

Board Meeting Minutes
9:00 AM, Thursday, April 28, 2022
Farmington Town Hall, E913 Prairie View Lane
and via Zoom

Call to Order and Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Chairman Ellis. District Board Members present were Ken Denow, Bob Ellis, Paul Mazzoleni, Caroline Murphy, Jerry Murphy, Cathy Raynor and Fred Silloway. Guests were Kay Ellis, John Hebbing, Mark Kunstman, John Miller and Brian Zalay.

Open Meeting Statement – This meeting and all meetings of the Waupaca Chain O’Lakes District Board are open to the public. Proper notice has been posted and given to the press in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes so that citizens may be aware of the date, time, place, and agenda of this meeting.

Review and Approve Agenda – A motion to approve the agenda was made by J. Murphy, seconded by Silloway and unanimously approved by the Board.

Review and Approve Minutes of Previous Board Meeting, 1/14/22 – A motion to approve the amended January 14th minutes was made by C. Murphy, seconded by Silloway and unanimously approved by the Board.

Chairman’s Report – Ellis announced that the Clean Boats Clean Waters grant reimbursement request has been submitted. A candidate for the CB/CW Boat Inspector for the 2022 season is being interviewed by Golden Sands. The Planning Grant reimbursement request will be finalized in May, and the balance is approximately \$5,000.00.

Treasurer’s Report – Denow reported a cash balance of \$103,039.43. There are no outstanding bills to date. Projected projects will have contracts totaling \$45,500.00 through July 31, 2022. Wisconsin Lake and Pond Resource will receive \$40,000.00 for direct plant treatment, district sampling and analysis costs. The cost for 2022 boat inspections to Golden Sands will be \$5,500.00. Additional budgeted income remaining is \$2,144.70. The current projected balance for the August 1, 2022, new fiscal year will be \$59,684.13.

New Business

WI Lake and Pond Resource Treatment Plan Update – Ellis stated that the Treatment Grant has \$35,000.00. Jim Scharl, WI Lake and Pond, will perform the 2022 treatment. The lakes to be treated are not yet determined until Scharl does a Spring survey. The survey will happen in about 2 or 3 weeks according to the mean water temperature.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters Update – A candidate is being considered for the Boat Inspector position.

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WI Land & Water and WI Lakes & Rivers Conventions – Silloway attended the convention on April 6th which focused on recreational impacts on lakes. The impacts discussed were enhanced wakes caused by wake boats, the activity of wake surfing, the carrying capacity of the lakes, and the conflicts created. The DNR and legislators seem reluctant to pursue either of these issues. Silloway suggested a study should be initiated to collect data to find out the current load on our lakes. This study would be established on the four, fast lakes, three days in July, and three times a day. The data collected would be the number of boats per lake, the type of boat and its activity, the speed of the boat, identify choke points and any evidence of extremely high wakes or bottom churn from propellers. Drones could be used to collect data within a budget of \$2,000.00. The community should be educated on the negative recreational impacts for possible voluntary compliance. C Murphy made the motion to approve Silloway’s request of a budget item for \$2,000.00 to use a drone to monitor boat quantities on all lakes, seconded by Mazzoleni and approved unanimously. Mazzoleni sent an email to the Board with his comments on the convention.

Next Board Meeting Date – TBA, July 2022

Public Comment – J.Hebbring asked if the 2021 ProcellaCor treatment performed well. Ellis said it was slightly better than the previous year’s treatment.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Raynor
Secretary

Approved: July 27, 2022