

The Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
June 2, 2020

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Members in attendance:** Mike Reiter, Keith Karpenski, Warren Wasescha, Beth Hartman and Ann Layton. **Committee Chairs:** Kel Kobernick and Annette Viebrock. Meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Mike Reiter and seconded by Warren Wasescha, motion passed.

**Public Input and Questions:** Mike had fielded calls Re: Portable Toilets at the landings which had previously been discussed. This will be discussed further during discussion of Landing Updates.

**Secretary's Report:**

Meeting Minutes from the October 1, 2019 Commissioner's meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes by Mike Reiter and seconded by Ann Layton. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Warren Wasescha reported on business and transactions since our last meeting. The assessments for the Lake District have been received from Alden and Garfield and deposited. The Operating fund is in good shape to cover expenses, balance currently in excess of \$26,000. The Non-Lapsing funds have remained constant other than small interest amounts. The significant expenditures will be the CLP treatment payment, covered in part by prior grant and CB/CW costs for the year. Warren will review the 2020 Budget and start planning for the 2021 Budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting currently planned for August of 2020. Mike Reiter moved to approve the Treasurers Report and Ann Layton seconded. Motion carried.

**Chairperson's Report:** Mike would like to expand the email list to include interested residents as well as other groups and organizations interested in our lakes. Overall would like to get more people involved in roles in additions to acting on the board. Also would like to emphasize our appreciation of services provided including through "Thank You Notes" starting with the McMurtrie Preserve for use of their facility and to Earl Mork for fish stocking donation.

A resident's request for Purple Loosestrife treatment previously emailed to the group was discussed and approved for this year, as it is currently covered under Aquatic Plant Management Grant.

**Committee Reports and Old Business**

**Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Treatment:** Dale Dressel did work, conditions were good and Steve Schieffer will do surveys later this summer to decide about continuing treatment. Because of shrinking area to be treated cost has gone down and there may be grant money available for one more year of treatment. Decision on whether to continue will be based on expert's opinions.

**Grant Status:**

- **Plan Updates-**We had grant to do Lake Management Plan but all of these have

been a pushed back because of COVID-19. Cheryl would be point person on this.

- **Big Lake Internal Load** –Although William James along with personnel from UW-Stout was to start work on this and may have done some preliminary work, the Labs were closed so work may have to be postponed until next year.
- **CB/CW**-Annette Viebrock attended meeting and reported. Inspections have begun with social distancing precautions in place. Requests for Masks and T-Shirts for inspectors. SWIMS for reporting will not be used this year. Otherwise scheduling of hours at landings will be similar to past years.
- **Healthy Lakes**-There has been one request from the newsletter. Plan is to direct interested parties to review the Website on their own and come up with a plan. The site is much improved from initial years. There is no grant this year but we would do next year. Beth will draft notice to update our Website to solicit interest.

**Buoy Placement and Repair:** Dock Boys put in buoys this year, however 3 of the Buoys needed repair before they could be installed. Warren is procuring the needed supplies to repair and they will be installed shortly.

**Landing Camera Status:** Mike reported company had serviced and updated. Annette noted that based on her time at the Landing the camera was working much better this year as far as picking up the boat launchings at the correct time and verbalizing to the boaters when they were in a position to hear.

**Social Dinner and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** There was a slight delay in getting postcard mailed but it should be on its way cancelling the Social Dinner and noting the Parade is still planned for Big Lake at Noon on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Fish Stocking:** The plan is to continue with fish stocking similar to past years. Total of 2500 fish at a cost of \$4000 from Lake District and \$1000 donation (already received) from Earl Mork from the Ice Fishing Contest. The same stocking company will be used and they have been notified. DNR approvals do not happen until September.

**Boat Landing Update:** Keith reported that there was nothing new to report on either landing. The church has had some transition and has not addressed the Church Pine Landing. It would take some time even after the land is transferred for Alden to direct resources and money to improvements at the landing and putting a portable toilet in without the land having been donated would be unlikely. There are no plans for improvements at the Big Lake landing at this time. It is status quo re: ownership at this time also.

**Committee Memberships and Involvement:** Please advise Mike of any changes in committees and of any individuals or organizations that would be interested in getting involved in our lakes. Maybe Scouts would be interested in Wood Duck houses or helping with Loon Nesting Platforms.

**Website Updates:** Tim Rudolf had been handling Website postings and such but has been busy. It would be best to get another person who could assist. There may have been someone at the Annual meeting who expressed an interest. Also Ann Layton will attempt to post minutes and agendas.

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting needs to be held to facilitate election of Board Members and approval of the annual budget. In person would be best. Considering an

outside venue to allow for social distancing and safety of all during COVID-19. Will decide at next meeting.

**New Business:** Next meeting Tuesday, July 7, 2020. Discussions with Keith indicate social distancing could be accomplished in Alden Town Hall similar to town meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Reiter and seconded by Warren Wasescha. Motion carried.

Signed **Ann Layton**  
Secretary

Date: July 7, 2020

Title:

The Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
July 7, 2020

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Members in attendance:** Mike Reiter, Keith Karpenski, Warren Wasescha, Beth Hartman and Ann Layton. **Interested Residents:** Cheryl Beardslee, Bob Singer, Chris Majeski

Meeting was called to order at 6:00p.m. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Mike Reiter and seconded by Warren Wasescha, motion passed.

**Public Input and Questions:** Again concerns about portable toilets at Church Pine landing. Although it was approved at a meeting last year that the Lake District and Town of Alden would share the cost, the land the toilet would be on belongs to the church and has not been deeded to the Town. Keith will follow-up with church for permission. There was discussion of the high lake level on the lake and impact on the shoreline. This had been the subject of an extended email chain concerning “Slow- No Wake”. As was learned last year when the lake went high following the breach of the beaver dam the Lake District does not have the authority to institute or enforce lake wide “No Wake” Only the DNR through a process has the authority. The best course of action is to enforce or emphasize the current law on the books. See attachment which states 200 feet from shore for PWC and 100 feet for boats. Recommended to educate those using our lakes.

**Secretary’s Report:**

Meeting Minutes from the June 2, 2020 Commissioner’s meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes by Keith Karpenski, and seconded by Beth Hartman. Motion carried.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Treasurer, Warren Wasescha reported on business and transactions since our last meeting. A copy of the Annual Operating Plan (AOP) & Account Balances and the Treasurer’s narrative report is attached. Mike Reiter moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and Ann Layton seconded. Motion carried.

**Chairperson’s Report:** Mike Reiter reporting:

- Church Pine Landing Water Testing- The Lake District authorized payment for testing at \$14 per sample which are drawn and transported weekly by the county.
- Fish kill- some residents were concerned however there is typically some mortality to fish during the spawning season because of the stress. Weather fluctuations can increase stress levels. Winds from the east meant the western shorelines saw more than usual this year.
- The resident with Purple Loosestrife desiring treatment will request permit because it is on private land. Dale Dressel will do the treatment. This is currently covered under Aquatic Plant Management Grant.

**Committee Reports and Old Business**

**Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Treatment:** There may be grant money available for one more year of treatment. Decision on whether to continue will be based on DNR and County expert's opinions.

**Grant Status:**

- **Plan Updates-**We have grant to do Lake Management Plan but due to COVID-19 and difficulty getting public input the board approved delaying plan update until next year. Mike will contact Alex and Cheryl.
- **Big Lake Internal Load** – Although last month stated this would be delayed, work has begun since labs have reopened. Steve is working with William James along with personnel from UW-Stout. Samples were taken the first week of July.
- **CB/CW-** Inspections continue at landings. Heavy usage of landings by boaters and swimmers. Annette has been working with Katelin to get needed items and post information.
- **Healthy Lakes-** Beth will take pictures from bay along Cty Rd K and do article for the Website to solicit interest to do grant for next year. Emphasis will be on having interested parties do their plans from the improved HealthyLakesWI.com website.

**Buoy Placement and Repair:** The 3 Buoys that needed repair were repaired and installed by Warren. Another buoy got loose and was retrieved, repaired and reinstalled by lake resident Nate. Thanks to all.

**Landing Camera Status:** Mike trimmed grass around camera and he discussed continued maintenance with the CB/CW inspectors.

**Social Dinner and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade:** The Parade was on Big Lake at Noon on the 4<sup>th</sup>. No prizes this year because of distancing but a good turnout and a good time had by all.

**Fish Stocking:** The plan is to continue with fish stocking similar to past years provided the stocking company gets a clean bill of health from the DNR. This is an annual certification required and it happens the beginning of September.

**Boat Landing Update:** Keith reported that there again was nothing new to report on either landing except for complaints about usage, noise, failure to distance. As noted above Keith will check on possibility of portable toilet at Church Pine Landing. Also noted the concrete on Big Lake landing was patched last fall.

**Committee Memberships and Involvement:** Discussed various committees and desire to get more involvement. Bob Singer, attending the meeting, and Warren both expressed interest in assisting with the Website. Warren is ok with handling the Navigation committee. If anyone knows of an attorney on the lake who would be interested we are looking for a replacement for our legal resource. .

**Website Updates:** Tim Rudolf recently updated the Website, many thanks. .

**Annual Meeting:** The annual meeting needs to be held to facilitate election of Board Members and approval of the annual budget. Mike checked with church to use their outdoor space where they have been having services. All agreed it would work well. Mike will reserve McMurtrie in case of rain.

**New Business:**

Next meeting Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 6:00PM. Will work on Agenda for the annual meeting and the Budget for next year.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Mike Reiter and seconded by Warren Wasescha. Motion carried.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Title:

The Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
August 4, 2020

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Members in attendance:** Mike Reiter, Warren Wasescha, Beth Hartman and Ann Layton. **Interested Residents:** Cheryl Beardslee, Kel Kobernick, and Chris Majeski Meeting was held at McMurtrie Preserve and was called to order at 6:00p.m. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Warren Wasescha and seconded by Ann Layton, motion passed.

**Public Input and Questions:** None

**Secretary's Report:**

Meeting Minutes from the July 7, 2020 Commissioner's meeting had previously been circulated via email and were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes by Mike Reiter, and seconded by Beth Hartman. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Warren Wasescha reported on business and transactions since our last meeting and went over the Draft 2020 Year End Forecast and 2021 Budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting. Of note were the advance payments for grants contributing to a larger operating balance and a separate line item for Grant Writing and Management fees. For the 2021 Budget, a contribution of \$5000 to the AIS Rapid Response fund was recommended, in part due to infestations at near-by lakes and cost of containing. A copy of the Draft Annual Operating Plan (AOP) & Account Balances and the proposed 2021 budget is attached. Following discussion, noting that there will be changes as bills come in and that Warren will prepare the Budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting; Mike Reiter moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and Ann Layton seconded. Motion carried.

**Chairperson's Report:** Mike Reiter reporting:

- Church Pine Landing Meeting- Mike attended a meeting with the church, the town, the DNR and a contractor regarding the Church Pine Landing. The contractor will present plan and budget. Nothing has been finalized and that leaves little for the Lake District to do at this point. There will be grants available from the DNR as plans are developed. A portable toilet cannot be installed on the road right of way and since the land is still owned by the Church there is no place to locate the toilet at this time. As plans move forward the parties are aware of our interest in providing for a toilet in interest of keeping the lake water clean. The Lake testing is being conducted weekly by the county and paid for by the Lake District.
- There is grant money for a survey of lake shore for Purple Loosestrife. Dale will do survey to identify areas with infestation. Small areas may be removed by home owners. Warren suggested providing native plants to replace PL might entice residents to remove. This will be considered, possibly using Healthy Lakes grants for shoreline plantings. One resident, who has already notified us regarding Purple Loosestrife, desiring treatment will request a permit because it is on

private land. Dale Dressel will do the treatment. This is currently covered under Aquatic Plant Management Grant.

### **Committee Reports and Old Business**

**Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Treatment:** Steve will do post-application survey late summer.

### **Grant Status:**

- **Plan Updates-** Mike will contact Alex and request an extension to do plan in 2021 and 2022. Cheryl recommends this so face to face meetings can be held and more data will be available from Internal Load Study.
- **Big Lake Internal Load** – There is a buoy at the Big Lake deep hole marking where the testing is being done. Work continues with Steve working with William James along with personnel from UW-Stout.
- **CB/CW-** Inspections continue at landings. Warren will request that Annette clear the grass and weeds from the Church Pine Landing camera. The grant request for next year will be prepared by Cheryl.
- **Healthy Lakes-** At this point there is some interest but nothing definite. We will continue to encourage use of these grants. To that end, Warren will put \$750 in the budget, which would provide for the 15% district input for 5 projects as was done in the past.

**Fish Stocking:** The order is in and the permits requested for fish stocking similar to past years.

**Social Committee:** A non-motorized paddle parade is planned for the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, Sunday September 6, 2020. Information will be included in the Annual Meeting mailing.

**Committee Memberships and Involvement:** Discussed various committees and desire to get more involvement. We will add a Loon committee and authorized Warren to proceed with ordering of a Loon nesting raft. After one raft we may follow up with scouts or other group to build for the other lakes and to maintain.

**Website Updates:** Tim Rudolf has continued with posts and updates to the Website, many thanks. .

**Annual Meeting:** The meeting is set for the outdoor worship area at the West Immanuel Church. All agreed it would work well. Mike has reserved McMurtrie in case of rain. The annual meeting needs to be held to facilitate election of Board Members and approval of the annual budget, the basis for the levy. Warren will finalize the Budget this week so it can be mailed to the land owners. Mike will finalize the Agenda to be included in the mailing. Also included in mailing will be new location and Covid related requirements. Ann will use the information to prepare the mailing information for Paperworx to print and send. Mike and Ann will work on handouts for the meeting, to be printed by Paperworx.

### **New Business:**

Next meeting is the Annual Meeting, Saturday August 29, followed by the Board Meeting. At the Board meeting there will be the election of officers and discussion of the



calendar for the next year. This past year there was a move to four meetings for the year. With improved electronic communication that seems to have worked. A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 was made by Ann Layton and seconded by Warren Wasescha. Motion carried.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Title:

The Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
August 29, 2020

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Members in attendance:** Mike Reiter, Beth Hartman, Keith Karpenski, Warren Wasescha and Ann Layton.

Meeting followed Annual Meeting. Call to Order: 10:15 a.m.

**Public Input and Questions:** None to report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Critique of the Annual Meeting. Generally a good meeting, 44 residents in attendance. Meeting held outside and protocols for COVID-19 were followed, including having attendees sign covenant as required by the church. Attempts to shorten meeting this year were successful, with fewer presenters and less detailed presentations and handouts. No breaks or snacks all resulted in shorter meeting.
- Secretary's Report: Minutes from August 4, 2020 meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes made by Mike Reiter and seconded by Beth Hartman. Motion carried.
- Appointment of Board Members and Election of Officers for 2021. Beth Hartman and Warren Wasescha elected to the board to serve another 3 year term. Mike Reiter has volunteered to continue as Chair for the next year but is interested in encouraging others to consider the role as he prefers more hands on and teaching or education based volunteering. Warren Wasescha expressed a willingness to continue as Treasurer. Ann will continue as Secretary for the coming year. After discussion Beth Hartman agreed to serve as the Vice Chair as needed for the next year. She is not interested in moving on to the Chair position but will fill the responsibilities as needed for this year. We will all look to recruit new members to fill vacancies on the board.
- Keith brought up that the St. Croix County Sheriff's office was supplying off duty deputies to patrol lake landings for \$75 per hour or about \$400 per time. Polk County would likely do the same. We could partner with Wapogasset for next year. Days need to be determined ahead of time. We all agreed that we would definitely be interested. Keith will pursue.
- Discussed meeting schedule for next year. We will continue with meeting schedule similar to last year. Meetings will be at 6:00pm, First Tuesday of October, April, June and August. Annual Meeting will be the Saturday before Labor Day Weekend. We plan to go back to our meetings in the Alden Town Hall building.
- Agenda items for 10/06/2020 meeting.
  - Approve August 29, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes
  - Treasurer Update

- Healthy Lakes Plans for 3 grants
- Timeline for Other Grants for 2020
- Firm up Buoy removal if not done.
- Fish stocking update.

A motion to adjourn was made by Keith Karpenski, seconded by Warren Wasescha.  
Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Title: Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

The Church Pine, Round and Big Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
October 6, 2020

**Minutes of the Meeting**

**Members in attendance:** Mike Reiter, Warren Wasescha, Beth Hartman, Keith Karpinski, John Bonneprise and Ann Layton.

Meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 6:00p.m. Motion to approve the Agenda made by Ann Layton and seconded by Beth Hartman, motion passed.

**Public Input and Questions:** None

**Secretary's Report:**

Meeting Minutes from the August 29, 2020 Commissioner's meeting had previously been circulated via email and were reviewed. A spelling error noted. A motion to approve the minutes with correction made by Mike Reiter, and seconded by Beth Hartman. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer, Warren Wasescha reported on business and transactions since our last meeting noting little change from prior statements. There will be some bills to be paid shortly including likely charges from Steve Sheffer. Of note, are grants that need to be in put by November 1, 2020. Warren will work with Cheryl on CB/CW and Beth will work on Healthy Lakes. Warren will complete financials when he gets additional information. Keith Karpinski made a motion to accept the Treasurers verbal report and it was seconded by Beth Hartman. Motion carried.

**Chairperson's Report:** Mike Reiter reporting:

- Feedback from the annual meeting from constituents has been positive. The outdoor venue and shorter meeting were all received favorably. We may try to do the same next year if weather permits.
- Buoy status was discussed. Following the annual meeting there was an issue raised to the DNR regarding the placement of buoys on the lakes by a concerned resident or boater. The DNR looked into the concern and noted that permits had not been requested for Slow No Wake buoys placed on lakes. There were permits issued for swimming beach buoys issued in the 1970's. The DNR does not allow buoys in areas that are already determined to be Slow No Wake areas by statute, i.e. within 100 feet of shoreline or structure. Mike discussed issue with various DNR personnel and the consensus was that none of our buoys would qualify for permits. The result is that buoys were removed and are currently being stored in Warren's back lot. There is a chance that Cedar Lake would be interested in some of them.

**Committee Reports and Old Business**

**Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Treatment:** Post-application survey was completed. We will get final report for the year. At this point we have enough grant money for at least one more year of treatment.

### **Grant Status:**

- **Plan Updates-** An extension to do plan in 2021 and 2022 was granted so we can have face to face meetings. Also more data will be available from Internal Load Study. Cheryl Clemons
- **Big Lake Internal Load** – Work continues on Big Lake, with samples being taken.
- **CB/CW-** The board approved the grant application for the Clean Boats/ Clean Waters grant. Cheryl prepared the grant submission and it is ready to be filed by the November 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. Discussed increased pay for Annette and other workers, with goal to be sure we get desired coverage. Also discussed reviewing boater activity as recorded by Church Pine camera to determine best times to have landings staffed. Additional duties for inspectors, such as maintaining Kiosks were also discussed.
- **Healthy Lakes-** There are three projects for the November deadline submission. Cheryl has already done write-ups, they will be finalized and submitted. For the future Beth would like to change the way payments are handled to simplify process. She will talk to Cheryl for suggestions. If there is charge for Cheryl's time, Lake District will cover it.

**Landing Camera Status:** Considering a solar power upgrade to avoid problems with electric-- paying landowner and lightning strike which was a problem in the past. Look to get estimate from Eric.

**Fish Stocking:** The order is in and the permits received. Waiting for delivery and billing. Request is for fish stocking similar to past years.

**Social Committee:** A non-motorized paddle parade was held the Sunday of Labor Day Weekend, September 6, 2020. Although it was very windy about 15 brave souls attended. Thanks to Beth for making her dock and beach available, along with beverages. This was first annual and we will assess timing for second annual parade.

**Boat Landing Updates:** Nothing new regarding Big Lake. Regarding Church Pine, plans were forwarded to Aaron Cole. The DNR is very interested in helping with Landing and proposed some changes. One and a quarter acre parking is current proposal which Keith will propose to the church.

**Committee Memberships and Involvement:** Discussed various committees and desire to get more involvement. Looking for someone to head a Loon committee, to follow through with loon platform. Also, maybe someone would be interested in maintaining the Kiosks and monitoring and educating residents on Purple Loosestrife. Board members are encouraged to discuss these opportunities with interested residents.

**Website Updates:** Tim Rudolf has continued with posts and updates to the Website, many thanks. .

### **New Business:**

Next meeting is the April meeting. Since first Tuesday is election held at Alden Town Hall, decided second Tuesday, April 13, 2021 would work for meeting. Prior to that meeting the board will stay connected through email. Of note, is the newsletter which generally goes out in mid-April. Ann Layton will begin to solicit articles in February to

provide adequate time for editing and printing.

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 was made by Beth Hartman and seconded by Ann Layton. Motion carried.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Title: