



The Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Annual Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2022

The 2022 Annual Meeting of the Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District was called to order by Chair Mike Reiter at 9:00 am.

Forty three residents attended the meeting and thirty four lake residents voted for the board members.

Opening remarks were given by Mike Reiter. Board Members in attendance were Mike Reiter, Beth Hartman, Warren Wasescha, Jerry Tack, Ann Layton, Keith Karpenski and John Bonneprise. The meeting was held at the West Immanuel Church Servant Hall. There was a handout available to those present at the meeting and now available on the website.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the August 28th, 2021 Annual Meeting were presented and copies included in the handout. Jerry Tack made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and moved to approve which was seconded by Diane Martin. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Aquatic Plant Management Committee: Mike Reiter reported. Our primary focus has been to control Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP), an Aquatic Invasive Species. We have come to the end of our current grant for treatment of CLP. Through this and previous grants we have been very successful with our treatments. Remaining beds are so limited that effective treatment is an issue. Per our Aquatic Management Plan we will make future decisions regarding treatment under the guidance of the county and DNR. We will continue to do surveys of the lake to determine if beds are increasing.

Big Lake Internal Load Study: This study is being done by the University of Wisconsin Stout to try to identify sources of phosphorous in Big Lake which contributes to algae growth and impaired water. Additional study and sampling were done this year and possible phosphorous contributions from North Creek were analyzed. Big Lake was removed from the impaired waters listing from the county and the study recommendations which we hope to receive shortly will be used to improve water quality so the lake can stay off the list.

Healthy Lakes Initiative: Beth Hartman reported that we are wrapping up the projects for the year. We have done shoreline plantings, rain gardens and diversions. We will

continue in the program and be promoting it in the Newsletter, soliciting requests from interested parties. The DNR has a website with very good and improved information on this program that residents should look at if they are interested making changes to their property in order to improve lake water quality. For eligibility for next summer the grant would have to be written in October.

Purple loosestrife control has been taken on by the Healthy Lakes Committee, made up of Cheryl Beardslee, Dave Fodroczi and Beth Hartman. Cheryl contacted Dale Dressel and landowners with large areas of this AIS to get permits for chemical treatment. Permission of landowners is required. Permits were obtained and the large areas have been treated. Two treatments will be needed and follow up permits and treatment next year. Not all landowners were willing to participate at this point but the committee continues to work with them. For this fall the committee will also be treating smaller areas by pulling and bagging purple loose strife which is very visible this time of year. It is recommended that any landowners with small patches do the same.

Fish Stocking Committee: Kel Kobernick presented. Walleyes were stocked in October of 2021; 1600 fish in Big Lake and 900 in Church Pine. Three thousand walleyes have been ordered for this year from Central Wisconsin Fish Farm. Fish stocking is supported by the Lake District and by Earl Mork of the Big Lake store. Based on the success of the ice fishing contest Earl again contributed \$1500. The plan is to continue with the same 8 inch walleyes. Permits have been requested from the DNR. Anglers have been catching walleye of legal size so we know the stocking is working. Of note, is that a DNR Fish Survey was scheduled for 2022, but because of COVID the survey was postponed until 2023. These surveys are done on a regular basis, usually every 7 years. Past surveys have shown a healthy bass population and good sized pan fish. The goal with the stocking program is to have enough walleye in the lake so that an angler will have a fair chance to catch one from time to time. The plan is to continue to stock walleye in the lakes at the current level.

Social Committee: Ann Layton presented. The big news is Sherri Singer has agreed to be the Social Committee, Chairperson. The 4th of July parade was on Big Lake this year and got off just after the rain. Joe Bolder led the way and other boats and pontoons joined in. The Social Dinner was just held a week ago at UW Wanderoos. A beautiful evening and good time for the 100 people who attended. Sherri and Bob Singer did a great job coordinating this event again this year. A Pontoon Concert with "North of 64" playing was planned for August 6, 2022 but rain forced the rain date of Sunday, August 27, 2022. We had a non-motorized parade Sunday of Labor Day weekend in 2021 and are planning to have the 3rdnd Annual Paddle Parade Sunday, September 4, 2022. Join us at 12:00 Noon on the north end of Round Lake by the Bridge.

Web Site Committee: Tim Rudolph reported. Tom Campbell did an audit of the website to help improve, condense and tab content. The website analytics were on the power point and will be posted to the website. Tim is working on a new page for new residents on the website. This would be helpful, included in it will be a link to the Shoreland Property Owner Handbook from Polk County. Paper copies of this very helpful booklet were available at the meeting.

Navigation and Buoys: Jerry Tack reported. The Slow No Wake Buoys were removed last year at the request of the DNR because we did not have permits and they were in what is a slow no-wake zone by statute. The problem is not all boat and PWC operators know the rules or follow them. The buoys act as digital speed limit signs on the highway. Jerry has worked with the DNR on the permitting process. An ordinance from the Town of Alden is required for the permit request to proceed. Jerry worked with Keith Karpinski on the ordinance and the Town passed it at the August meeting. The hope is to have buoys on both sides of the channel and both sides of the bridge.

Boat Access Landings: Keith Karpinski reported that Alden accepted a donation of approximately one and a quarter acres of land from the West Immanuel Church to improve the landing at the south end of Church Pine Lake. The Town of Alden hopes the DNR will provide assistance, financial and otherwise to provide a safer landing. This is a slow process. Of note is that there has been less activity and fewer problems on the landings this summer. If residents see problems they should contact the town. Also noted that there is a full time deputy on water patrol and recreation duty. This is significant considering that overall Polk County is short staffed by 4 deputies.

Landing Camera Update: Tom Campbell reported. The camera is there to identify and prevent Aquatic Invasive Species from entering our lakes. A new system was installed following vandalism and other problems with the old system. The new system is a standalone system that relies on solar and batteries as well as a phone unit. There is more information on the website for the I-Lids Monitoring including video captures and usage statistics.

Loon Activity: Beth Hartman reported. The platform was put in place on round lake. The grasses and other plants on it have continued to grow and fell in. There was a pair of loons who nested on it and maybe a suspected egg, but no loon babies this year. A decision will be made as to whether it should be moved a little closer to the lily pads. The budget allows for another platform purchase.

CBCW Committee: Warren Wasescha reported that we again had trouble keeping inspectors through the summer. We have 436 hours to date and have additional funds in the grant that we will likely not use because one inspector has left for the summer. We plan to continue with the landings being staffed through September. Although it may look like an easy job when you see them sitting enjoying the weather it can be difficult negotiating inspections with less than courteous boaters. If you see them thank them for the job they are doing. It is one of the ways to "Protect the Lakes You Love!" We again plan to continue the program next year and plan to have Cheryl Clemens apply for the grant.

Treasurers Report: Warren Wasescha reported. An audit of the financial records for the year ended December 31, 2021 was completed by Kel Kobernick. A summary of

his review and findings is included in the power point, the conclusion being that the financial records are in good order and well maintained and that they fairly represent the operations and fund balances of the Lake District. Thank you to current treasurer Warren for doing a good job for the Lake District.

Warren then presented the Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for 2022 Year End and Year to Date 08/15/2022 and 2023 Budget proposals and the Non-Lapsing Funds summaries (NLF) for the same periods. Detailed statement included in handout.

New Business:

2023 Budget Approval: 2023 Budget Proposal calls for the levy to remain the same. Warren highlighted the larger expenditures and some of the changes in the budget. Non grant spends are in slight decline, in part because of reduction of in person training and education during COVID. We would look for increases to that as more people get involved in committees. A motion to approve the 2022 budget was made by Brent Martin and seconded by Rob Starbuck. Motion passed.

Election of Commissioners: Mike Reiter presented the board's nominations. Mike reiter and Ann Layton's terms are expiring and they have agreed to seek another term. A written ballot is required. A numbered ballot was provided with handout packages to be used by landowners. Write-in candidates can also be entered on the ballot. Write-in candidates were solicited. There were no parties indicating interest at the meeting. Secret ballots were cast with Mike and Ann each getting 34 votes. Attending board meetings would be a good way to see what is involved. Please consider getting involved in the health of your lakes.

Public Comments and Q & A: There was concern regarding the expansion of the area covered by lily pads. Mike Reiter noted that although lily pads are native plants and not considered invasive they can be removed if they are impacting navigation. Keeping navigation lanes clear and open can be addressed by the board. Also landowners can remove a 30 foot wide path to the lake.

Closing Remarks: Mike Reiter presented, reminding the residents to access the website for information throughout the year. A motion to adjourn was made by Rob Starbuck and seconded by Ann Wasescha. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Secretary: Ann Layton

Signed:

Title: Secretary

Date Approved: