

# CRESCENT LAKE DISTRICT

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## Regular Commissioners Meeting – 06/27/25

A regular meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting notices were posted as required. Attendance included Commissioners Tim Kilgore, Jim Solinsky, Dave Schwanz, Suzanne Mooney, Linnaea Newman (via Zoom), Dennis Southworth and Maria Rudesill. Terry Goldbach was present as the CLD AIS Response Team Coordinator. Kathleen Stifter was present as the new volunteer Clean Boats Clean Waters Overseer. Wendy Goldbach, Robn Jensen, Alan Janssen, and Corey Brimacome attended as members of the public.

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

Motion to approve the minutes from April 7, 2025 was made by Suzanne. Jim seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

There were no public comments.

Tim, as Chairperson, shared that even though scheduling can be a bit more difficult since adding the new Commissioners, he is very glad that we made the move to expand from three to five. He indicated that the topics for the meeting were discussions and that it was important to get everyone's input so that a solid plan could be made.

Jim, as Treasurer, went through the budget as of May 31, 2025. Included in this report was the cost of the permit (\$919.38) and half of the cost of chemical treatment (\$21,077.88) for the lake this Spring. The meander lake survey was also completed at a cost of \$5,157.50. The CLD second quarter balance is \$192,888.41 with \$191,721.34 in the Money Market account. Jim also shared that the 2024 audit was completed with Grady Hartman. In Hartman's opinion, the books are in good order and he has no concerns.

Jim presented the State Government Investment Pool program to the Commissioners. This program is developed for local governments looking to invest in a fund that pays higher interest than the current Money Market accounts. The original rate of 4.3% expired for the current money market and is currently sitting at 2.1%. The SGI pool is in excess of one billion dollars, so any changes will not impact our contribution much at all. The interest rate is 4.3%. Jim feels comfortable shifting our savings into this pool, especially as most of our expenses will be done by October, allowing those funds to sit in the pool until mid-Spring. Jim would continue to keep \$10,000 or so in the current Money Market as well.

Dennis moved to authorize Jim to proceed with participation in the State Fund with an investment up to \$200,000.00, with the actual amount at the discretion of the Treasurer. Suzanne seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Tim and Jim presented the rough draft budget for the August Annual Meeting. The numbers are all projections as we are unable to know exactly what expenses will be due to the timing of the budget due date. After much discussion, the current rough draft recommends numbers that

allow the District to replenish what will be most likely spent in 2026 while lowering the mil rate up to a 28.5% decrease from the 2024 rate. This plan also allows the District to maintain the reserve funds in case of increase growth and treatment needs.

Linnaea did not have anything to present for the Oneida County report.

Terry, as part of the AIS Response Team, shared that after surveying the treated areas, there was nothing to be found. This was a successful treatment in the area near the Boat Landing that should last for 3-4 years. It only used 12 gallons of chemical. The dead material sinks to the bottom of the lake, which can get complicated with sediment issues.

Tim shared a response he gave to an owner question regarding the recent increase of dead panfish washing up to shore in relation to the treatment. Tim responded that there is no research to suggest that there is a risk to the habitat. However, there is an increase in panfishing by local fisherman which suggests that the smaller fish may have been tossed back injured, creating the increase in dead fish.

Terry is working to bring a ProcellaCor speaker to the CLA Annual Meeting in July to help with questions such as that.

Terry shared that the DASH permit was approved, so there will be three days scheduled in early August. They will go back to the same area as last year. He is recommending that the Board consider 5 days of DASH for 2026.

Tim asked how information such as EWM locations and such is collected. The Response Team has at least two members who are fishing the whole lake, so they are very aware of what is happening out there. Any owners who find EWM or have other questions are welcome to contact the District. They can place markers in areas of concern for the Response Team to evaluate.

There is still a high level of frustration with the DNR across the lake districts in the state. There is a desire to network in order to create pressure at the state level. This is not a solidified movement at this point. Tim asked if the Commissioners were interested in adding their name to the list of other lake districts. Dave commented that it depends on the topic but we need to do something to be heard at the state level. Tim asked if participating would be held against the District at the permit level. Dave said he understands from outside sources that it doesn't impact decisions on a local level. Robb Jensen commented that it is the personal contacts within the legislature that work better. It doesn't hurt to contact them. Terry added that there is inconsistency in the permit rejections and people are asking for more information or reasons for how descions are made. Lake Districts carry more weight as you are speaking on behalf of the lake owners. Jim stated that he wants to know what the group is endorsing before adding name. Tim shared that he had spoken with Rob Swearingen and he seemed open and willing to listen. Kathleen shared that Lake Nokomis was also getting support from their representative.

Kathleen shared an update on CBCW. She would like to see the Musky Challenge weekend staffed at the Boat Landing. There have been two training, signs posted, and 7 additional monitors added to the volunteer roster. About 54% of the shifts are covered, with the afternoon shift the hardest to fill. She recommends we consider hiring people to cover shifts in 2026. If we only pay some, this could present an issue between volunteers and paid staff. Tim asked to

table that discussion for now. He also offered to lead any training for new volunteers.

Tim opened up the discussion on enhanced wake boats in relation to the ordinance situation at the Town Board level. He reminded the Commissioners that their focus, in the original creation, was to focus on AID/EWM and to preserve the lake and shoreline from that perspective. The lake owners are not happy with the current Town Board decision and may push a section of Chapter 33 where the Town Board can delegate authority to the District for ordinance creation. This means that there is the potential that this decision could end up on the District's table. If that happens, there are three options: 1) wait and see, 2) reiterate formation reason, 3) brought to Annual Meeting. The Commissioners need to think / discuss positions. Corey stated that, as a enhanced wake boat owner, he agrees there needs to be a common sense ordinance, that he is aware of damages and that there is really only one safe pass on Crescent Lake. He agrees that the ballast not being able to empty is a real problem, which is why he only uses his boat on this lake. Terry Goldbach stated that he felt the Town Board is shirking their responsibility. Maria pointed out that the AIS issues that come with the ballast water could end up impacting the District over time. Tim agreed with Terry that the Town Board didn't seem to listen to the group and agrees that enforcement is an issue.

Tim proposed the August 30<sup>th</sup> date for the Annual Meeting as it is the best chance for large attendance.

Tim asked Commissioners to check their calendars for a meeting in late July – either the 21<sup>st</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. Let Maria know what dates are good.

Alan Janssen asked if the Commissioners were looking into mosquito treatments. Tim thanked him and said that it would need to be added to the next agenda.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, CLD Secretary (07/02/25)

Approved by the CLD Board (07/29/25)

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