

**Post Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District
Commissioners Quarterly Meeting, May 22, 2021
Minutes**

1. The PLP&RD commissioners' quarterly meeting was held in-person at the PLIA Pavilion on May 22, 2021. Chairperson John Steber called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. Commissioners present for the meeting: John Steber, John Raisleger, Andy Joswiak, Jeff McKinney, Tim Prunty, and Phil McGrath. Steve Brettingen -Bookkeeper, was present. There was no one in the audience.
2. The Minutes from the March 27, 2021, Quarterly meeting were distributed to the commissioners in advance. Edits to the first draft had been submitted prior to this meeting. One change was made during the discussion and the Minutes were approved.
3. The Treasurer's report was presented by Steve Brettingen, the PLP&RD's bookkeeper. Balances as of April 30th: \$88,076.40 for Total Assets; \$89,045.80 Total Equity; \$48,695.43 Total Income; \$9,649.63 for Total Expenses. In the discussion that followed:
 - a. Income carry-over from 2020 was \$18,908.22, slightly less than anticipated in the budget.
 - b. The Lake Management Plan study reimbursement from the grant is pending. John Steber is managing this process to completion.
 - c. The annual audit of the books will be completed by Tim Prunty prior to the annual meeting in August.

A motion was made and approved, as submitted, for the Treasurer's report.

4. New Business

- a. A motion was made and carried to fund the REGI presentation made at the PLIA's Memorial Day weekend events. The amount was in the sum of \$183.00. It was noted the PLIA and PLP&RD alternate years for funding this presentation.
- b. Preparation for the district's 2021 Annual Meeting in August: Steve and Tim are preparing the budget. There was a brief discussion on proposed spending to be included in the budget. Phil is in contact with Clermont Printing (Antigo) on handling the district's mailer announcing the annual meeting. The target date for the mailer to go out, July 15th. Articles must be submitted to John Steber and Phil by close of business July 12th.

5. Old Business

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Boat Landing Committee** – John Steber led the discussion.
 - i. John reported that the federal grant application for improvements at the Upper Post, South Shore Landing which was submitted in November 2020 was not approved. DNR officials provided two recommendations to help improve the districts next grant application, which will be due in December

- of 2021. 1.) the boat landings per boat usage donation, currently at \$1.00, should be changed to a \$3.00 fee. The DNR officials who review the grant applications put considerable value on the users having skin in the game. 2.) DNR officials also recommended that the district better document the extent of the washout problem at the end of the boat ramp. John noted that only one project in the state of Wisconsin received funding during the last go round of awarding federal grant monies for these types of projects. John is planning to reapply for the Federal grant again this fall (2021). A grant application for additional state funding will also be submitted in the fall.
- ii. A motion was made for the messaging on the signs at the three boat landings be updated to reflect the usage charge be changed from a \$1.00 donation to a \$3.00 fee. The motion carried.
 - iii. A general discussion followed on the impact to the budget for improvements to the Upper Post South Shore boat landing, determining a scope of this project, and ways of communicating the plans to the public. Mention will be made in the district's annual newsletter next month and at the annual meeting it will be on the agenda. Steve and Tim will address potential impact to the district's budget, when preparing for 2022.
 - iv. John Steber and Andy Joswiak informed the other commissioners that in April, a group of volunteers performed grounds maintenance duties and installed new signage at all three boat landings. For the record, the commissioners all say thank you to the volunteers, who gave their time and talent to the project, so that it was completed prior to opening day for fishing. Andy commented he is going to collect the old signs that are at the boat landings.
- b. **Lake Management Committee** – John Steber passed out a brochure on the curly-leaf pondweed, which is an invasive species. Curly-leaf Pondweed has been chemically treated on Upper Post in the past. It appears in the May-June time period, so he cautioned us all to be on the look-out. There was mention of this in the recently released Lake Management Plan.
 - c. **Weed Harvesting** – John Raisleger reported planning is underway for the 2021 season. A request for volunteers was placed in the PLIA Newsletter. Maintenance for the machinery was mentioned, but nothing unusual was anticipated.
 - d. **Lake Safety** – Andy Joswiak reported buoy placement was completed this spring. There was a brief discussion on the placement locations. Andy will adjust placements as needed, when reported to him.
 - e. **Dam Management** – John Steber led an extensive discussion on the hiring for the position of Dam Tender.
 - i. John created and presented a proposed Dam Tender/Boat Landing Maintenance Manual. It is an accumulation of all the documents available for the Dam Tender and boat landing responsibilities. It was distributed to all the commissioners for their review. It will eventually be accessible on the district's website.

