

## Meeting Minutes

### Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District (Spring Meeting)

May 24, 2014 - 9:30 a.m.

#### Nashville Town Hall

Official meeting was called to order by Chairman Chuck Sleeter, Commissioners present for roll call were Chuck Sleeter, Rod Sternhagen, Kathy Kupfer, Dan Vosters, Duanne Marshall, Lauren Freston. Also in attendance were

Fall Meeting minutes were read. Motion made to accept minutes, seconded. Minutes were accepted.

**Treasurers Report:** Kathy Kupfer read the Treasurer's Report. Little money has been spent as of this year: \$2,736.91 was spent so far. \$32,663.09 remaining in budget - most of the money is spent during the summer. Revenues - Private donations - \$10,000 from an anonymous family; \$5,000 from the Sokaogon Chippewa Community. The first quarter report covers up to March, 2014. For 18 years there has been no tax levy increase. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded - Passed unanimously.

**Aeration Report:** Phil Holman will be stepping down. The system ran like it has in the past twelve years. Start-up was good and ran one month longer than ever. The system was checked every 1-2 times/week which was difficult. Can someone that that job? Hot Dog will replace Phil.

**2014 Aquatic Plant Harvesting:** Plant Harvesting and possible dead fish pickup - So far there has not been many dead fish. This is unbelievable because of the harsh winter. Dan Voster noted that on the channel there was a lot of wind and may have blown them down that way. There were twelve 20" found dead. The larger fish go first because they require more oxygen. There was only one 30" northern and lots of small stuff as well by west end by Pine Point.

**Harvester:** No report this year. We need a weed boss. The harvester truck will be getting repairs. It is an older truck, break drum problems. Is it possible to replace this truck? A possible truck option picture was passed around. Should we pursue this truck? New one has automatic, gas, electric hoist can pick up a ton. Sale price is \$16,700. Plus there will be travel expenses and time to get it from Cross Plains. Motion to pursue, seconded, all passed. Motion to purchase up to and not to exceed \$16,500. Seconded; approved. An outside source, Steve Baily, will go along and Treasurer Kathy Kupfer.

**Donation Box:** Thanks to Len Hadowski, Mr. Tetzlaff, and Ken Verhagen for the nice donation box. Fox Valley Tool and Die donated the material. The boxes are checked once a month. Len will take over donation collections.

**Fish Stocking Report:** Brad Kupfer reported that in 2012 there were 2,800 walleyes with our funding. In 2013 4,170 were stocked. The stocker ran out, so we got what we could. Because of our active Lake District, harvester, and aerator, Grag Matzke got 8,200 6-7" walleye for free. This is the value of volunteering. Without volunteers, this doesn't happen. Winter kill was everywhere. We need volunteers! In 2014 stocking recommended with bullhead extraction on Pickerel. We may stock as many as we can afford. This is the year to

stock on Pickerel. There is \$8,500 in the budget, and Matzke recommends 75% to be put into Pickerel and 25% into crane. It is up to shareholders to decide how much to spend. Bullhead removal starts next Tuesday when the nets will be put in. Jim Huss will help with the distribution of the extracted fish for personal consumption. Two volunteers will be needed per day to help pull the nets out. In 2015 we are getting 6,200 fish from the DNR for nothing. In 2017 we will get 16,200 fingerling walleyes for nothing. They would cost \$64,000, and that is quite a savings for the District! The only reason is because of the initiatives we are taking as a District. We have a strong relation with Greg Matzke and a strong Lake District. In 2016 there will be no stocking. It is recommended to continue the walleye restoration program. We are working towards getting the walleye to reproduce. If they don't, we can apply for stocking grounds. In 2018 this will be a non-stocking year. Then we plan on stocking on odd numbered years for as long as we can.

**Clean Water/Clean Boats:** John Preuss reported that there were 1,600 inspections. Forest County had 2,500 hours of volunteers; Langlade had 563 hours. There will be a new form this year. Volunteer sign ups taken.

**Purple Loosestrife:** This invasive species can make 1 million seeds. There is a beetle eating that prevents it from flowering. Usually growing up to 9 ft. tall, it can now be only inches high or disappear altogether. This has been an effective method to deal with them.

**No Power Loading Signs:** This is still a problem. Should we keep the signs? How to make the conspicuous? The docks were put in by Danny Wallhouse, Ron fields, and Mr. Starks put them in.

**Fisheries:** Mike Prull then gave an update for the fishery that is out of Mole Lake. The Mole Lake Fisheries has the ability to produce 50,000 fingerling walleyes a year. Now there are walleyes for everyone including tribal harvest. Bullhead eat whatever they can find. To get that weight of fish out of system and replace with desirable fish is a good project. Starts next week with 19 - 35 nets. These will be in for as long as fish are in the nets. Fish will be pulled every two days. Goal is to make the walleye reproduce. Mole Lake gave us our plant survey for the Lake District which was valued at \$3,000. They have always been helpful to us. This is not a rich tribe; they do offer us services.

Motion by Brad Kupfer made to donate \$1,000 to DNR for the bullhead extraction - seconded by Mrs. King. Motion passed.

**Volunteer Needed:** We need to fill the Weed Boss position. Scheduling harvester guys, training, listen to everyone wanting weeds picked up. Jim is still willing to help.

**Reelection:** Rod Sternhagen and Lauren Freston are up for reelection in the fall. Call Linda Hansen if you would like to run for these positions.

Request was made by the people on South Shore Drive to open that road to ATV and UTV to Nashville Town Board - State does not require the town to have a public hearing. Nashville does have town hearings for this sort of thing. Watch for posting with a one year probation.