

CRESCENT LAKE DISTRICT

Regular Commissioners Meeting – 03/31/26

A regular meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 6:00 p.m. The meeting notices were posted as required. Attendance included Commissioners Tim Kilgore, Jim Solinsky, Dave Schwanz, Dennis Southworth, Linnaea Newman, and Suzanne Mooney (arrived at 7:00 p.m.), and Maria Rudesill. Terry Goldbach was present as the CLD AIS Response Team Coordinator. Members of the public in attendance were Donna Stone, Jim Gehrke, Ryan Peterson, John Knutson, and Amy Peterson.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Linnaea, seconded by Dave. Motion PASSED.

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from August 12, 2025 was made by Linnaea. Dennis seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes from August 30, 2025 was made by Dennis. Jim seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Tim thanked the commissioners and members of the public for taking the time to attend the meeting. He pointed out that the last time we gathered was seven months ago, so the goal of this meeting was to regroup, remind ourselves of the mission set by the Annual Meeting, and start thinking about summer.

Jim shared the Treasurers Report, including the final numbers of 2025. Those financials were sent, reviewed, and approved by Grady Hartman. We currently have funds sitting in a checking account and a local money market, with the largest number of funds sitting in the LGIP (Local Government Investment Pool) with the state of Wisconsin. This fund earned 3.69% (February), which is currently much higher than a typical money market or savings account. We have also received the first tax installment (\$17,586) and funds from the CBCW program. The total funds estimated for the end of March is \$184,000.00.

Terry updated the Board on the treatment plan for 2026. The intention at this time is to request permission for five days of DASH, submit a treatment permit request for the south end of Crescent Lake, and see if we get approved. We will need Fall maps submitted for both the DASH and treatment request. Spring survey will happen after permits are submitted.

There was no public comment.

Dave updated us on the CBCW status. The grant was approved, the deposit is in, and we are looking for a new Volunteer Coordinator. Dave will write up an email to send to the owners and post on the website. Tim will call a meeting when we have information to move forward.

Tim updated us on the current status of the enhanced wake-boat legislation. No law or changes were made before the end of the legislative session. This means that the current local ordinances stand as they were. It does not seem that the current Crescent ordinance has been approved by the DNR. (Tim was unable to get a call back from the Township). If that is true,

there is currently no ordinance in place for Crescent Lake.

Discussion was had on Alan Jansenn's (spelling) request for purchasing equipment to continue water testing on the lake. This would be a continuation of testing from several decades. It is possible to hire a firm from Crandon to test the lake water annually. The Board was in support of continuing to monitor and track the lake water data as it could be useful in the future. No motion was made on this topic.

Tim expressed his concern and encouragement to start / continue reaching out to younger lake owners to get involved in the care of the lake through the Response Team or the CLD. He encouraged the Board to have conversations as losing our current volunteers will run the risk of losing the knowledge we have on the lake history.

Amy and Ryan Peterson shared a concern on future lake use with the Board. In the event that the Bible Camp ceases operations, how does the lake protect itself from having too many boats / docks / slips if the property is purchased by a developer or large commercial venture. There is an ordinance that controls the number of slips / docks on a given property, but is this enough to keep Crescent Lake from being negatively impacted? The Board suggested researching current ordinances, what similar lakes are doing, whether the CLD can enact / enforce an ordinance, is this a zoning issue, do we have a legal foundation, etc. To investigate this could cost up to \$50,000, if hiring a legal firm. Tim will ask County Counsel for input. Dennis Southworth suggested reaching out to the Land Use Department.

Donna shared with the Board a history book project that the Crescent Lake Association will be taking on. Their goal is to work with an author to bring together stories, data and other historical information to create a book to be available to our lake community.

The next meeting will be set based on the results of the permit applications and Spring survey report.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, CLD Secretary (04/07/26)

Approved by the CLD Board (TBD)