

## **Crescent Lake District**

### **Annual Meeting of Electors / Owners – 08/30/25**

The Crescent Lake District (CLD) Annual Meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. at the Crescent Town Hall. CLD Commissioners Tim Kilgore, Dave Schwanz, Jim Solinsky, Dennis Southworth, Suzanne Mooney, Linnaea Newman, and Maria Rudesill were present. Also present were 32 attendees, 28 of which were electors/owners. This meeting was properly posted according to Chapter 33 and Open Meeting laws.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Linnaea Newman, Alan Janssen seconded, motion PASSED.

Motion to approve the minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting was made by Donna Stone, Mike Pazdernik seconded, motion PASSED.

Chairman Tim opened by sharing that the Commissioners continue to focus on AIS/EWM, which was the purpose for which the District was created. Tim introduced the Commissioners to the electorate, reviewed the Mission Statement, and reminded that while our current focus is EWM, there are other invasive species that could be added to the focus of the District. He pointed out how fortunate we are that the EWM treatments have been successful, allowing us all use of the lake. Tim also reminded the attendees that we need to continue volunteering through the Clean Boats / Clean Waters program so that any hours can be used for grants. Tim also thanked the Crescent Lake Association for their support.

Terry Goldbach, spokesman for the Response Team thanked the group for continued monitoring of the lake to keep track of the EWM. He asked that anyone on the lake contact the Response Team if they see something new or questionable. Terry shared that we should feel blessed that we are at a good point in our EWM treatments, where the plant may not be going away, but it can be managed. He commented that we are very close to the point we were before EWM hit hard. Terry described a series of maps showing EWM locations over the past year and into the present. DASH covered five locations indicated by the most recent plant survey. There were 10 bags pulled, which isn't much. In Summer 2025, we were able to treat 31 acres by the boat landing and the treatment was mostly successful. Terry went on to explain the difference between a meander and point-intercept survey, of which the DNR prefers the point-intercept. Because of our mapping history and system, our District is further ahead in sophistication when it comes to monitoring and treating EWM. Susan pointed out that treatment is expensive and not all lakes have the funding that our District has, making it difficult to treat their lake. Tim reiterated that we have a wealth of support and advice from our suppliers, as well as the tax support, which makes it possible to keep Crescent Lake healthy. Dave reminded the group that ProcellaCore is our best choice. Harvesters chop it up and the pieces go downstream into other lakes. Tim also said that part of our success is in keeping contact with other Lake Districts.

For 2026, we have five days of DASH in the budget due to the map results. Right now, we don't need to do a lot. A spring survey will determine if we need to apply for a treatment permit, but it will most likely be denied due to low density. If it happens to expand, a greater density may get us a permit.

Jim reviewed the 2025 budget while showing how it impacts the 2026 budget. He explained that our goal is to be prepared for "what if's". Having \$150,000 – 175,000 in funds is a comfortable place where we can respond to whatever is found in the spring survey.

A motion to approve the 2026 budget as presented was made by Alan Janssen and seconded by Cindy Hermel. The vote was 27 for, and zero against, with one person abstaining. The motion passed.

Dave Schwanz was re-elected for a Commissioner seat, 28 votes for, zero against.

Public comment followed:

Fred Reckner – Thank you to the Commissioners for their efforts.

Alan Janssen – spoke about his record-keeping on lake health for the DNR and asked the District to consider paying to replace one of his tools. This request will be added to the next regular meeting agenda.

Mike Pasdernik – asked a follow up question to Alan Janssen regarding the historical data of the lake.

Donna Stone – invited electors to the CLA Fall Member Meeting in October, where the DNR would be the featured speaker.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, CLD Secretary (10/13/25)

Approved by CLD Owners (TBD)