

**Post Lakes Protections & Rehabilitation District
Commissioners Meeting
October 28, 2017**

1. The commissioner's meeting of the PLP & RD was held on October 28, 2017 at the PLIA Community Center. Chairperson John Steber called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m. Andy Joswiak, Steve Brettingen, Jeff McKinney, Phil McGrath, Carol Gottard and John Raisleger were present. There were no observers present.
2. The minutes of the July 22, 2017 meeting had been distributed the Commissioners by e-mail. Hard copies were available to the audience. Motion to approve the minutes by Steve Brettingen; 2nd by Andy Joswiak was presented. Motion carried.
3. Treasurer's report was distributed prior to the meeting to board members by email from Steve Brettingen. Hard copies were available at the meeting. Balances as of Sep. 30th, 2017: \$74,239.19 for total assets; \$62,118.13 for total income; \$18,206.72 for total expenses. During his presentation, Steve explained that a higher surplus than normal is the result of money allocated but not spent this year in two areas: capital improvements to the boat landings; weed harvesting on Lower Post. Motion was made by John Raisleger to approve the treasurer's report; 2nd by Andy Joswiak. Motion carried.
4. Old Business
 - a. Boat Landing Pier Replacement project – This committee led by Jeff Avery did not submit a report. Jeff McKinney, on the committee, said they are considering the possibility of securing grant money for the project. Steve stated that the 2017 budget has money designated for this project. We will wait to hear from the committee before taking any action.
 - b. Weed harvesting did not take place in 2017. John Steber will submit a request to the DNR for the permit in 2018, at a cost of \$300.00. This is due in March 2018. A discussion followed on how to effectively manage the weed harvesting operation that takes place on Lower Post. Several challenges: new volunteers have not come forward in recent years; lack of knowledge in getting the equipment ready and transporting it to Lower Post, limited time for scheduling the harvesting, etc. John Raisleger offered to begin working on developing a plan around weed harvesting for 2018.

c. Committees

- i. AIS – No report
- ii. Dam – Jeff McKinney gave the report. In the last two weeks, the DNR was out at the dam for a required inspection. The dam is currently classified as High Hazard; the goal is to reclassify it at Low Hazard, which would change the required inspection period from two years to ten years, that requires an engineer. He stated a couple of signatures are still needed on the EAP (Emergency Action Plan), but we are getting closer to a reclassification. Jeff left a copy of EAP for the office.
- iii. Clean Boat/Clean Water – no report
- iv. Water Quality -John Steber updated the committee. Jack Hahn has been gathering water samples and submits reports to the DNR. The water quality report is available online: Wisconsin DNR Water Monitoring site, listed by county, Post Lake under Langlade County.
- v. Water Safety – This past summer there were a couple buoys missing/misplaced. A log disappeared on Upper Post Lake. John Steber suggested we need to consider creating a water safety committee. Currently Brian Dehart places the buoys for the PLP&DR. Phil McGrath agreed to do more research by talking with Brian and looking at the records in the office.

5. New Business

- a. Lake Study – The committee received copies of three proposals (Flambeau Engineering, Onterra, and White Water Associates) prior to the meeting. To start the study in 2018, the application for grant money must be submitted by Dec. 10, 2017.
 - i. We reviewed the scope of the project, timing and selection process. The committee discussed at length the three proposals relative to cost, process, experience, PLP&RD involvement, etc.
 - ii. A motion was made by Andy Joswiak, “To select Flambeau Engineering contingent on the PLP&RD’s out-of-pocket costs not to exceed \$10,000.00” It was 2nd by Steve Brettingen. The motion carried.
 - iii. Steve Brettingen will contact Flambeau to address several of our questions, determine if the “less than \$10,000.00” is acceptable and outline next steps. John Steber will keep the committee informed on outcome of that meeting.

- b. Weed harvesting recognition – work was completed on the weed harvesting equipment during the summer of 2017 by three individuals. The work was extensive and completed by 3 volunteers. A motion was made by Steve Brettingen, “To allocate \$600.00 for gift cards to distribute to the three individuals who did service on the weed harvesting equipment in 2017.” 2nd by John Raisleger. Motion carried.
- c. Zoning Ordinance - Dale Stillman, a resident on Upper Post Lake, asked the board for assistance in dealing with a troublesome complaint with a neighbor about a zoning violation. After a brief discussion, it was determined this was not under the jurisdiction of the PLP&RD. John Steber will follow up with Dale Stillman.
- d. Miscellaneous
 - i. Next board meeting tentatively scheduled for Feb. 3rd, 2018.
 - ii. DNR is hosting an invasive species meeting Nov. 2nd, 6:00 pm at the Langlade Count Fair Grounds, Multi-Purpose Building.