

CRESCENT LAKE DISTRICT

Regular Commissioners Meeting – 08/10/26

A regular meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 7:04 p.m. The meeting notices were posted as required. Attendance included Commissioners Tim Kilgore, Jim Solinsky, Dave Schwanz, Dennis Southworth, Robb Jensen, Suzanne Mooney, and Maria Rudesill. Terry Goldbach was present as the CLD AIS Response Team Coordinator. Members of the public in attendance were Connie Anderson, Gary Voss, John Reid, Sue Binder and Jim Binder.

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

Motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes from March 31, 2025 was made by Dave. Jim seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Public Comment – Connie Anderson warned the Commissioners and those attending not to leave a gas tank out on the boat. She had hers stolen.

Tim thanked the commissioners and members of the public for patience as we nailed down a date for this meeting. His goal for the time is to complete the plans for the Annual Meeting. Tim informed the Board that Terry would be stepping down from the RT Coordinator position. Terry has had a valuable impact for many years. Tim will recognize him at the Annual Meeting and also announce that the CLD will be looking for a new leader to be the face of CLD to the DNR. Suzanne asked if there was any interested parties. Terry said no, but it would be nice if the next person had spent a lot of time on the lake. Tim said he is putting his feelers out, but that it is hard to step in if the party hasn't been on the RT.

Terry gave an update on the current state of the EWM. DASH spent three days by Hwy 8 and 1 in Engstrand's Bay. They pulled 9 bags. The good news is that this is not a lot. Most of it was by Hwy 8, west of the boat landing (Wausau Bay). The DNR permit was denied due to not enough EWM. Dave shared that he was told by a DNR rep that there is a chance that the EWM is becoming immune to the chemical treatment and hybridizing. The DNR rep suggested that lakes are only getting permission to treat every three years. There is also a worry in other lakes about the chemical impact on wild rice. There is currently no scientific studies that suggest negative interactions and we seem to have more weeds / grass than before.

There will be another meander survey done on the last day of August, so Terry is hoping to have a report for the Annual Meeting. It will take one day to complete and we will see a boat going back and forth with people carrying clipboards.

Terry's recommendation for the 2027 AIS plan includes staying with the same budget, do the survey, put in for the permit and see what happens. The CLD should look at DASH and a chemical permit for the south corner should map justify it. It may be past what DASH can handle. The density is increasing but not rapidly. There are no other invasives on the lake at this time. Nyads are finishing up their season and there was no algae on the lake this year. Terry also reviewed his observations on the crayfish and their impact on the lake flora. Suggested

brining in crayfish cribs to encourage their return.

Jim reviewed the current financial report and shared his recommendations for the 2027 proposed budget. We are currently earning 3.68% in the government investment fund, 1.53% in the money market. Due to no CBCW coordinator, we will return \$1,000 to the DNR. The cost of the fall survey will be \$3,000 – 4,000. Jim and Tim both discussed the need to have the reserve in place to pay for chemical treatment if approved in 2027. There was also a discussion on the need for legal fees.

Robb motioned to approve the 2027 budget as revised for presentation at the Annual Meeting. Suzanne seconded. Motion PASSED.

Robb gave a short update on the County, including how other lakes are looking at forming districts, the focus on PFAS, which includes a possible County grant with DNR assistance, and changes in the Planning and Zoning Administration.

Tim reviewed the needs for the Annual Meeting. The letter will be sent by Sun Printing again. Maria will have pre-printed ballots, a few printed budgets, and will make sure we can access the TV at the Town Hall. Jim will clean up the addresses from the county database and send it to Tim. Jim and Dennis will be on the Commissioners ballot along with a few Nomination lines. Maria will send the meeting notice to the newspaper as a Class 2 posting.

A discussion was had on the presentation given by John Rickter to the CLA which seemed to lay the responsibility on the shoulders of the CLD. Tim will reaffirm at the Annual Meeting that the CLD was formed to deal with AIS in the lake and will continue to honor the promise it made at formation to the lake owners. Tim shared that he looked into a sign for the landing, but it is \$3,500 and needs a permit. This would be educational awareness, not enforcement for enhanced wake boats.

Dave shared that there was no CBCW coordinator this year, which led to no volunteers for the summer season. We need to re-evaluate necessity, software, and training. Robb offered to look for interns at the county level with Stephanie B. Discussion will continue at the January meeting.

Tim asked Commissioners to ponder what is next for the CLD. If we are doing well on AIS / EWM, is there another area that the CLD can benefit the lake.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, CLD Secretary (10/06/26)

Approved by the CLD Board (TBD)