

## **Crescent Lake District**

### **Regular Commissioners Meeting – 01/10/23**

A Regular Meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 6:03 p.m. on Zoom. The meeting notices were posted as required. Attendance included Commissioners Tim Kilgore, Jim Ketterson, Dave Schwanz, and Maria Rudesill. Commissioner Bob Thome was absent. Members of the public included Terry Goldbach, CLD AIS Response Team Coordinator, and Jim Gehrke.

Dave motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Jim seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Dave motioned to approve the minutes from the October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting. Tim seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Public comment included a comment from Jim Gehrke thanking Terry and the Response Team for the work to bring a consensus together for a treatment plan.

There were no Chairperson comments.

In the Treasurer's Report, Jim K shared that we have a balance of \$8,083.03. We are waiting for a reimbursement from the DNR grant and a refund from the Workman's Compensation policy.

There was no discussion on the County Report. Commissioners were instructed to contact Bob directly if they had any questions.

The Crescent Lake District subcommittee, the AIS/EWM Response Team made a recommendation that the CLD sell the DASH Boat, due to lack of volunteers, available divers, and the reduced amount of EWM making the DASH Boat less necessary. Maria moved to authorize Terry and the Response Team to sell the DASH Boat. Jim seconded the motion. Motioned PASSED. Dave and Tim both offered a trailer to help haul the DASH Boat to its new location, if needed. It was suggested to contact Squash Lake first and then place the information out on the Lake District network. The Response Team is taking the lead on researching the value and finding a buyer.

The Response Team also presented the results of our Fall Plant Survey. It shows none to very small amounts of EWM in the treatment areas. This is a great success! The report also showed that the vast majority of the native plants were not affected OR moved into areas where the EWM was destroyed, increasing their numbers. The full report will be available on the CLD website shortly.

A recommendation for the 2023 Treatment plan was also made by the Response Team. They recommended treating the shoreline area by the Boat Landing, as this had the largest (yet still small in comparison to previous years) amount of EWM shown in the Fall survey. The permit request will be made in 4-5 sections, about 20 acres total, allowing the DNR flexibility in what they approve, as they have indicated they may not be comfortable with treating the whole area. The final treatment area map will be created with help from Aquatic Biologists to ensure depth, acreage and confirmed GPS points. Jim confirmed that the estimated amount of funding for this plan fell within the budget. Tim motioned to submit the permit request as described, with sections A-E, with fine tuning as needed. Jim seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Terry reminded the Commissioners that we could see a resurgence, even though the last two treatment years provided significant reduction of EWM. It would be wise to put aside funds so that we can respond in a strong way to any future threat. He also shared that the necessary public announcement for the permit has been placed in the paper.

Maria reminded the Commissioners to submit paperwork and reports to her or to the Google Drive to ensure record retention and reference goals are met. Dave reminded the group that the CB/CW paperwork needs to be retained for 6 years.

The Clean Boats / Clean Waters grant application was submitted for 2023. The DNR Established Grant application will be considered for September 2023.

To further educate lake residents, it was decided to put the list of Top 10 plants found in Crescent Lake on the website and a link to the online UWSP identification guide to help with plant identification. Maria offered to send this material to the webmaster.

Discussion on the long-term, large lake survey and treatment opportunity was tabled.

The CLD will meet on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 via ZOOM for their next regular meeting. A Regular Meeting on July 6, 2023 @ 6:00 p.m. will be in-person at the Town Hall. The Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for August 19, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, CLD Secretary (01/13/23)

Approved by CLD Commissioners (4/11/23)