

Approved
Post Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District
Commissioners Quarterly Meeting, December 10, 2022
Minutes

1. **The PLP&RD commissioners' quarterly meeting** was held at the PLIA Building on December 10, 2022. Chairperson John Steber called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Commissioners present for the meeting: John Steber, Jeff McKinney, Tim Prunty, John Raisleger, Andy Joswiak, Ronn Krueger and Phil McGrath. Also in the audience were Al Wendorf -President PLIA, Steve Brettingen, Bookkeeper for PLP&RD and Ralph Eberle (Dam Tender).
2. **Approval of previous meetings Minutes:**
 - A. August 6, 2022, Quarterly commissioner's meeting – The Minutes were distributed to the commissioners in advance. Edits had been submitted prior to this meeting. A motion to approve the Quarterly Minutes was passed with no additional changes.
 - B. August 6, 2022, Annual District meeting - Edits had been submitted prior to this meeting. There was no discussion. The Annual meeting Minutes will be submitted for approval at the 2023 Annual Meeting.
3. **Review of Recent Correspondence.** No correspondence submitted.
4. **The Treasurer's report** was presented by Steve Brettingen, Bookkeeper and Tim Prunty, Treasurer.
 - A. Year to date balances as of November 30, 2022: \$92,561.80 for Total Assets; \$92,561.80 for Total Liabilities & Equity; \$103,831.41 Total Income; 31,315.51 for Total Expenses.
 - B. In the discussion that followed, Steve highlighted the boat fees for the year will total close \$3,000.00. Approximately 70% of the fees were collected at the Upper Post South Shore landing. A discussion followed around a bigger box for the South Shore landing and possibly moving the South Shore Box to the West Shore landing. Andy is going to check with a welder in town.
 - C. A discussion followed on the budget, which is ending the year in good shape. Expenses are positively impacted by the carry-over from the Lake Study, lower Weed Harvesting expenses and the Boat Landing project not hitting in 2022.
 - D. A motion was passed to approve the Treasurer's report, as submitted.
5. **Old Business**
 - A. **None discussed**

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Boat Landing Committee** – John Steber provided this report.
 - A. Upper Post South Shore Boat Landing project discussion
 1. A survey of the boat landing property was completed, identifying a minor encroachment. This encroachment will not affect the renovation project. Any follow action would be the responsibility of the Town of Elcho. The cost for the survey-(\$2,400), which is a project expenses.
 2. An on-sight archeological study was completed October 29th, as required by the DNR. The recommendation was distributed to various entities that this project can go forward. If human bones are uncovered, the project could be halted. The cost was \$1,300, a project expense.
 3. MSA (District consultant) is on track to request bids for the project in early January. At the recommendation from MSA, we are not requesting a specific start date. Leaving the date open, allows the contractors more flexibility and possibly lower rates. The project is targeted to start after Memorial Day.
 4. After the bids are received a Board of Commissioners meeting (open to the public) will be called to review and then vote for approval of one of the bids. Because there will be a quick turnaround to schedule the meeting, it may go to a Zoom format.
 5. MSA latest cost estimate for the project was submitted in August 2022, at \$308,870.00. The district has funds listed below designated for the project:
 - I. State Rec Boating grant (RBF) of \$141,831
 - II. Fed Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) for \$113,500
 - III. BCPL Loan - \$100,000
 - IV. Total funds available - \$355,331
 6. A communication plan will be created to inform users of the boat landing's closure and of other options available during the project work. We will review this at our March meeting.
- b. **Lake Management Committee** – John Steber reported that scheduling a meeting with the DNR, PLIA and PLP&RD is still a work in progress. The meeting will be to discuss the condition of the fishery on Post Lakes and the public will be invited.
- c. **Weed Harvesting** – John Raisleger gave the report
 - A. The 2022 season was a success and John thanked the volunteers and Town of Elcho for their service throughout the year. He submitted an article for the PLIA winter newsletter.
 - B. The harvester was pulled out of the water the end of September and John is completing general maintenance. The Transporter (not used in 2022) has a new winch and it is available for use in 2023.
 - C. John Steber commented the district is working with a three-year Weed Harvesting permit, and we will need to apply for a new permit in 2024.

- d. **Lake Safety** – Andy Joswiak gave the report.
 - A. The buoys were removed in October. Andy is completing general maintenance to the buoys, boat trailer, etc.
- e. **Dam Management** – John Steber gave the report.
 - A. Ralph Eberle (Dam Tender) was acknowledged for taking the initiative to repair the chain link fence at the dam that had been broken for a long period of time.
 - B. John Steber said an engineering study will need to be scheduled for 2025. A DNR engineering study will take place in 2027.
- f. **Coordinator Position updates**
 - A. **Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network** –Andy Joswiak had no report
 - B. **Website Development** – Phil McGrath reported
 - 1. Paper files are now current and available in the office
 - 2. Phil plans to attend the Wisconsin Lakes conference (April 21-23, 2023) to get an update on the current status of the web resource offered through the LakeKits program.
- g. **New Business** –
 - A. Al Wendorf gave an overview of the project underway on Town of Elcho property in the channel for creation nature center with a pier. No action is required for the PLP&RD.
- h. **Non-action items that can legally be discussed** –
 - A. None
- i. **Meeting Schedule Approved for 2023**
 - A. PLIA Building, starting at 9:00 a.m.:
 - 1. March 18 - Quarterly
 - 2. May 20 - Quarterly
 - 3. August 5 - Quarterly & Annual
 - 4. December 2 - Quarterly
- j. **Adjourn** This meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.