

**Not Approved – first draft**

**Post Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District  
Commissioners Quarterly Meeting, August 8, 2020  
Minutes**

1. The PLP&RD commissioners' quarterly meeting was held on August 8, 2020 at the PLIA Community Center. Chairperson John Steber called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Commissioners present for the meeting: John Steber, John Raisleger, Andy Joswiak, Jeff McKinney, Tim Prunty and Phil McGrath. There were six people in the audience, including Steve Brettingen -Bookkeeper, Al Wendorf – President PLIA, Suzie Rabideau and three others.
2. The Minutes document from the March 21,2020 meeting was distributed in advance to the commissioners via email. Edits to the first draft had been submitted prior to the meeting. No further changes were requested, and a motion was passed to accept the minutes as written.
3. Correspondence: No correspondence was submitted.
4. The treasurer's report, year to date through July 31, 2020, was presented by Steve Brettingen the PLP&RD's bookkeeper. Balances as of July 31, 2020: \$68,337.13 for total assets; \$51,579.76 for total income; \$33,373.23 for total expenses. In the discussion that followed it was noted:
  - a. \$35,000.00 remain in reserves for the lake study. Government Grants are expected to cover all these expenses. \$15,000.00 remains in reserves for future replacement of the district's dump truck.
  - b. A brief discussion lead by Tim Prunty about the pros and cons to park money in a financial vehicle with a higher rate of return. No action was taken.
  - c. A Motion was approved to accept the Treasurer Report.
5. **Old Business**
  - a. Comprehensive Lake Management Plan (CLMP) –In advance via email the commissioners received the recently edited DNR version of the CLMP. John Steber led the discussion that focused on the section, "Conclusions and Recommendations Action Plan" Pages #61- #63. At the end of the discussion a motion was made and passed to approve this version of the Comprehensive Lake Management Plan. The Board previously approved an earlier version at the March 21, 2020 meeting.
    - i. CLMP will be uploaded to the website. It was suggested we also highlight the Conclusions and Recommendations Action Plan section, Pages #61- #63, as a good starting point for reviewing the document.

- ii. John Steber is responsible for submitting all related invoices prior to the stated deadline, so the district receives full reimbursement through the Government Grants.
- b. Shoreline Restoration (Healthy Lakes Program)
  - i. Suzie Rabideau reported on the Langlade County Waterways Association meeting held two weeks ago. The PLP&RD is an active member. Their 2021 annual meeting will be in Post Lake at the PLIA building on July 24, 2021.
  - ii. Phil McGrath reported on the Healthy Lakes Program, which is lead by Haley Lucas, Shoreline Specialist for Langlade County. Financial grants for landowners are available through this program. A letter from Haley was included in our annual mailing. We will post information to our webpage regarding the program to bring awareness to the funds available to landowners.
- c. Resolution for: *Support the Protection of the Wolf River Watershed from the Impact of Metallic Sulfide Mining*. John Steber led the discussion on the resolution. A motion for approval of the resolution passed by a unanimous vote. Tim Prunty volunteered to distribute the documentation to the appropriate legislative bodies and representatives within Langlade County and the state.

## **6. New Business**

- a. No new business to report.

## **Committee Reports**

- a. Boat Landing Committee –John Steber led this discussion. It was reported work on the West Isle of Pine has been completed. We are very satisfied with the results of the project and thank the Town of Elcho for their contributions.  
During the discussion it was noted that the PLIA collects user fees at the landings and maintains the trash collection. The Boat Landing Committee is reviewing all aspects of ongoing maintenance for the boat landings to improve coordination across parties. The committee is also considering improving signage at the landings.  
Al Wendorf volunteered to join the boat landing committee, a great addition since he represents the PLIA.  
Suzie Rabideau suggested the committee evaluate the electronic monitoring program that is in operation at Pelican Lake.
- b. Lake Management – covered previously during the discussion regarding the Lake Management plan.

- c. Weed Harvesting – John Raisleger reported all machine maintenance was completed on June 4<sup>th</sup>, in plenty of time for the harvesting season. The equipment was installed on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. To date no harvesting has taken place but is planned for in the next couple of weeks. It was noted, weed growth appeared low for this year.

The new shed (old one destroyed in last year's storm) for the Harvesting Equipment to be placed at the Boat Landing, is ready for installation. Site preparation will be completed by the Town of Elcho. Jeff McKinney is coordinating that activity.

- d. Lake Safety – Andy Joswiak and John Steber led the discussion. Several comments were made about observing obvious violations by boaters to the Lake Ordinances. A brief discussion followed on how best to make people aware of the ordinances. The Boat Landing committee may consider signage added at the landings. If the activity persists or rises to a dangerous level, we may need to address implementing an enforcement plan.

Andy reported we will need 3 new buoys.

### **Coordinator Position updates**

- a. Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network – Andy Joswiak gave the report. He will contact the DNR office in Rhinelander to see to if Upper and Lower Post Lake can be reinstated to their testing program. We were dropped from the program last year.
  - b. Dam – John Steber led a brief discussion. Andy Joswiak will be added as a back up to Ken West.
  - c. Web Site Development & Management – It was reported Rose Prunty is doing an outstanding job with activating the PLP&RD website. She has instituted many improvements in the last several months and is keeping the information current. Suggestions for enhancements should continue to go through John Steber and Phil McGrath.
7. The next upcoming Quarterly Commissioners’ meeting will be at the PLIA building:
- December 5, 2020                      9:00 a.m.
8. This meeting adjourned at 10:29 a.m. After a brief break, the Annual meeting followed.

**Approve unanimously August 8, 2020**

**POST LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION: #1 / 08-08-2020**

**INTENT: SUPPORT THE PROTECTION OF THE WOLF RIVER WATERSHED FROM THE IMPACT OF METALLIC SULFIDE MINING.**

**WHEREAS**, a company was recently been granted a license to drill exploration holes in the headwaters of the Wolf River, with the intent to locate an open-pit Metallic Sulfide Mine in that vicinity and

**WHEREAS**, Upper and Lower Post Lakes are located on the Wolf River and together form a very valuable 863 acre fresh water reservoir located a short distance downstream from the drill site locations and

**WHEREAS** Upper and Lower Post Lakes would be the first large body of water adversely effected by an environmental mishap at an open-pit Metallic Sulfide Mine located in the vicinity of the approved drill site locations and,

**WHEREAS**, the Post Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District has been created for the purpose of undertaking a program of lake protection and rehabilitation for Upper and Lower Post Lakes, as per Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin State Statues, and

**WHEREAS**, the Langlade County Board has passed Resolution #15-2020 with the intent of calling for legislative action to protect the Wolf River Watershed from the impacts of Metallic Sulfide Mining.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Post Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District opposes the permitting of a metallic sulfide mine in the vicinity of the drill exploration holes near the headwaters of the Wolf River; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED**, that the Post Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District supports the efforts of the Langlade County Board to provide greater protection of the Wolf River Watershed from the impacts of metallic sulfide mining, as spelled out in the boards resolution #15-2020.

**POST LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT BOARD**

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John R. Steber, Chairperson

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Phil McGraph, Secretary

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Tim Prunty, Treasurer

Adopted by the Post Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board: August 8, 2020

