

Crescent Lake District

Regular Commissioners Meeting – 10/04/2022

A Regular Meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 6:05 p.m. on Zoom. The meeting notices were posted as required. Attendance included Tim Kilgore, Jim Ketterson, Bob Thome, Dave Schwanz, and Maria Rudesill. Members of the public included Terry Goldbach, CLD AIS Response Team Coordinator.

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

Dave motioned to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2022 Special Meeting. Bob seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Public comment included an email from a concerned lake resident that wanted the CLD to consider providing education regarding proper pontoon etiquette.

There were no Chairperson comments.

In the Treasurer's Report, Jim K shared that we have made the \$7,500 payment to Aquatic Plant Management for the EWM spot treatment. This leaves our account balance at \$22,705.35. The books will be reviewed soon by Sherriff Grady. Submitting the approved budget to the State of WI will take place within the next few days. Jim touched base with Dave regarding switching the grant responsibilities from Cindy and Jim to Dave. Dave has been in communication with Jim and will reach out to Cindy. Terry indicated that Cindy is working on the reimbursements. The pre-application for CBCW is due in November.

Bob shared the Oneida County Report with the CLD Board. Areas of concern are the changes in the ambulance service with Aspirus, the availability of Broadband fibers to local towns, and a 1.7-million-dollar deficit in the budget, which reflects changes to the pay rates of county employees. Tim asked about the Town / City conversation regarding the land near the golf course. Bob said that the annexation project is on pause as the employee heading it is no longer there. Tim also asked about the new motorcross / dirt bike park being put in near the Crescent yard waste / dump. Bob explained that the town is seeking ways to encourage people to visit Rhinelander via new recreation opportunities.

The CLD Board agreed that the current format of the Annual meeting seemed to work well. There is no need to change dates or times.

Tim asked for ideas on how to share the news of the successful EWM treatment with owners. The website has places for updates like these. Tim asked Terry if he would write a couple paragraph summary to be placed on the website. Terry agreed and asked for input from the others.

Tim asked the CLD Board if it should be concerned with the sodium levels in the lake as part of the mission to protect the health and welfare of the lake. Terry believes that the information could be useful and that the company who does the plant survey could possibly do them. Bob shared his experience with Lake Julia's testing and said that the kit is only \$25.00. The commissioners agreed that it was worth testing to create a baseline for future use. Jim suggested education as well, due to the fact that some people discharge their softener salt water onto their yards, which could run into the lake.

In response to the Oneida County Land and Water Grant on classifying and protecting lakes from enhanced wakes, Tim recommended we avoid expanding the CLD's efforts into areas outside of our stated mission, which has the focus of AIS control. Dave agreed. Jim said our mission statement does give us the latitude if we ever need to expand. Maria reminded the Board that we work in response to the owners and their collective decisions. Tim summed it up by saying that he would rather endorse education, not regulation.

It was decided that all CLD documents and specific support documents, like treatment data prior to CLD beginning, are to be stored electronically on Google Drive folder accessible by the CLD Board. Terry will get Maria his past documents for upload.

The discussion on the larger lake survey and the whole lake treatment was delayed.

Tim asked the CLD Board if there were quality photos of our native and invasive plants that could be uploaded onto the website for reference. Several documents are available from UW Stevens Point with identification photos and descriptions. The plant survey will tell us which ones are relevant to Crescent Lake. This ties into owner education.

Tim discussed the need for continual recruitment of volunteers and asked the Commissioners to keep that thought in mind while talking to neighbors. We will need people to step up to continue the work of CLD over the next years.

The CLD will meet on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 via ZOOM for their next regular meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, CLD Secretary (10/06/22)

Approved by CLD Board of Commissioners (01/10/23)