

DRAFT – not reviewed or approved
PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND
REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Commissioner Meeting
Saturday, May 24, 2025
In Person at Christ Lutheran Church

Commissioners Attending:

In person - Gene Schultz, Tim Larson, Carla Gillespie, Dan Lowe; by phone Jim McCarthy

Absent: Brad Olson, Tom McIntee,

Public: About 30 residents attended by Zoom

Meeting Convenes

9:05 a.m.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Draft Minutes of April 12, 2025 meeting are approved.

Treasurer's Report

Year-to-date account balances \$53,000 in checking and \$77,000 rapid response account
Lake grant income from four grants \$10,381

Other income \$7,500 donation, (an additional \$7,500 donation just came in and is not yet reflected on the statement)

Expenses total \$2,769 includes landing monitors, lake sampling and lake monitoring

County Report

On May 29, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Government Center there will be a meeting for all Lake Districts in Polk County.

AIS Landing Blitz, From June 30 - July 13, <https://www.polkcountywi.gov/>

Township Report

Changes in town government

- New town Chari, Doug Rouzer was elected. Supervisor Joe Zaspel was re-elected but resigned. Tom McIntee was appointed to take his place. Dan Lowe was re-elected supervisor.

The board meets each month on the second Tuesday.

Status of Landing Repair

-Rock and sand have been filled behind the third pad.

A permanent solution would be to remove the third pad put a base down and reinstall a third pad which could cost about \$10,000. The township has no money because it has devoted funds fixing potholes and repaving.

St Croix Recycling ran out of recycling bins and is building one for us that will be placed at Town Hall.

Address changes for fire numbers is complete.

New maps with updated fire numbers will be available next year.

Fiber optic cable has been laid. Lakeland has not contacted residents because they are so busy. Residents can go to the website, type in their street address and get an estimate.

Healthy Lakes Program

Five properties signed up in 2024. Looking for five more this year. Contact Tom. A good portion of the cost is covered by grant money.

Landing Monitoring and Decontamination Station

We are installing a “signs and brushes” decontamination station at the landing that will help people clean their boats. Grant money was awarded to cover some of the cost.

We are also exploring the installation of an I-Lids station an audio and video monitoring station.

After Butch’s untimely passing last year, we were down one landing monitor. Doug Effertz has covered all of the shifts. Doug Effertz has agreed to work again this summer and has recruited a 2nd landing monitor, Mark Picozzi.

Water Quality Committee Report

A. Lake monitoring program - trends in water quality and monitoring schedule

B. Polk County Land and Water staff study of Pipe Lakes’ watershed, conclusions and recommendations.

C. New North Pipe Study by Bill James of phosphorus in shallow areas, feasibility of alum treatment

D. Outcome of 2024/25 DNR grant applications - we submitted five and got funding for two. One of them is to address the SW culvert.

E. Potential grant applications for 2026- retention pond analysis?

Boating

We have distributed the postcards created by Marc Schulte and Mike Linden that encourage boaters to maintain a safe distance from the shore.

We have received requests from some residents to consider boating restrictions. We will create a committee to explore options including a survey of all residents.

Annual Summer Events

The boat parade is Saturday July 5, 2025.

The annual picnic is August 16, 2025.

Volunteers Needed

We need a volunteer to conduct stream sampling because Doug Stevens is stepping down, Thank you, Doug!

We are considering creating “neighborhoods” with a captain/ liaison who can communicate news and requests for volunteers.

Old Business

New Business

A motion to investigate cost-sharing new pads at the landing was approved.

Next Meetings

Commissioner meeting - Saturday, August 9 at 9 am via Zoom

Annual District Meeting- Saturday, August 30 at 9 am in-person at Christ Lutheran Church

Meeting Adjourns

10:05 a.m.