Regular Commissioners Meeting – 04/07/25

A regular meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 6:01 p.m. The meeting notices were posted as required. Attendance included Commissioners Tim Kilgore, Jim Solinsky, Dave Schwanz, Suzanne Mooney, Linnaea Newman, and Maria Rudesill. Commissioner Dennis Southworth was not present. Terry Goldbach was present as the CLD AIS Response Team Coordinator. Kathleen Stifter was present as the new volunteer Clean Boats Clean Waters Overseer. Ray Brzycki attended as a member of the public.

Motion to approve the agenda with adjustments made to the order was made by Dave, seconded by Suzanne. Motion PASSED.

Motion to approve the minutes from October 28, 2024 was made by Dave. Suzanne seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Motion to approve the minutes from November 5, 2024 was made by Linnaea. Jim seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Public comment was moved to the end of the meeting.

Tim commented on the beauty of the lake in the winter, with a special appreciation for the ice thunder that was happing in January. He also shared that his shoreline and others had damage from the ice this winter. He welcomed Kathleen to the group as the new CBCW Overseer. He shared a quick update on the Crescent Township ad-hoc committee's recommendation for wake boats / enhanced surf boats. The meeting where that recommendation (300' from shore, 15" min depth) was to be presented was cancelled due to the close proximity of the Town Board election. He encouraged the group to stay involved in this process. Tim also shared that he had attended a virtual convention for lake boards. There wasn't much on EWM, but he did learn about a few DNR grants that may be helpful in the future. He made the group aware of a six county meeting on lake issues on Friday, July 11, 2025.

Jim gave the Treasurer's report. He reviewed the 2024 Year-end Financials along with the year-to-date 2025 financials. Our final balance at the end of 2024 was predicted to be $176,815. The actual final balance was $178,329. The difference is due to the sale of the DASH Boat and a few items that came in under budget. With the first tax installment, the current balance is $216,155.83, of which $215,646.50 is in a money market account. Jim feels that we are well funded for whatever decisions we need to make for the 2025 treatment season.

Linnaea shared that with the passing of a Planning and Development Committee member, there is no update on the discussion between the County and the DNR regarding restrictions and limitations for shoreline protection.

Terry stated that he was close to sending the permit in to request treatment for the spring. He is waiting for a meeting that will take place on Wednesday between himself, other lake residents, the DNR, and the Tribes Fishery representatives. He shared an idea to replicate the 2022 fathead

minnow study with walleye fry instead to determine if ProcellaCore has an impact on young walleye. The original study showed no significant impact on minnows, but no one is aware of any similar studies being conducted on walleye. This is not an easy study to do, but Terry has and will continue to talk with the DNR, Whitewater Associates, and the Tribes Fishery about the possibility. Terry asked the CLD Board if they would be willing to support such a study financially. The Board encouraged him to talk to the key players about the possibility, but couldn't commit to financial support until the Board has more information. Concerns were expressed about the DNR's disregard of their own 2022 study and if they would use the data from a new study. Tim expressed the need to work with the DNR to help pave the way for a permit to be approved. Terry will turn in the 2025 permit after the meeting on Wednesday and send Maria and Tim a copy of the paperwork.

Dave updated the Board on Kathleen's position, and also shared that Kaylee Brown will be taking on the Coordinator position again this summer. Kathleen will supervise Kaylee as well as work with Ryan Peterson on the CBCW grant paperwork. The CLD has purchased a volunteer software to help with sign-ups this year. It is a Zoom product that only charges $1.00/user. Ryan is prepping the website / software and will offer trainings for the supervisors who will then set up training for the users. Tim suggested reaching out to the CLA to see if a Commissioner can share the new software information during the May member meeting. Maria offered to do that as the CLA is meeting yet this week. Kathleen suggested video-taping the presentation to share on the website. Jim asked Dave to make sure that he gets the appropriate paperwork on Kaylee for payroll, etc.

Kathleen introduced herself. She has many years of project management as a career, has had family on the lake since 1965, and has personally struggled with EWM in front of her home, causing trouble getting her boat out and enjoying the lake. She is excited about the role.

Ray shared during Public Discussion his appreciation for the discussion on EWM, how the fish study seems like a roadblock, but appreciates Terry's work. If a study were to be allowed, he is interested in volunteering.

There are no scheduled upcoming CLD meetings, as the Board will wait to hear back from Terry on his Wednesday meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, CLD Secretary (04/08/25)

Approved by the CLD Board (06/27/25)