

Not Approved

**Post Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District
Commissioners Quarterly Meeting, August 7, 2021
Minutes**

1. The PLP&RD commissioners' quarterly meeting was held in-person at the PLIA Building on August 7, 2021. Chairperson John Steber called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Commissioners present for the meeting: John Steber, Andy Joswiak, Jeff McKinney, Tim Prunty, and Phil McGrath. 17 attendees were present.
2. The Minutes from the May 22, 2021, Quarterly meeting were distributed to the commissioners in advance. Edits to the first draft had been submitted prior to this meeting. The Minutes were approved with no additional changes.
3. The Treasurer's report was presented by Tim Prunty, Treasurer for PLP&RD. Balances as of June 30th: \$84,271.24 for Total Assets; \$84,271.24 Total Liabilities & Equity; \$49,096.41 Total Income; \$14,855.77 for Total Expenses. In the discussion that followed:
 - a. Tim led the discussion. He made mention that 70% of the tax receipts had already been collected.

A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's report, as submitted for the meeting,

4. New Business

Upper Post South Shore Landing Improvements – John Steber led this discussion and shared the attached document, *Upper Post Lake South Shore Landing Improvements 8.7.2021*, with the board members and attendees. This discussion was intended to disseminate information and address questions regarding the project. At the Annual meeting, to be held immediately following this one, a vote will be taken on the impact to the 2022 Annual Budget.

Attendees and Board Members participated in the discussion and these topics were reviewed:

- Clarification of the handicap accessibility requirements
- Importance of adhering to the state grant application process and timing (The State will review the RBF grant applications on Aug. 10, 2021)
- John Steber cautioned there should be low expectations for being awarded federal SFR grant monies. Those monies are awarded later in the year.
- MSA Engineering has provided a preliminary estimate of \$284,000 for the renovation of the boat landing. Below are two funding options that may be available to the Lake District.
 - **Funding Option #1**
 - PLP&RD share of the project \$142,000
 - State RBF grant \$142,000
 - Total Cost \$284,000

- **Funding Option #2**

- PLP&RD share of the project \$ 42,000
- State (RBF) Grant \$142,000
- Federal (SFR) Grant \$100,000(We are not likely to obtain this grant)
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There was no vote taken, but the general feeling after the discussion was positive for moving forward. No further action was taken. A vote will take place at the Annual Meeting.

5. Old Business

- a. None discussed

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Boat Landing Committee** – John Steber led the discussion. He reported that new signage was being prepared to address the new fees to launch a boat, \$3.00. Current signage reads, a \$1.00 Donation and that will be updated to read, a \$3.00 Fee. The new signage will be installed during the month of August. It was noted that the fee increase was approved at the boards May 22, 2021, meeting. The decision to increase the fee followed a recommendation from DNR officials. The increased fee will improve the districts future grant applications, for boat landing improvements. All boat landing fees collected will be used for future boat landing improvements. There were no comments during this discussion.
- b. **Lake Management Committee** – John Steber led this discussion. The current Comprehensive Lake Management Plan (CLMP) can be accessed via the website. The (CLMP) will be up for review in 5 years but it is likely that only a Plant Survey and Lake Use Survey will be needed at that time. John reminded everyone that it is the districts responsibility to action as necessary to maintain the quality of the lakes. It was noted that in recent years there has been observed a continuing reduction in weed levels on Lower Post.
An attendee reported that there is a log, that is a hazard for boaters, at the mouth of the river at the north end of Upper Post. John said we will investigate and act, as needed.
- c. **Weed Harvesting** – John Raisleger issued a written reported stating that volunteer crew has come to life. We have 8 people actively engaged. They have been cutting areas of dense weeds 1 - 2 days per week. The equipment has been operating fine. The fuel tank was checked over by Scott Allaire and is working. The tank is now at the landing so that the equipment can be filled. As normal practice we will look to clean the equipment up and return it to winter storage in late August / early September.
- d. **Lake Safety** – Andy Joswiak led this discussion and reported on general maintenance completed this year regarding the buoys.
- e. **Dam Management** – John Steber led this discussion. Rob Eberly was introduced as the new Dam Tender, as of July 1. John thanked Ken West for his 12 years of service as previous Dam Tender. There were comments from the attendees regarding the

current water level for both Upper and Lower Post. John Steber outlined how water levels are managed...the DNR sets the lake level, and the district must maintain it at those levels. It was suggested that we reach out to the DNR to ask them to review the current lake level requirements, since it has probably been a long time since they were set.

Coordinator Position updates

- a. **Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network** – No Report
- b. **Website Development** – No Report

6. Non-action items that can legally be discussed

- a. Ross Meyer, a resident on Lower Post, was given the floor to report on an issue by his lake front property, near the narrows entering Peter's Pocket. He reported that throughout the summer jet skiers drive recklessly through the area at high speed. Ross detailed one incident where the jet skier came very close to him and his son, driving between the two of them while they were swimming. Ross asked that we take action to mitigate the high-speed traffic in the area. John Steber agreed to add this to the agenda next quarterly commissioner's meeting, Dec. 4th.

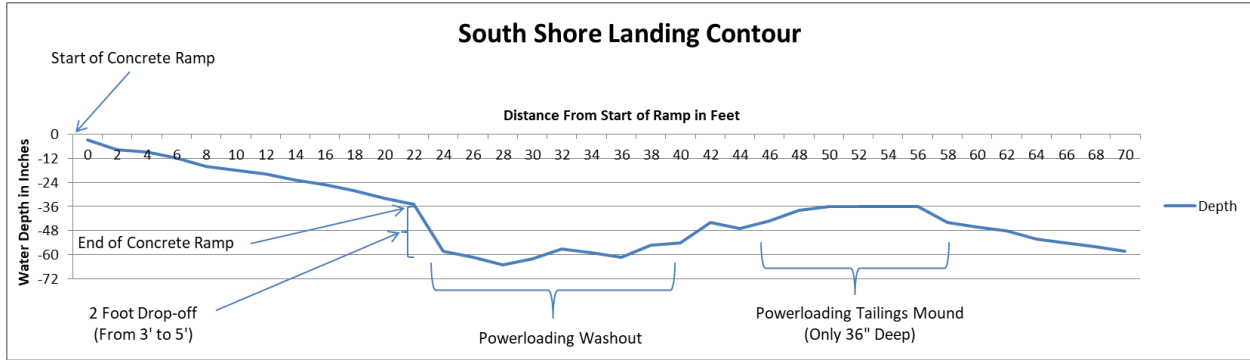
7. Next quarterly meeting date:

- December 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.in the PLIA Building

8. This meeting was adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

UPPER POST LAKE SOUTH SHORE LANDING IMPROVEMENTS (August 7, 2021)

ISSUES WITH THE LAUNCH AREA



1. The launch has an 18' to 20' long washout at the lake side end of the concrete ramp. This washout is caused by people power loading boats onto their trailers. The washout drops from 3 feet at the end of the concrete ramp to more than 5 feet in depth. The washed-out materials have been deposited in a 20-foot long tailings mound, located approximately 40 feet from shore. This tailing mound has a depth of as little as 3 feet. Please see the contour mapping above. Boat trailers have been known to get hung up on the ramp drop-off and boat motors props often hit the tailings mound.
2. Each year winter Ice pushes the existing concrete boat ramp further and further onto shore. The Town of Elcho maintenance staff has been able to manage this issue by adding gravel to the front of the ramp to smooth out the ramps transition to the gravel approach.
3. There presently is no rain runoff management from the slope of the boat landing. The DNR will require an engineered runoff management plan should any major reconstruction take place.
4. The lake is required to have at least one boat launch that meets ADA accessibility standards. Post Lake presently does not have a launch that meets ADA standards. The South Shore Landing has been designated as the lakes ADA accessible landing. The DNR will require an engineered plan for ADA accessibility for any major boat launch improvements.

MAJOR IMPROVEMENT OPTIONS

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Other Possible Options

1. Do nothing and wait until problems become unmanageable.
2. Fill-in the washout area with 6” to 24” clean quarry stone and remove the tailings pile. There would be no DNR permit required should the Lake District elect to manually remove the tailings pile with hand shovels and pails (No Excavating Equipment). If excavation equipment is to be used to remove the tailing pile a DNR Dredging Permit would be required at a cost of \$303. This approach does not address the runoff management issues, the ADA issues, or the ice push issue.