



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

Annual Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2020

The 2020 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 four voting lake residents and 2 guests were in attendance.

Opening remarks were given by Mike Reiter. Board Members in attendance were Mike Reiter, Beth Hartman, Warren Wasescha, Ann Layton, and Keith Karpenski. The meeting was held at the West Immanuel Church outdoor worship area as a precaution and for safety during the COVID-19 Pandemic. 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 24th, 2019 Annual Meeting were presented and copies included in the handout. Kel Kobernick made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes and moved to approve which was seconded by Ann Wasescha. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Aquatic Plant Management Committee: Mike Reiter presented information on the 2020 accomplishments with the continued implementation of our Lake Management Plan which includes treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) and Purple Loosestrife (PL). CLP has been reduced significantly with less areas to be treated each year. We still have money in the grant we currently have that will cover treatment for at least next year. Before securing further grants the board will rely on DNR experts to determine if continued treatment is necessary and cost effective. Recent surveys by Dale Dressel and the county identified and marked results for Purple Loosestrife. Small infestations should be removed by landowners. There is still grant money for treatment of larger areas. Treatment of these areas is dependent on the private land owner obtaining a permit from the DNR for chemical treatment. We are working with one land owner and expect to do treatment soon. Another landowner was approached but is not interested in obtaining permit at this time. As noted in last year's minutes the Aquatic Plant Management and Comprehensive Lake Management Plans are expiring and we had anticipated working on new plans in 2020. Because of COVID-19 and the inability to have face to face meetings, lab closures and the delays in other studies we have been granted an extension. We plan to work with Cheryl Clemmons, consultant and grant writer as well as conduct resident meetings and review lake study and survey results in drafting new plans.

Big Lake Internal Load Study: After a slow start this spring, due to COVID-19 and lab closures, work on this study progresses. The red buoy at the deep hole on Big Lake marks where the UW-Stout team is taking samples. We hope to get study results and recommendations within the next year. The report should assist in drafting new lake management plans.

Healthy Lakes Initiative: Beth Hartman reported that we have been involved in the program for 4 or 5 years. The goal of the program is to improve water quality in the lakes through use of shoreline plantings, rain gardens, filtration systems and other methods. There are currently 3 projects that have been applied for from 2 landowners, two shoreline plantings and one rain garden. If members of the Lake District are interested for future grants please contact a board member.

CBCW Committee: Annette Viebrock, who is the lead inspector at the boat landings reported on the activity at the landings this summer. There has been increased use of the landings this summer and boat inspections have continued. Most people have been friendly and cooperative. We again hope to continue the program next year and plan to have Cheryl Clemmons apply for the grant.

Fish Stocking Committee: Kel Kobernick presented. Walleyes were stocked in October of 2019; 1600 fish in Big Lake and 900 in Church Pine. The plan is to continue with the same number of 6 to 8 inch fish. Permits have been requested from the DNR and an order placed with the fish stocking company.

Social Committee: Mike Reiter presented. The Social Dinner was not held this year because of COVID-19 but we hope to again enjoy the good time at UW Wanderoos next year. We did have a socially distanced 4th of July boat parade on Big Lake, a fun time on a very warm day. Next year the boat parade will be on Church Pine Lake. And so Round Lake does not feel left out we have added a non-motorized parade Labor Day weekend, maybe a first annual. Join us Sunday, September 6, 2020 at 12:00 Noon on the north end of Round Lake by the Bridge.

Web Site Committee: The Website is the key to our communication. Many thanks to Tim Rudolf for all his work on the site. Usage continues to increase. See Agendas and Minutes from Board Meetings and Annual Meetings on the website (www.bigroundpine.com).

Boat Access Landings: Keith Karpenski reported that Alden is working with the church and the DNR on accepting a donation of land from the church to be used for improvements to the Church Pine landing. A meeting was held with the church and DNR in July to discuss possibilities. The goal is a safer landing. The DNR is very willing to assist for an improved landing. Although things are still in the initial planning stages, space for off street parking for 10 vehicles was discussed. Also placement of a portable toilet. The Town of Alden hopes to get something to the church in the next 60 days and then it would be open for public discussion. At this point nothing big is likely to happen at the Big Lake landing because Polk County is not likely to agree to anything.

Treasurers Report: Warren Wasescha reported. An audit of the financial records for

the year ended December 31, 2019 was completed by Kel Kobernick. A summary of his review and findings is included in the handouts, 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. Kudos to former treasurer Jerry Tack and current treasurer Warren for doing a good job for the Lake District. Warren then presented the Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for 2020 Year End and Year to Date 08/15/2020 and 2021 Budget proposals and the Non-Lapsing Funds summaries (NLF) for the same periods. Detailed statement included in handout.

New Business:

2021 Budget Approval: 2021 Budget Proposal calls for the levy to remain the same. Warren highlighted the larger expenditures and some of the changes in the budget. Of note is increase to the AIS Rapid Response Fund recommended. This is important as other area lakes have had infestations. Additionally funds have been budgeted for a loon nesting platform and future grant writing, a good investment in the future of our lakes. A motion to approve the 2021 budget was made by Kevin Kelly and seconded by Diane Martin. Motion passed.

Election of Commissioners: Mike Reiter presented the board's nominations. Beth Hartman and Warren Wasescha's terms are expiring and they have agreed to seek another term. A written ballot is required. A numbered ballot was included with handout packages to be used by landowners. Write-in candidates can also be entered on the ballot. Secret ballots were cast with Beth and Warren receiving 31 votes each. There is currently another opening on the board which can be filled by appointment. It was noted that anyone is welcome to attend the board meetings and attending 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: Members thanked the board for their service and commitment to the lakes.

Closing Remarks: Mike Reiter presented, reminding the residents to access the website for information throughout the year and that there should be opportunities for involvement coming up including work on the Lake Management Plan. A motion to adjourn was made by Kevin Kelley and seconded by Kel Kobernick. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned 10:00 A.M.

Submitted by Secretary: Ann Layton

Signed: *Ann Layton*

Title: Secretary

Date Approved: August 28, 2021