

Crescent Lake District

Regular Commissioners Meeting – 08/05/24

A Regular Meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 6:15p.m. The meeting notices were posted as required. 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).

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

Motion to approve the minutes as revised from July 10, 2024 was made by Dave, Jim seconded, motion PASSED.

There were no Public Comments.

Chairman Tim shared that he was happy the Annual Meeting was able to shift to Saturday, August 31 as that would hopefully bring more electors to the meeting. He is interested in banding together with other lake districts to learn how we may support each other as we approach the DNR, providing a louder voice in a way that may encourage the DNR to decide in the favor of future permits and treatment plans. Dave asked Tim to ask the other lake districts if they have attorneys. A recommendation was made to seek out those lake districts who were also denied treatment permits. Those denied permits can be found online.

Treasurer Jim shared that there has not been much change in income in the last month, as we are waiting until later this month for the final tax payment. We did receive income from interest on the Money Market. Disbursements were made for the DASH Boat permit, USPS PO Box, Zoom, and insurance. We expect to receive reimbursement from the DNR on the denied permit application. We also made a payment to Whitewater for the May lake survey. Our current balance in checking is \$1,454.35 and \$159,394.81 in the Money Market. Jim also shared the final formatting for the financial reports, which will also inform the structure and account names in the proposed 2025 budget.

Linnaea shared that there are some conversations happening at the County-level that could impact the land use plan, shoreline protection, and zoning for construction at the water's edge.

Discussion was had on expanding the number of elected commissioners from 3 to 5. Jim shared his concern that by having only 3 commissioners and several vital officer positions, we don't have the depth of experience and knowledge if something were to happen to one of the elected commissioners. A motion to pursue an increase from 3 commissioners to 5, per Chapter 33, by placing it on the Annual Meeting agenda was made by Jim. Dave seconded. The motion PASSED.

Terry presented the current EWM status, which shows that there is growth and increased density in the area near the boat launch and Hwy 8. He will have the plant survey data available at the Annual Meeting as he presents how things are looking in the lake. The current recommendation is a proposed budget that maintains a surplus in 2024 so that we are set in 2025 to handle the current permit request but also treat more areas, if needed.

Jim presented the proposed budget for the Annual Meeting. A motion was made by Dave to approve the EWM treatment plan and associated budget for presenting at the Annual Meeting, seconded by Jim. Motion PASSED.

Maria will take care of the mailing service details for the Annual Meeting notice as well as the related newspaper postings. She will also print the Check In list for the tables, which will be divided into three sections alphabetically. The process for the Annual Meeting was discussed. Tim asked Maria to send a "Change of Date" email to our current list so that people are aware the date for the Annual Meeting has changed. We will meet at the Town Hall on August 31st at 8:30 a.m. to set up.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, CLD Secretary (08/06/24)

Approved by CLD Board (10/28/24)