

Crescent Lake District

Regular Commissioners Meeting – 07/05/2022

A Regular Meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 6:02 p.m., on ZOOM and in-person at the Crescent Town Hall. The meeting notices were posted as required. In-person attendance included Tim Kilgore, Jim Gehrke, Jim Ketterson, Bob Thome, and Maria Rudesill. Members of the public included Terry Goldbach, CLD AIS Response Team Coordinator, and Linnaea Newman, Oneida County Board and Lake Nokomis Lake District.

Jim K motioned to approve the meeting agenda, with moving the budget discussion to the end. Bob seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

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

Jim G motioned to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting. Bob seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Jim G motioned to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2022 Regular Meeting. Bob seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

During public comment, Linnaea stated that she was glad to be at the meeting.

As Chairperson, Tim thanked the commissioners for their volunteer efforts and willingness to be part of the CLD. He reviewed how far we have come from this time last year, when we were in a scramble to get the pieces in place for the Annual Meeting. He covered some of the milestones, from the first Annual Meeting to getting our most recent DNR approval, which allowed us to complete the largest ProcettaCOR treatment in the state of WI. We have accomplished a lot and are now planning for Year #2. He commented that this time should be easier and is looking forward to the future and the new plan.

In the Treasurer's Report, Jim K talked about the research that he will present in the 2023 budget recommendation. He also reviewed information he found on a potential loan that could help us in the future with large and more expensive treatment options. The CLD books will be audited by a local volunteer before the Annual Meeting. The current spending was reviewed and a discussion followed on the timing between invoice due dates and receiving the DNR grant reimbursement and final tax levy for the year.

Bob presented his Oneida County report, with a discussion on the increase in county population and the increase in other negative elements, such as drug use and child abuse cases.

Jim K shared that the title transfer is complete from the Crescent Lake Association, making the CLD the new owners of the DASH boat. The DASH boat is currently stored on Dale Bendickson's property and storage will be available at no charge for as long as we need it. Discussion followed on future storage or maintaining of the DASH boat. Jim K suggested selling it if we cannot find divers in the future.

It was decided to do more research into record retention policies to determine how long items (minutes, agendas, invoices, treatment plans, etc.) needed to be kept. A suggestion was made to use a file cabinet in the Town Hall storage area as well as cloud-based storage for access and retention.

Bob Thome will get the most current tax list from the county so we can create our mailing list for the Annual Meeting materials. Tim motioned that the CLD will meet on August 5th at 8:00 a.m. to assemble the direct mailing. In addition, the CLD will post it on the website, as a Class 2 notice, and send out via email, as well. The notice will also include the open commissioner position if people would like to nominate candidates early. Jim G seconded the motion. Motion PASSED. The location for this gathering is tentatively set for the Town Hall, but availability will need to be confirmed.

Volunteer opportunities will be presented at the Annual Meeting. We are currently short on volunteer hours for the DNR grant. This will impact the amount we will be reimbursed. Jim K motioned to contact Cindy to determine the grant requirements, deficit in hours, and write a letter to encourage reporting volunteer hours. That letter will be emailed to the lake owners. Maria seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Tim felt the education agenda item had been addressed.

Terry explained that the hired divers from Aquatic Plant Management have been removing what little EWM they've found and discarding it themselves.

Terry shared with the CLD that the treatment results went way beyond what was anticipated in a positive way. The treatment worked very quickly and within three weeks, there was very little EWM to be found by the divers. It also appears that the 2021 treatment areas are holding. The area around the island was also thought to be bad, but the divers found less than expected in that space.

Tim made a motion to recognize the Crescent Lake Association for their recent gift of \$7,500.00 to be used towards EWM removal. Jim G seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Discussions will take place this fall with the DNR regarding a potential Whole Lake Treatment (which is clarified to mean the shoreline that falls within the depth parameters for treatment). If this is completed, it is possible to have several years without EWM on the lake, with reintroduction being the main way for EWM to return.

Discussion was had on how a Whole Lake Treatment could impact the budget and tax rates. Jim K has a tentative plan that would allow the CLD to secure funding for the treatment without raising the tax burden dramatically over the next few years. The option of spot treatments similar to our current plan was also discussed. Jim K proposed a 2023 budget similar to 2022 that would give the CLD flexibility in how to respond in case the current treatment doesn't hold. The budget would also reflect the reality that the gifts from the Crescent Lake Association were a "one time deal".

The CLD will meet on Tuesday, July 19th at 6:00 p.m. (location to be determined) to finalize the Annual Meeting agenda and proposed budget.

Future agenda items include:

- Annual Meeting agenda and proposed budget
- Any petitions from owners for agenda items
- Special meeting to be held after Annual Meeting to determine officers and terms.

Jim K motioned to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, CLD Secretary (07/06/22)

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