

**Approved**  
**Post Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District**  
**Commissioners Quarterly Meeting, March 27, 2021**  
**Minutes**

1. The PLP&RD commissioners' quarterly meeting was held virtually on March 27, 2021, via a Zoom call format. Chairperson John Steber called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. Commissioners present for the meeting: John Steber, John Raisleger, Andy Joswiak, Jeff McKinney, Tim Prunty, Carol Feller Gottard, and Phil McGrath. Steve Brettingen - Bookkeeper also attended. There were no other attendees.
2. The Minutes from the December 12, 2020 Quarterly meeting were distributed to the commissioners in advance. Edits to the first draft had been submitted prior to this meeting. No further changes were requested, and a motion was passed to accept the minutes as written.
3. The Treasurer's report, year to date through February 28, 2021, was presented by Steve Brettingen the PLP&RD's bookkeeper. Balances as of February 28th: \$81,873.56 for Total Assets; \$31,842.96 Total Equity; \$36,549.03 for Total Income; \$ 4,706.07 for Total Expenses. In the discussion that followed, a couple comments:
  - a. Steve noted the balance of the Capital Replacement Fund should be able to cover any needs we have in that area.
  - b. Lake Management Plan study fund has a balance of \$35,000.00. Steve noted the study is paid for in full. He suggested the fund could be used to pay for any actions taken by us because of the study.

A motion made and approved to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted.

**4. New Business**

- a. None

**5. Old Business**

- a. John Steber reported on the DNR Fish Stick project on Upper and Lower Post. The work on Upper Post was completed. We should be pleased with the work and there was very little comment from the residents. The work on Lower Post is delayed until next year. The PLIA contributed \$1,000.00 for the project.
- b. Boat Landing Committee:
  - i. John Steber reported on the status of the State and Federal Grant Applications for Improvements to Upper Post Lake, South shore landing. The applications were submitted by John Steber on time for both Federal and State. The Chapter 30 Permit was completed and submitted by Jeff McKinney.

- ii. John Steber presented the “Resolution for PLP&RD Commitment to the Renovations to the Upper Post Lake South Shore Boat Landing.” This resolution outlines for the Town of Elcho the PLP&RD commitment to these projects. Ultimately it provides assurances to the DNR, when awarding grants, the money will be used appropriately. The PLP&RD Chairperson is designated as the authorized signature for the DNR grant forms. A motion was made and passed to approve the resolution.
- c. Status of the Elcho Storage Building. Jeff McKinney had the roof inspected and the report came back better than expected. Caulking repair (\$75.00) will be tried as a first step. The situation will be monitored closely over the next several months.

## 6. Committee Reports

- a. Boat Landing Committee (continued from Old Business) – John Steber led an extensive discussion on the maintenance needs for the three boat landings.
  - i. We reviewed a proposal for replacement of the bumpers for the piers at the boat landings. Comments were made about bumpers vs rollers; industrial strength piers vs residential piers, etc.
    - 1. A Motion was made and passed to accept the proposal from Dvorak docks for new bumpers, with the stipulation the final cost must be below \$2,500.00.
  - ii. These requests were submitted to Town of Elcho for assistance in 2021:
    - 1. Install the piers prior to May 1st.
    - 2. - South Shore Landing, grade and add gravel as needed to access road/parking lot
    - 3. - South Shore Landing, add gravel with fines to the transition area from the boat ramp to the pier access, tamp firm.
    - 4. - South Shore Landing, cleanup and remove rocks and gravel debris, appears to be a result of plowing.
    - 5. - South Shore Landing, remove brush pile from side of parking lot, at the exit. This looks like it may be left over from The Storm.
    - 6. - West Shore Landing, fill pothole in the middle of the drive approach.
  - iii. Maintenance needs identified for PLP&RD volunteers (April 24<sup>th</sup>):
    - 1. Remove old signage and kiosks at all three landings.
    - 2. - Install new signs (Andy is heading up this effort)
    - 3. - Three boat landing donation boxes will stay and be relabeled.
  - iv. Upper Post South Shore Landing Maintenance Needs
    - 1. - Reinstall the pull forward signs, these signs are either on the ground or bent at a 45-degree angle.
    - 2. - Reinstall Entrance sign at top of hill
    - 3. - Straighten BOAT LANDING sign at corner of Post Lake Drive and Point Lane. Also, clear obstructing tree branches, property owner’s approval will be needed.
    - 4. - Rake and remove leaf litter and other debris from green spaces
    - 5. - Mow green areas
    - 6. - Prune shrubs.

- v. Upper Post West Shore Landing
  - 1. - Remove (2) wheels that have been duped on site
  - 2. - Rake and dress-up area near the lake access.
  
- b. Lake Management Committee – John Steber reported the Lake Management Plan (LMP) has been accepted. John will be working to close out the grant with the DNR. We had received the funding up front; we will not be asking for additional funds. Phil committed to making the LMP available on the website.
- d. Carol and Jeff reviewed several personnel changes in the county office. Haley Lucas left for a different position outside of Langlade County. As reported last meeting, Chris Arrowood has been hired as the county’s new Conservationist.
- c. Weed Harvesting – John Raisleger reported he is planning for the full Weed Harvesting program this upcoming season. He will be performing equipment maintenance in the coming month. Volunteers will be contacted and after spring water levels drop, the Harvester and Transporter will be launched.
- d. Lake Safety – Andy Joswiak reported, in advance of opening day for fishing, the buoys will be put in the water. This will be sometime the last two weeks of April after he completes some maintenance project on the equipment.
- e. Dam Management – John Steber led the discussion. Ken West has submitted his resignation and agreed to stay on until we find a replacement. John commented on the fine work Ken has provided over his 12 years of service. All the commissioners expressed their appreciation for Ken’s contributions over the years. At our next meeting we will discuss an appropriate way to recognize Ken. John Steber reviewed the current job description for the Dam Tender and discussed plans for posting the job opening. The job description will be amended to include weekly maintenance and oversight for the Boat Landings. The salary for the position will be adjusted appropriately.
  - i. A motion was made and passed to authorize the search for a new Dam Tender, with expanded responsibilities to include the weekly inspections of the boat landings, at the pay rate of \$300.00 per month.

**Coordinator Position updates**

- a. Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network – Andy reported he will be moving forward with taking samples and using the Crandon labs for analysis.
- b. Website Development – Phil McGrath led the discussion and acknowledged the fine work from Rose Prunty. He reported the site is in a fully functional state. Andy recommended we start to track statistics to better understand how many folks are accessing the website. In the discussion that followed, it was noted we need to leverage the communication resources of PLIA to fully reach the residences in our district. Tim commented we should use the PLIA Facebook page for the Dam Tender job posting. John Steber cited the PLIA Newsletter for ongoing articles submitted by PLP&RD. Using the PLIA Facebook Page, PLIA Newsletter and PLP&RD website, we have ongoing resources for our messaging.

6. The 2021 Quarterly and Annual meeting dates are listed below. The inperson meetings will be held at the PLIA building. Virtual meetings will be via Zoom. Below are the meeting dates and times for 2021:

- May 22, 2021 9:00 a.m. Format to be determined.
- August 7, 2021 9:00 a.m.
- December 4, 2021 9:00 a.m.

7. This meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.