

Crescent Lake District

Regular Commissioners Meeting – 09/01/2021

A Regular Meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 6:30 p.m., at Crescent Lake Bible Camp. The meeting notices were posted as required. In-person attendance included CLD Commissioners Tim Kilgore, Jim Gehrke, Jim Ketterson, and Maria Rudesill, as well as several members of the Crescent Lake Association and public. Zoom attendance included CLD Commissioner Bob Thome, members of the Crescent Lake Association, and Dan Butkus, Squash Lake District.

As chairperson, Tim introduced himself and the Commissioners to the Lake Association members and asked the others to introduce themselves as well. He thanked them for attending this meeting as it will focus on how the two Boards can best work together for the benefit of the Crescent Lake.

Jim G motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Jim K seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Jim G motioned to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2021 Regular Meeting. Tim seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Jim G motioned to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2021 Special Meeting. Jim K seconded. Motion PASSED. It was suggested that DRAFT be added to the minutes until they are approved as there will be longer periods of time between meetings as we move forward.

Members of the public asked a few clarifying questions regarding the District. Mark Mergenthaler asked if the District only has one “membership” meeting, and how we were going to best communicate as the Lake Association struggles to get people to check their website. Dan commented that the District has done a phenomenal job of getting a lot of details in place quickly and not to stress over things like the website at this time. Donna Stone suggested a Q&A section for the website. Sandy McKitrick stated that she is concerned that the transfer of funds may impact the tax status of the CLA organization as well as the organization’s ability to do their work. Bob Thome thanked them for their statement and said the suggestions can be put as agenda items for future meetings.

Chairperson Tim Kilgore shared his thoughts on helping owners understand the difference between the Lake Association and the Lake District. He believes a good informative website and transparency will help the owners learn more about the District board and how it is accomplishing the tasks given to it by the owners. He was pleased and overwhelmed by the number of people who attended the Annual Meeting. He hopes for continued interest but also sees a reduction of attendance as an indicator that the District is doing a good job.

As the past Treasurer, Tim also updated the District Board on its financial status. From a balance of \$4,000.00, as a result of the loan from the Crescent Lake Association, \$515.00 went to Diehl Insurance for Workman’s Comp, \$1,360.00 went to Diehl Insurance for required Liability coverage, \$90.89 was paid to the Northwoods River News for the required Annual Meeting Class 2 posting, and a reimbursement check of \$366.30 was paid to Tim Kilgore for the mailing supplies and two years of Zoom subscription (2020 – 2021). Receipts are all available for review upon request. The remaining balance is

\$1,667.81. There is one potential payment to Ryan Peterson for \$360.00 to cover three years-worth of website hosting. Tim and Jim K will be going in-person to Associated Bank to change the names on the account to reflect the new Commissioners.

Much discussion was had on the various responsibilities that the Lake Association currently oversees. The focus of the District is intended to be on managing Aquatic Invasive Species in the lake, with Eurasian Watermilfoil as the main and current target. Dan shared how Squash Lake handled their separation from their association. Tim and Jim both stated that the purpose of the District is to create the revenue source to support the current and future efforts of the volunteers already working on AIS management. Dan encouraged a gradual transfer of duties. Bob pointed out that the current (and owner-approved) budget does not contain Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) and that should wait until a future year when it can be included and approved by the owners. Jim, as the District liaison, will maintain contact with the various AIS teams already in place to make sure they have what they need financially. It was also stated that when a specific team/project asks for money, that they identify where that money will come from in the budget. It was determined that any volunteer hours worked to fulfill grant requirements go to the grant, regardless of which organization wrote the grant. Maria made a motion to request the responsibilities of the three areas represented in the Crescent Lake District budget, not including CBCW, for funding and management. Tim clarified that the three areas of responsibility would be DASH Boat/divers, AIS Monitoring & Control (ProcellaCOR treatments), and Lake Planning Costs (working with the aquatic biologists). Bob seconded the motion. The motion PASSED.

In response to a question on how the current bills / grants should be paid out and by whom, Tim made a motion that the effective date of the transfer of responsibility would be on January 1, 2022. Jim K seconded. Motion PASSED. Jim K clarified how the tax payments are made from the town and county (payments are made in January, February, and August – can estimate about a third of the total each time).

In regards to the DNR grants currently held by the Lake Association for AIS Monitoring and Control efforts, Jim G made a motion to request a resolution from the Crescent Lake Association to transfer the DNR grant monies for the approved activities for January 1, 2022. Bob seconded. Motion PASSED.

A review of the Annual Meeting found the Commissioners pleased with the attendance and outcome. Minutes will be posted on the website and as the Chairperson, Tim is considering writing a blog to keep people informed of what is happening. He asked the Commissioners to send a photo to Ryan Peterson for the website.

To update the new Commissioner, Maria will send the previous minutes for his review and it was recommended that he take a lake tour with Terry Goldbach to get a deeper understanding of what the AIS situation is on the lake.

In regards to the District taking out loans, Tim stated that it is an action allowable by Chapter 33, but that we are not in a position where that is necessary and he is uncomfortable taking on debt to fund the required activities.

Future meetings were set for:

October 4, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. - Crescent Lake Bible Camp
January 4, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. - Crescent Lake Bible Camp
April 4, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. - Crescent Lake Bible Camp

Note: Additional meetings can be called at any time, based on need.

Motion by Jim G to adjourn, seconded by Jim K, motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, Secretary (09/02/2021)

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