

**Post Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District
Commissioners Meeting Notes
March 21, 2020**

1. The commissioner's meeting of the PLP&RD was held on March 21, 2020 at the PLIA Community Center. Chairperson John Steber called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m. Commissioners present for the meeting: John Steber, John Raisleger, Andy Joswiak, Jeff McKinney and Tim Prunty. Phil McGrath dialed in for the meeting. In attendance was Ken West - Dam Tender and Steve Brettingen -Bookkeeper.
 - a. Prior to the meeting John Steber announced that Haley Lucas, Shoreline Specialist, Langlade Co. Land Conservation, was unable to attend. John will extend an invitation to Haley for our next meeting, 5/30/2020. We are interested in having Haley to our meeting because of her expertise in shoreline restoration. Her information could be beneficial to lake property owners who have suffered shoreline damage from the July 19th storm.

2. Minutes from the December 14, 2019 meeting were distributed to the commissioners via email in advance of the meeting. These were made available at the meeting via the monitor in the room. Edits to the first draft had been submitted prior to the meeting. No changes were requested during the meeting and a motion to accept the meeting notes passed.

3. Correspondence: No correspondence was submitted.

4. The treasurer's report (February 2020) was emailed to the commissioners by John Steber/Steve Brettingen prior to the meeting. Steve, the PLP&RD's bookkeeper, delivered the report. Balances as of February 29, 2020: \$84,491.29 for total assets; \$9,069.67 for total income; \$4,575.11 for total expenses. Steve commented that the district's finances were in good shape. He noted:
 - a. \$35,000.00 reserves for the lake study will not be used. Grants are covering the cost of the study. \$17,000.00 remains in reserves for the truck.
 - b. With the reserves not being used for the Lake Study, Steve said the board can consider different uses for this money. No action was taken on this point.
 - c. John Raisleger reminded the board of the work planned for a new tool shed for the harvester landing later this spring.
 - d. A Motion was made to approve the Treasurer Report. The motion passed.

5. Old Business

- a. Comprehensive Lake Management Plan –All the commissioners had received the plan prior to the meeting. John Steber led this discussion, which was an opportunity for any additional input prior to a vote of acceptance. It was suggested that three changes be made to the plan. On page #4 and #22 the maximum depth of Lower Post Lake should be changed from 15 feet to 13 feet. Also, on page #22, reference is made to four species of weeds that have dominated on Lower Post, only three species were then listed, Slender Naiad should be added. A motion was made to accept the report and to include the three changes noted above. The motion passed.

Next steps: John Steber will notify Tiffiney Kleczwski (Flambeau Engineering) that we accept the report. She will submit it to the DNR for final approval. There will be one additional invoice that is estimated at \$1,900.00. This is covered by the grant.

John Steber encouraged board members to review the plan and to use it as a management tool.

6. New Business

- a. PLP&RD Meeting Policy proposal – John Steber lead the discussion on a written policy document for procedures for posting meeting notes and agendas. A motion was made to accept the PLP&RD Meeting Policy Document as written. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

- a. Boat Landing Committee –John Steber reported the committee met a couple times since the first of the year. John noted that the Town of Elcho owns the three boat landings on the lakes and that the Lake District has never formally accepted responsibility for the improvements at these landings. He further noted that Lake District has apparently assumed the responsibility for improvements as no other entity has shown an interest and it would seem to fall within the board’s lake management responsibilities. It was further noted that the district will need to depend on the continued help from the Town of Elcho for various maintenance and upkeep tasks.
 - a. Work at Isle of Pine. Jeff McKinney reported the deadline is June 1 for the DNR work permit; we may not be able to get an extension. The deadline for the grant (approximately \$7,000) is June 7th, which can be extended. A motion was made, “To address ongoing concerns at Isle of Pines boat ramp, the committee has authorization to spend up to

\$20,000 on improves in May of this year.” The motion passed. Jeff McKinney and John Steber will take the lead on this project.

- b. Lake Management – covered previously in the discussion regarding the Lake Management plan.
- c. Weed Harvesting – John Raisleger reported, for 2020 his plan is to replicate the process from previous two years.
- d. Lake Safety – Any Joswiak gave a report on preparations being made for the buoy placements coming up this spring.

Coordinator Position updates

- a. Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network – Andy Joswiak reported he will contact the DNR office in Rhinelander to see to see if Post Lakes can be brought back into the full testing program. Last year we were dropped from the list of lakes the state used for testing.
 - b. Dam – The safety harness system is now installed. Ken Burns reported all was fine with the operations at the dam.
 - c. Web Site Development & Management – Phil McGrath reported no activity with the webpage. Phil noted that it would be very helpful if we could find someone to help manage the webpage. Tim Prunty will contact Phil after the meeting about a possible resource. It was recommended that the 2020 Schedule of Local Events published in the PLIA newsletter be added to the website.
7. Non-Action Items –After a brief discussion it was decided to include in our next meeting’s agenda (May) a line item for a resolution to show support for the Langlade County’s position on the drilling/mining operation in Oneida County.
 8. Upcoming Commissioners meetings for 2020 at the PLIA building:
 - **May 30, 2020** **9:00 a.m.**
 - August 15, 2020 9:00 a.m. Annual Meeting /Quarterly Meeting
 - December 5, 2020 9:00 a.m.
 9. A motion to adjourn was made by Andy Joswiak, seconded by John Raisleger. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.