Crescent Lake District

Regular Commissioners Meeting – 07/10/24

A Regular Meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 4:34 p.m. The meeting notices were posted as required. Zoom attendance included Commissioners Tim Kilgore, Jim Solinsky, Dave Schwanz, Linnaea Newman, Maria Rudesill and member of the public, Terry Goldbach (CLD AIS Response Team Coordinator). Linnaea was introduced as our new County-appointed Commissioner, taking the place of Robb Jensen.

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Linnaea, Dave seconded, motion PASSED.

Motion to approve the minutes from March 20. 2024 was made by Dave, Jim seconded, motion PASSED.

There were no Public Comments.

Chairman Tim shared that he had received positive comments from lake residents on the letters sent earlier this year. He also thanked Jim for stepping into the Treasurer role. It has been well served, especially with implementing the Money Market accounts to earn better interest on the funds on hands.

Treasurer Jim shared the completed 2024 audit letter from Grady Hartman, as well as a new format for the budget / financials. The balance at the end of 2023 was \$89,814.57 which was carried over to 2024. Two of the tax payments have come in with the final tax payment to be received in August. We also received the final 2023 CBCW grant reimbursement and an advance on the 2024 CBCW grant, of which we applied for \$3,000.00, instead of \$4,000.00. This leads to a current total of \$165,851.60, of which \$160,000.00 is in a Money Market account.

There was no County Report related to Crescent Lake.

After explaining the current needs for insurance, Jim made a motion to keep all of the insurance in place except for the DASH Boat insurance, as that isn't being used at this time. The motion was seconded by Dave. The motion PASSED.

The DASH Boat does not currently have any interested parties. There is an ad going out via the Wisconsin Lakes blog and an effort to place it on specific groups within Facebook Marketplace.

Kaley is back from her break to run the CBCW program, as hired. Jim Gehrke has indicated we have a lot of open spots and not a lot enthusiasm for filling those spots. Dave spoke with Kaley about the need to fill those spots. Tim is working with Ryan Peterson regarding grant-writing for future CBCW grants.

Discussion followed regarding the DNR denial for the 2024 Treatment Permit. It is possible that the DNR is pulling back from granting chemical permits to most lakes, especially those with possible walleye impact. Linnaea shared that she spent time with Scott Van Egeren from the DNR learning about all of the possible risks for a stressed walleye population that impacted their decision. Jim reminded the Board about a UW-Madison test done on the lake that showed no ProcellaCor impact on fish. Tim reminded the Board that any discussion about legal options needs to be founded on solid evidence, including what other organizations are encountering, etc.

A motion was made by Maria to follow the Response Team's recommendation of seeking a DASH permit, purchasing DASH days to clean up sites that we know can be 100% cleaned, and conducting a Fall plant survey in prep for the 2025 Spring permit application. Linnaea seconded. The motion PASSED.

Jim asked the Board to send him any ideas regarding the 2025 Budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

A tentative date for the next Board meeting was set for July 31, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. in -person. Tim is to make the arrangements with the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, CLD Secretary (07/15/24)

Approved by CLD Board (TBD)