the potential increase in boat traffic if the county takes over the landing.

The township is getting two recycling dumpsters that will be placed at the Town Hall.

Water Quality Committee

Report on meeting with Land & Water staff and Alex Smith WI DNR. Discussed several projects on agricultural properties in the watershed paid for through cost-sharing. Jim McCarthy and Jim Ladner are contacting land owners.

The board approved a measure for Bill James to study phosphorous and the potential application of alum in the littoral zone of North Pipe. While this study was part of the District grant application to the DNR, it was not funded. The study will be funded by donations and by the District contribution up to the amount (\$6,000) it agreed to pay in its DNR grant application.

We did get a grant to address the the problem with the SW culvert. Options were discussed. The first step will be for Jim McCarthy to contact the property owner.

We now have a map of properties with septic systems that are out of compliance. There are about 25 on the list who will be contacted.

We have five property owners who have signed up for the Healthy Lakes program. There may be some kind of an open house so people can tour the projects.

Concerns raised by property owners prompted a discussion of wake boat usage. Carla volunteered to gather information on what other lake districts have done. The board decided to do a resident survey on a variety of topics including wake boats to gather information.

Meeting adjourns at 10:51

Respectfully submitted by Carla Gillespie, Secretary