



***BEAR LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
Tuesday Dec. 3, 2024, 6:00 PM
(VIRTUAL ZOOM)***

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mic Austin at 6:00 pm.

2. Board Members Present

Mic Austin, Chairman Lori Crane, Treasurer (Joined at 6:17 pm)
Dawn Wozniak, Secretary Ron Mundt, Town of Minocqua Representative
Chris Schultz, Oneida County Representative

3. Secretary's Report

Minutes prepared by L. Crane from 3 previous meetings were presented which resulted in the following motions:

Motion made by R. Mundt seconded by D. Wozniak to approve the July 30, 2024, Commissioner's Meeting Minutes as corrected. Carried unanimously.

Motion made by D. Wozniak seconded by R. Mundt to approve the August 31, 2024, Annual Meeting Minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

Motion made by R. Mundt seconded by D. Wozniak to approve the August 31, 2024, Commissioner's Meeting Minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

D. Wozniak reported the website has been updated to reflect the current officers and representatives. Also, that several of the links on the website have been corrected and are now working. D. Wozniak will work with the website manager to create a portal for property owners to "opt in" to receive future annual meeting notices via email.

4. Treasurer's Report

L. Crane presented the financial reports reflecting the current balance of each account:

Checking - \$7,951.12
Savings - \$15,735.54
Dam Trust - \$8,848.25

Motion was made by R. Mundt and seconded by D. Wozniak to accept the current financial reports. Carried unanimously.

L. Crane reported she is looking into higher interest options for the district accounts.

5. Minocqua Report

R. Mundt reported there is nothing new that would affect our Lake District. Cuts recommended in the 2025 town of Minocqua budget, which includes some of the Minocqua community assets that are not town services, will not affect our Lake District.

6. County Report

C. Schultz reported there in continuing discussions regarding wake boats; however, with no means to enforce any ordinances there are no movements to create any ordinances.

Recommendations to revise the Shoreland Protection Ordinance has been sent to the county planning and development committee. This pertains to further clarifying the current 35 foot lakeshore viewing ordinance. These recommendations would mirror the ordinance Vilas county uses. Further movement on the recommendations will be reported at future meetings.

7. Nano/Bubble Technology

R. Mundt discussed the lack of response from other lake districts regarding their experience with this system. He will continue to reach out to gather information. Cost continues to be a concern for moving forward.

8. Clean Boats Clean Waters 24/25

M. Austin presented the results of the program for the 2024 year: 76 boats were inspected, 121 people contacted, 284 hours were spent at the landing with a few volunteers spending time at the landing. Another grant will be applied for through the town of Minocqua for 2025, though another person will need to be hired for this position.

9. Fish Stocking 2024

M. Austin reported 1,275 walleye were planted on the lake. The average size was 7 inches with 75% scattered and 25% released from the pier at the landing. L. Crane will start working on the 2025 fish stocking plan.

10. Nuisance Beavers

M. Austin discussed the current situation on the lake regarding the beavers. There are 2 beaver huts by the dam which appear to be inactive. There are 2 huts on the creek prior to the dam which are on private property. Permission was received from the property owner to remove the beavers. Greg Watson received a trappers license from the DNR and successfully removed 3 beavers. M. Austin further clarified the district is not responsible for beaver damage on private property.

11. Public Comment

No public comment was presented at this time.

12. Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next meeting will be April 1, 2025, at 6 pm via Zoom.

Motion made by L.Crane seconded by R. Mundt to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 pm. Carried unanimously.