

Crescent Lake District

Special Commissioners Meeting – 11/07/2023

A Special Meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 6:05 p.m. The meeting was posted according to Open Meeting Laws. It was held as a ZOOM-only meeting. Attendance included CLD Commissioners Tim Kilgore, Dave Schwanz, Jim Ketterson, and Maria Rudesill. Robb Jensen was absent. Members of the public in attendance included Jim Gehrke and Mark Peterson.

There was no public comment.

Tim thanked Jim Ketterson and Ryan Peterson for tackling the DNR Grant Proposal.

Jim reported on his meeting with Scott Van Egeren of DNR – Rhinelander office. The meeting focused on the grant language to maximize the best possible score. Scott did identify two reasons for last year's permit withdrawal: 1) The area is considered "moderate" density, and to approve chemical use, the DNR prefers a "heavy" density, 2) the fisheries did have a concern regarding the impact of chemical use on the fish population, and that even though there is no evidence that ProcellaCOR has no impact on walleye, it isn't enough to dispel the concern. Jim did confirm with Scott that the boat landing / northwest area is not included in the mapping for walleye spawning. Jim reiterated our goal to prevent spreading from that area due to high traffic so that we are not treating greater portions of the lake. Jim shared that there may be an extra cost as part of the grant agreement which would include chemical sampling before and after the treatment, to record how much of the chemical is present for a certain length of time. The cost of this would be reimbursed by the grant. Jim also confirmed that the Tribal groups have no right to veto DNR decisions, but that the fisheries are deferential to the tribe. All of this information, including a conversation with Jill Sunderland regarding competitive bidding, was used to tighten and target the language in the proposed DNR Grant Application.

Jim K moved to approve the grant application as presented, authorize Tim Kilgore to sign the Authorizing Resolution, and authorize Jim Ketterson to submit the final grant application package of documents to the WI DNR for final consideration. Dave seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Tim will sign the document and forward it to Jim and Maria. Jim will send the completed packet to the DNR.

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is January 4th @ 6:00 p.m., ZOOM only.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

For 2023 - 2024, Tim Kilgore will continue to serve as Chairperson during his last year, Jim Ketterson will continue to serve as Treasurer, with three years left on his term, and Maria Rudesill will continue to serve as Secretary. Dave Schwanz has two years left in his term.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, Secretary (09/08/23)