

Crescent Lake District

Regular Commissioners Meeting – 04/11/22

A Regular Meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 6:01 p.m., on ZOOM and in-person at Crescent Lake Bible Camp. The meeting notices were posted as required. ZOOM attendance included CLD Commissioners Tim Kilgore and Jim Gehrke. In-person attendance included Jim Ketterson, Bob Thome, and Maria Rudesill. Members of the public included Wendy Goldbach – CLD Volunteer, Terry Goldbach – CLD AIS Response Team Coordinator, and Sue Thome.

Jim G motioned to approve the meeting agenda, at the Chairperson's discretion. Bob seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Jim G motioned to approve the minutes from the January 11, 2022 Regular Meeting. Jim K seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Bob motioned to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2022 Special Meeting. Jim G seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

There was no public comment.

As Chairperson, Tim noted that this is the seventh District meeting and we are improving every time. He believes we are focused on the work requested of us by the lake owners. He encouraged people to check out the website, as it contains the agendas, minutes, state statutes, AIS plan, and other information related to the decisions of the CLD Board. He feels this is great for continued transparency. He welcomes ideas to expand the website. He congratulated Bob on his win for the County Board seat and has drafted a letter to Tracy Hartman to retain Bob as our County-appointee. Tim thanked him for his experience and knowledge. Bob requested that Tim also send the letter to Michelle Sadauskas of Oneida County Land and Water Conservation.

In the Treasurer's Report, Jim K shared that there was \$806.67 left over from the 2021 Start-up budget which carried over into the 2022 approved budget. The original estimate was \$950.00. Of the \$86,127.00 of budgeted revenue, CLD has received \$82,615.37, which includes a non-budgeted \$25,000 gift from the Crescent Lake Association (CLA). We have spent \$1,621.25 as we begin the AIS permit application process. That leaves us with a current balance of \$81,800.79, with \$28,512.00 yet to arrive from the County in mid-August. Jim K clarified the ZOOM account payments, which resulted in an underpayment for Tim's reimbursement. Tim does not want the balance. The finances will be audited prior to the Annual Meeting by Grady Hartman.

Bob presented his Oneida County report, with the follow-up questions on the waste transfer station (this is no longer moving forward) and the Shoreline Protection Act 200 which has been signed into law. Act 200 defines access / viewing corridors.

Terry gave an update on the AIS recommendations for 2022 treatment. The CLD has requested treatment for the following areas: Wausau Bay (14 acres), Tony's Bay (21 acres), Radke Bay (24 acres), South Shore (7 acres), with an additional one (1) acre corner to finish off the South Shore. This is a total of 67 acres, which is the largest treatment request to date. The DNR can approve it all, reject it all, or approve

anywhere in between. We are currently waiting for a response from the DNR. They have to follow up within 15 days of the permit request, so Terry will be contacting them shortly, if necessary.

To help lake owners understand the treatment plan in relation to the approved budget, the Board designated specific funding sources for each area. As of right now, assuming 100% approval of the DNR permits, Tony's Bay will be covered by the CLA gift, with the remainder of the treatment areas to be funded by the tax revenue. The DNR grant that was transferred from the CLA to the CLD will be used to cover the administrative costs allowed within the grant. This will change if the DNR does not give 100% approval.

A letter will be sent regarding the DNR-approved treatment plan to all lake owners as soon as the permits are approved. The letter will be emailed, mailed, and placed on the website. Shortly before treatment, a second letter with dates and instructions will be sent to those owners whose property is directly affected by the treatment. This is the same process that has been used in years past.

Jim G updated the group on the DASH boat. He is still in discussion with Diehl Insurance to finalize the coverage for 2022. We are in need of divers, so discussion turned to recruitment efforts, pay, and how to handle payment to the divers. A suggestion was made to add a component to the website to help with signing up divers/volunteers, but it was determined to not investigate that until we had divers to work with. Jim K is reaching out to a local accounting firm for information on cost and Jim G will check on Workers Compensation insurance and if we need to add additional insurance for the Jones Act.

The AIS Response Team was not ready to present a short-term or long-term plan, as many members are not back in the area yet. Tim moved that the AIS Team be ready with a recommended plan by the July 5th meeting. Bob seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Tim motioned to authorize Jim K to repay the original CLA \$4,000.00 loan. Jim G seconded. The motion PASSED.

Jim K identified several areas that need to be considered as we look at the 2023 Budget. These included an increased cost in mailings, contingency fund for unexpected expenses, the cost of storing items, increased payroll and insurance costs, as well as setting money aside for a possible larger treatment plan. The budget would not assume grants for the future. The Board would like a solid plan after the July 5th meeting, based on AIS Response Team recommendations.

Tim and Donna, president of the CLA, discussed presenting the CLD treatment plan at the CLA May meeting. Tim wants to be sure we are clear on the roles between CLA and CLD. The presentation must focus on present / approved 2022 plans and not future plans. It cannot be an open forum with questions, as it is not a CLD meeting. We need to keep that line very clear so that we don't have any violations of open meeting laws. Maria will still need to post that there will be the potential for a quorum at the CLA May meeting, but that no CLD business will be discussed. People with questions will be directed to email the CLD, check with website, or attend the July 5th meeting.

The discussion for storage for Lake District Materials/Documents centered on where to keep the materials. Bob recommended keeping everything in electronic format in the cloud, that way it was accessible and not dependent on a location connected to a Commissioner. Maria requested a Record

Retention plan to which Bob said he would send her the one used by the County and Squash Lake. This will determine what materials need to be kept and for how long.

Tim will make sure the Town Hall is reserved for the Annual Meeting, which is scheduled for August 20, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

The next meeting is July 5th at 6:00 p.m. with Tim setting reservations for the Town Hall. Future agenda items include:

- Communicating the open commissioner position for nominations
- Formalizing how we want to educate owners
- Communicating volunteer opportunities

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, Secretary (04/13/22)

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