

**Not Approved**  
**Post Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District**  
**Commissioner's Quarterly Meeting August 5, 2023**  
**Minutes**

1. **The PLP&RD commissioners' quarterly meeting** was held at the PLIA Building on August 5, 2023. John Steber called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. Board members present: John Steber - Chairman; Tim Prunty- Treasurer, Phil McGrath- Recording Secretary, Andy Joswiak – Commissioner, John Raisleger - Commissioner, and Jeff McKinney – Town of Elcho, Ronn Krueger – Langlade County. Attendees included Steve Brettingen – District Bookkeeper, Ralph Eberle - Dam Tender, Sara Windjue from Wisconsin Lakes and 15 others.
2. **Approval of previous meetings Minutes:** May 20, 2023 meeting – The Minutes were distributed to the commissioners in advance. Edits had been submitted prior to this meeting. A motion to approve the Quarterly Minutes was passed with no additional changes.
3. **Review of Recent Correspondence.**
  - A. No recent correspondence to address.
4. **The Treasurer's report** was presented by Steve Brettingen.
  - A. From the Statement of Financial Position, the year to date balances as of June 30, 2023: \$185,318.83 for Total Assets; \$100,045.90 for Total Liabilities; \$85,272.93 for Total Equity. From the Profit & Loss Budget: \$100,003.09 for Total Income; \$34,730.16 for Total Expenses; \$65,272.93 for Net Income.
  - B. Steve commented:
    - i. Long Term Liabilities (NP-Capital Improvements) - \$100,000.00
      1. References loan for the UP, South Shore Boat Landing project
    - ii. District's working capital available through the end of year - \$60,000.00
    - iii. Levy maintained at around \$35,000.00
    - iv. Steve stated the district is in "good financial shape".
  - C. A motion to accept the Treasurer reports was approved, without comment.
5. **Old Business**
  - A. None discussed.
6. **Committee Reports**
  - A. Boat Landing Committee – John Steber led the discussion providing an update on two of the landings.
    - i. Upper Post South Shore Boat Landing: Work started on July 24<sup>th</sup> and is scheduled to last for 45 days. Completion will be after the Labor Day holiday weekend. The project is on time and on budget.
    - ii. It was reported that the riprap at the bottom of the ramp appears too high. This was addressed with the contractor and the riprap will be lowered by 6". It should not be an issue.

- iii. Tim Prunty pointed out there is a prop wash mound under the water, beyond the end of the new ramp. This will be addressed at the upcoming Tuesday morning construction meeting.
  - iv. Andy Joswiak will continue to provide updates to the community via the on the Facebook page for Post Lakes.
- B. Upper Post West Shore Landing -John Steber outlined the damage to this landing caused by the ice earlier this year. The approach ramp was pushed up on shore approximately 16" and it is tilted to one side. For example, it is almost impossible to use a pontoon boat trailer on this ramp without scraping and potentially damaging the bottom of a pontoon and disrupting the gravel approach. The ramp is made up of (5) six-foot wide concrete sections. The three sections closest to shore are no longer interconnected; the metal connectors have broken loose. Using a photo of the ramp, John outlined the damage, and options for fixing it.
- i. John and Andy met with had Krueger Steinfest (Antigo) at the sight to assess options for repairs. To meet our requirements, the repairs must be completed by August 31<sup>st</sup>, prior to the expected heavy Labor Day holiday traffic at this boat landing. The cost cannot exceed \$2,500.00. A formal bid process is required for expenditures in excess of \$2,500.00.
  - ii. A motion was made to contract with Krueger Steinfest to repair the approach ramp to the UP-West Shore boat landing; re-leveling the slab, completing the repair by August 31, 2023, at a cost not to exceed \$2,500.00. The motion was approved. John Steber will take the lead on this project.
- C. Lake Management Committee – No Report
- D. Weed Harvesting – John Steber led the discussion.
- i. Weed Harvesting did not happen this year. It was not possible to launch the weed harvester because of this past winter ice damage to both the south shore and west shore boat landings. Pods of the problem weeds (Elodea & various pods weeds) began appearing during the week of July 17th and can be seen floating just below the surface at various locations on Lower Post. At the present time the weed infestation was described as moderately bad.
  - ii. It is John Raisleger last day as the lead for the Weed Harvesting committee. He is stepping down from this role and he is not running for re-election as a commissioner. John is spending less time in the area; his permanent residence is now in Michigan. On behalf of the board and all the residents of Post Lake, John Steber thanked John for his outstanding contributions in leading this committee for many years.

A replacement has not been named but there is a pool of potential candidates, those that currently are volunteers on the committee.

- E. Lake Safety – No report
- D. Dam Management – John Steber led the discussion. John referenced, *Post Lake High-Water Event Report*, which was passed out at our May meeting and available at today’s meeting.
  - i. Based on several recommendations from attendees at the May meeting, John contacted Forest Van Aston, DNR, for his opinion and input on the following:
    1. Add a fourth gate to the dam. Forest said this would be possible by changing the spillway to a fourth gate. It would require an engineering study, DNR approval, and the project would be expensive.
    2. Upgrading the dam gates to a dual gate design for more effective water level management? Forest said other communities have this feature in their dam. For us to convert our dam, it would require an engineering study, with DNR approval.
    3. Engineering study requirements? Because our dam is classified as a low hazard dam, we are required to have an engineering study completed every 10 years. Our next study is due in 2027, possibly the opportune time to consider gate and spillway improvements. The dam was built in 1932, so maintenance will be needed. However, today everything is operable, although the gates have rust and corrosion that prohibited the gates from being raised to their maximum designed height.
  - ii. A discussion followed on the merits of adding a fish ladder to the dam. John noted that he had recently spoken with local DNR officials about the possibility of adding a fish ladder and did not receive favorable support from them. The DNR will be invited to our May 2024 meeting to discuss their policy on creating a fish ladder.
- F. Coordinator Position updates
  - i. Citizen Lakes Monitoring Network – No report.
  - ii. Website Development – Phil McGrath reported that on August 1<sup>st</sup> the “.Gov” domain was granted to the PLP&RD. Each commissioner position on the board will be assigned a “.Gov” email. Commissioner will be given access to these emails, based on their position on the board. September 1<sup>st</sup> is the target date for rolling out this project. Rose Prunty and G-Force are assisting with this project.

## **7. New Business –**

- A. John Steber attended the Langlade County Waterways meeting two weeks ago. Kay Provance, a resident of Upper Post, recently joined the Waterways board. Kay agreed to be the PLP&RD’s representative to that organization. Their next meeting is August 16<sup>th</sup>.

- B. Chris Heinzen, President of PLIA and David Leslie, PLIA, were in attendance and expressed a desire to collaborate more closely with the PLP&RD to align more closely the work and responsibilities of the two organizations. A discussion followed on the history of the two organizations, responsibilities, and ways for both organizations can work together. All agreed to continue the dialogue. Secondly, Chris reported that the key system for the PLIA building will be changing.
    - i. Phil will send an email to David requesting three keys for the PLP&RD, and outline our use of the building, including office and storage space.
  - C. Sara Windjue, UW-Stevens Point, Lake Extension Program, was introduced. She provided an overview of the Lake Extension Program, which supports lake districts and associations throughout the state. She brought along publications Sara has property in Langlade County and offered her support for us.
8. **Non-action items that can legally be discussed** – None was discussed.
9. **Next Meeting** - December 2, 2023; PLIA Building; starting at 9:00 a.m.
10. **Adjourn** - This meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.