

Meeting Minutes

Pickerel/Crane Lake P&R District Fall Meeting

August 30, 2014 - 9:30 a.m.

Nashville Town Hall

9:34 -

Motion made to pass spring minutes - approved.

Treasure's Report: Kathy read Treasurer's report - updated as of 9:30 last night - opened with \$143,344.55; Receipts of \$38,389.90; Disbursements: \$19,029.44; Capital Purchases - \$8,000 for the truck which was under the \$16,000 approved. \$162,705.01 is closing balance. Motion made to approve Treasurer's report, seconded - all approved.

Old Business:

Aeration Report: Made by Hot Dog (Jerry Hietpas) - Phil and he went up two weeks ago. Motors are working. When they shut down #1 motor, it froze up - opened up motor and filed it all down and put it back together and now it works fine. Question posed if we could get landowners to agree to allow for a path for small tractor to back in there to haul it out for repairs. Phil had problems getting there last year because of the snow. Will post some stakes so the owners can see where the proposed path may be. Will have to tie ropes to the tree? Is that going to be a problem? Will have to check with the owners?

2014 Aquatic Plant Harvesting Update: Mr. King: Need volunteer to man the posting box at the Crane Lake box. Len volunteered and key was given to him. Mr. Huss not in attendance - 10 loads taken out of Pickerel - nothing out of Crane - The plants aren't growing and there were no problems. Luckily the plants didn't grow because of lack of heat and sun and the hard winter which worked in our favor. It is a first for us to have so few loads, and this helped the budget. We still need a Weed Harvester boss. We need a volunteer. This is a very much needed. Next year Rod will not be coordinating Crane as well. To get the truck over and round up volunteers; they had two in the past. We still need more. Not a lot of people in attendance today. Hopefully, the newsletter will promote attendance. Len will help with coordination looking for volunteers. Chuck needs to check on the pulling power of the truck verses the tractor. It is not an easy procedure to move the harvester to Crane - Need a three point - Steve? Has it. Can we hire him? Or coordinate with snowmobile club? His truck doesn't have 4 wheel drive. Putting a chain on the truck and pulling it out. The town has a truck that can pull anything out. It is a doable solution. We'll figure out something.

Donation Boxes at Landings: Donation boxes at landing. Disappointing as to the amount of donations verses the number of people using it. Pickerel boxes had \$8 and Crane \$6. The new one was made by Ken Verhagen. Tetzlaff donated the material. Pickerel box main boat landing - blasted and painted. South shore will be cleaned up for spring. Len thought requesting a \$5 donation would be appreciated. We decided to let this year go by and see what happens. No request was made.

2014/2015 Fish stocking Report - Brad Kupfer: Both lakes used to be excellent fishing lakes. Donations started the project and a line item on budget to have \$10,000 per year to buy fish. \$15,000 have been added with the help of the stake holders and DNR and fish biologist and private donations. This is the last year we can do the private stockings. Bullheads have been pulled out. Matzke recommended 1,500 in Crane total and 5,000 6-7"

walleye for both lakes. Deficit in budget. We need to make an adjustment to budget. Request was made to find \$2,500 in budget to stock 3,500 into Pickerel this year. We need to request budget amendment. Len asks if 2,500 is enough. Are we allowing for other expenses except for fish? The bull head extra money was a one time thing. Something needs to replace the bio mass in the Pickerel Lake. Mr. Tetzlaff - recommend to pull from weed harvesting and extra truck funds that we're saving. Motion made for extra \$2,500 more by Mr. Tetzlaff. Seconded by Len all approved. Crane is the rearing pond for Pickerel. Fish are making their way to Pickerel. Should we go with what the biologist say? 3,500 into Pickerel 1,500 into Crane per Greg Matzke. Motion made and passed.

The bullhead removal went well. In 2017, Greg will do comprehensive survey. Are the walleye reproducing? This project is far from over. Future discussion with DNR is bag limits? Are we ok at three at 18" and then revisit bass one over 18"? This doesn't make sense to Brad as it stands now. Question as to what is seen on lake? Walleyes are being caught. Heard that Pickerel Point saw elderly gentleman taking small walleye on a string. This is poaching. If license plate can be gotten, call DNR. Greg - caught half dozen little ones on Crane. Stock in Pickerel this year?

"No Power Loading" signs at docks installed - installed and done. Hope they aren't stolen.

Update on 2014 bullhead - Crane extracted in 2014; nets were put in to see what they got - 33 nets. Nets suggest that we removed 86.4% in 2013. After 2014 netting, we removed 96% in Crane lake population. DNR thinks this was a complete success. In Pickerel - 319 nets in Pickerel with Mole Lake Chippewa -. Figure 84% reduction total removed 11,138 were removed. Mr. Matzke says it was an overwhelming success. Bio mass void created to allow for walleye. Bullhead picture was passed. This one had 8" perch in stomach. 7.5" walleye came out of bullhead belly. Age 1 walleye - 8-10" Bullhead eat anything that gets in their way - even big fish. When we paid them we were charged for night's lodging and two round trips - no meals, gas, wear and tear - Mole Lake sent us a Friends of Fisheries award to Pickerel Lake. There was no charge from the Mole Lake charge; plus they gave us \$5,000 donation.

Update on Bull head fry netting: Permits were applied for 2-3 on Pickerel and 2 on Crane for bullhead fry netting. No one saw any clouds. Decided to leave the nets for next year. This is part of our effort for bullhead reduction. We received letter from Michael Vogel, State DNR, thanking us for following through with this. We are playing our part in the project. This is an ongoing thing - keep the nets and maintenance.

Volunteer needed for Weed Boss Position: We are all aware of this and hope to get someone

Dan Vosters Volunteers to replace Phil Holman: Dan replaces Phil Holman for water monitoring. Equipment was returned to state. Given to other lakes. He can see 12' down. He has asked for equipment. Is it a possible that we are a good candidate since we are doing so much work on the lake?

New business: Greg proposed 2015 stocking. We could be in line for extra stocking through the state, but it is not a for sure thing. We are still pushing forward with our own. 8-10 / acre in Crane.

Discuss increasing the mileage rate for required volunteer travel: Currently it is .30 / mile. For going to meetings / .50 request - IRS allows .54. Motion made by Len to go with .50; seconded all in favor.

Purchase of newer weed harvesting truck: Steve Bailey and Chuck purchased truck and brought it home. There was a problem with it. There appeared to be an air leak in the fuel system. Took in for repairs. Ejector problem? Injectors weak? Put in new ones. No difference. Called repair guy and now it's back. We found the air leak. It's on the filter has a crack - dealing with that now. Air leak will hopefully be corrected. Now how to deal with paying for it? It does appear to be a good truck. Steel purchased for side boards will go to Steve Bailey. Luckily, there is extra because we purchased the truck less than what was budgeted for. Should be ready to go for spring.

Budget hearing and adopt tax levy: 2014 year to date comparisons for revenues. Interest is a lot lower - will be lower since we took money out of CD to pay for truck. Private donations are never assumed so that is why there is 0 balance. We thought we were going to get another payment from the Lake District Plan, but that never happened. Kathy is very tight with the money. We do go right down to the bottom of budget.

Proposed budget the only increases were insurance - through Town of Nashville for Harvester. Now it is moved onto insurance category not under Harvester expense. Newer truck and two trucks insurances until other is sold. This will go down a little over \$946.00. Printing and ads reduces \$50. Less do to new format of newsletter. Reducing next year for webpage. \$500 less - mass mailing permit being pursued.

Old truck will be sold. As soon as the harvester comes out. We have to get proposals on that truck. It is a government truck. Hoping for a couple of thousand extra. Hoping to put it by Draeger Propane to promote it. Motion made to accept budget, seconded, passed Tax Levy in 2015.

Election: Lauren Freston and Rod Sternhagen - Vice Chairman for Rod - motion made all aye. Secretary - motion passed and passed.

Eurasion Millfoil - Research and surveys on this - Big Twin Lake few years ago grant and treated for it. Got rid of it and now it is back and doing well. Now what will they do? We haven't forgotten about this issue; we still don't know what we are going to do. Wait and see.

Where are we with boat inspections? Never a meeting scheduled. Nothing happened this year at all. Bugged him a couple of times. Prevention is a big part of this. Rod's wife. WI Natural Resource Magazine. Online as well - Awesome articles of weeds - pros and cons - Put this into newsletter and website.

Public Comment - since signs went up. Only 1 seen from Hot Dog.

Walt & Sally Fergesen plaques only 8 spots left. Eagle donated by Frank Zimmer - he was the first weed boss = him and Les. Just sold their house and left the area.

Adjourned 11:10