

**Post Lakes Protections & Rehabilitation District**  
**ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING**  
**September 7, 2019**

1. John Steber called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Board members present: John Steber - Chairman; Andy Joswiak - Treasurer, Phil McGrath- Secretary, John Raisleger - Commissioner and Jeff McKinney – Town of Elcho. There were 14 attendees in the audience, including Steve Brettingen, bookkeeper for the PLP&RD. Ken West dropped off the Dam tender report prior to the start of the meeting.
2. Approval previous meeting minutes.
  - a. June 8, 2019 quarterly meeting. Minutes from the meeting were approved without comment.
  - b. August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 annual meeting. Minutes from this meeting were approved without comment
    - i. John Steber recommend that the annual meeting notes be approved at the next quarterly meeting, rather than holding for the next annual meeting. The statutes governing the board will be reviewed prior to the next meeting and implemented if allowed within the rules.
  - c. August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Budget meeting. Minutes from this meeting were approved without comment
3. Correspondence
  - a. No correspondence
4. Treasurer Report Year to date through August 31, 2019:
  - a. Steve Brettingen gave the report. Balances as of August 31, 2019: \$84,507.00 for total assets; \$34,585 for total income; \$90,000 for total liabilities. Steve stated the budget is in good shape through August 31, 2019.
  - b. A motion to accept the treasure report was accepted without comment.
5. Audit Committee Report
  - a. Tim Prunty reports that at 10:30 on August 8, 2019 he met with Steve Brettingen at the accounting office of Kerber and Rose. He reviewed the 2018: General Ledger, Check Register, Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss Statement. He reviewed the same for Fiscal YTD June 30, 2019. Tim reported the records were presented in a clear and concise format and to the best of his knowledge accurately reflect the financial records for the district. A motion was made and approved without comment.
6. Old Business
  - a. Tiffiney Kleczewski, Flambeau Engineer presented the Compressive Lake Management Plan. For her final report, Tiffiney delivered a 90-minute presentation with recommendation and a comprehensive set of presentation slides. The full report is available on the PLP&RD webpage. No action was taken on the report.
7. New Business
  - a. Treasurer Report – 2020 Fiscal Budget Presented by Steve Brettingen. Steve reviewed the 2020 annual budget. He commented that the district has reserves in the budget for the final payment for the Lake Study. In addition, \$15,000.00 is in reserve for a replacement of the district’s truck. Steve also reported, that as a precautionary move, the insurance on the districts assets is being reevaluated. Net, net, Steve recommended the levy for the district for 2020 be at \$30,000, representing a decrease from the 2019 levy of \$35,000.

A discussion followed clarifying funding/budget to cover storm damage from July 19, 2019: the district's truck sustained limited damage, the shed at the Isle of Pines boat landing will need to be replaced. Also discussed was maintenance for weed harvesting equipment. Funding is available for all of these and is within the proposed 2020 budget.

A motion to accept the 2020 Annual Budget as presented and accepted.

## 8. Committees

- a. Lake Management Committee:
  - i. This committee was represented by the Lake Management report earlier in the meeting presented by Flambeau Engineering.
- b. Boat Landing Committee – John Steber/Jeff Avery
  - i. Jeff Avery reported this committee is down to only one member, him. The committee has one project pending, improvement to the Isle of Pine boat landing. There will always be on-going maintenance issues for the boat landings. Key discussion points
    - 1. No bids were received for the West Isle of Pine redo to the boat ramp. The current permit is good through June 7, 2020, so no action required to extend it at this time. A motion was proposed and passed to reissue the bid. Jeff Avery will handle this and report back to the district board.
    - 2. For the main boat landing on Upper Post, railings for the pier and an additional section for the pier were purchased this year. The pier section was installed.
    - 3. A discussion took place addressing the organizational responsibilities for the maintenance and improvement to the boat landings. Organizational involvement includes the Town of Elcho, PLP&RD and PLIA. It was decided any action should be taken up by the new board, that is to be elected at the conclusion of this meeting.
- c. Lake Safety Committee – Andy Joswiak
  - i. Andy reported, the district no longer outsources the buoy management program. The district purchased a pontoon boat earlier this year as part of this effort. Andy is leading a team of volunteers to perform tasks including buoy placement, buoy removal and buoy maintenance.
- d. Dam Management Committee- John Steber
  - i. A safety harness for the dam tender will be ready for use during winter months. On-going maintenance is scheduled for the fencing around the dam. Andy Joswiak is working on both projects.
- e. Weed Harvesting Committee – John Raisleger
  - i. The equipment was put in Lower Post as planned. The volunteers were lined up to begin harvesting in mid-July, but after the storm hit on July 19 this activity was suspended. All agreed weed harvesting should take place in 2020 and the process and a team of volunteers are in place.
  - ii. The shed by the boat landing at Isle of Pine needs replacing in the spring. John Raisleger is leading this effort. A motion was made that the shed should be replaced in the spring of 2020. The motion carried.

9. Coordinator Position updates

a. Clean Boats/Clean Water - Vacant

- i. Suzie Rabideau reported to the committee that Pelican Lake installed new technology, lids (<https://www.biglakemn.org/DocumentCenter/View/1328/BLCLA---I-LIDS-System-With-Pictures-Of-Unit>), to monitor activity at the boat landing. She recommended the district investigate this technology for use at our main boat landing. John Steber commented on the need for new signage at the boat landings. Action will be addressed after a coordinator has been named for this committee.

b. Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network - Andy Joswiak

- i. DNR is cutting back on our sampling program (DNR budget cuts). There was no testing done this year. Andy remains in contact with the DNR.

c. Web Site Management - Phil McGrath

- i. Phil reported the district's new website was announced in the PLP&RD newsletter and in the PLIA newsletter. He requested anyone interested in volunteering to manage/contribute to maintaining the site to contact him.

10. Nomination and election for the board.

- i. John Steber was nominated for another term, Andy Joswiak was nominated for another term, and Tim Prunty was nominated for his first term.
- ii. All were elected by a secret paper ballot process.

11. Next commissioner meeting scheduled for Dec. 14, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in the PLIA building

12. Motion to adjourn meeting was made at 11:20 pm. The motion carried

13. After the meeting the board elected as: Chairperson – John Steber; Secretary – Phil McGrath; Treasurer – Andy Joswiak. Tim Prunty will take over the \_\_\_?\_\_ committee