

DRAFT – not reviewed or approved
PIPE & NORTH PIPE LAKES PROTECTION AND
REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Commission Meeting
Saturday, July 9, 2025
6 pm via ZOOM

Commissioners Attending:

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

Absent:

Gene Schultz, Brad Olson,

Public:

Fewer than 10 people including Tom and Brandi Danniger, Gayle and Paul Kremer

Meeting Convenes

6:06 p.m.

Approval of Draft Minutes

Approval of Draft Minutes of May 24, 2025 Commissioners meeting

Consideration of Motion to Approve Funding

Based on its 2024 watershed study of Pipe and North Pipe Lakes, Polk County has proposed the installation of water and sediment control measures that the county will design and construct.

The water and sediment control basin would be installed on the “PL-GUL” stream on East side of Pipe Lake that drains 197 agricultural acres into Pipe Lake.

Polk County would pay all design costs and 70 percent of construction cost. The District would fund the landowners’ share or 30 percent of construction cost in 2026. The District share not to exceed \$12,000. The project will be subject to public bidding.

The landowners have a 146-year history here and are supportive of measures that will improve the water quality of the lakes. They have questions about the duration of the project, the long-term cost of maintenance, liability in the case of failure and projected decrease in the level of phosphorus.

Commissioners answered some of the questions, landowners will have a meeting with Polk County for further clarification.

Motion to Approve Funds

Motion for the District to fund up to \$12,000 for this project is approved.

Update on North Pipe study by Prof. Bill James

Prof. Bill James is conducting a study on North Pipe Lake to see if an alum treatment in the shallow zones could be effective. The project started in late May. A device has been installed that is taking measurements. Another round of sediment samples were to be collected in mid-July.

Potential Pre-applications for DNR Grants

A discussion about which grant pre-applications the Commission could submit to the DNR includes Bill James' North Pipe Lake study, lake management plan, education grants, AIS grants.

Neighborhood Plan

To improve communication about what's happening with our lakes, the Commission, the need for volunteers, etc. Jim Ladner has proposed the creation of "neighborhoods" with a captain. North Pipe has a proposed plan.

Picnic Update

The township board/staff have been invited to attend the picnic as guests of the District.

Township Update

The township has received a bid to fix the pad at the landing for \$10,000. The township is approved for recycling bin but it has not yet been dropped off.

Reusable Signs

Motion to purchase of reusable signs not to exceed \$600 is approved.

Healthy Lakes

Scott and Carla Gillespie are among those who have signed up for the Healthy Lakes Program this summer.

Potential 2026 Levy Increase

The levy amount has not been increased since 2007. There is a discussion about increasing the levy.

Meeting Adjourns

7:28 p.m.