

## **Crescent Lake District**

### **Regular Commissioners Meeting – 01/04/2024**

A Regular Meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 6:06 p.m. The meeting notices were posted as required. Zoom attendance included Commissioners Tim Kilgore, Jim Ketterson, Dave Schwanz, Maria Rudesill and members of the public, Terry Goldbach (CLD AIS Response Team Coordinator) and Mark Peterson. Robb Jensen was absent.

The word “support” was changed to “backfill” on Agenda item #14. A motion was made by Dave to approve the agenda, as corrected, seconded by Jim. Motion PASSED.

A motion was made by Dave to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2023 meeting, seconded by Jim. Motion PASSED.

There were no public comments.

As Chairperson, Tim shared his thoughts on how 2024 will be a really interesting year, based on the challenge from last year’s withdrawal of the DNR treatment permit. That could make the 2024 approval process impactful on future decisions made by the Board of Commissioners and the electorate at the Annual Meeting. It seemed that we had a clear path for treating the lake, but the decisions made by the DNR put us in an uncertain position.

As Treasurer, Jim reported that the current balance is \$90,116.00, and we have yet to receive any 2024 funds from the county or state. This is carry-over from 2023 due to the permit withdrawal. An issue with Workman’s’ Comp has been resolved.

Robb Jensen was not present to make a report on the County.

Tim reviewed the status of the DASH boat, which had a barter offer in 2023 that was withdrawn by the “buyer”. It was not used in 2023 due to lack of volunteers. It is currently in storage. The CLD continues to feel an obligation to get rid of the DASH boat, partially due to the storage arrangements. Dave offered to trailer, cover, and store the DASH boat if we need to change storage arrangements. Jim asked if we could reach out to Dan from Squash Lake to see if we can put an ad out for other Lake Districts. Tim will contact Dan to see if that is a possibility. Terry agreed to put together the details for a description. Terry cautioned that if we let too much time go by, a current offer for \$1,500 to part out the boat may disappear. The CLD Board felt that price was too low and worth advertising. Dave offered to take over the legwork related to storing / repairing / selling the DASH boat.

Terry shared with the CLD Board the results of the Plant Survey in August. Tim compared the August results to the May map, which the DNR already considered “not a recreational detriment”. The August map does not look as bad as the May map, but Terry pointed out that was due to the DASH boat services the CLD purchased during the Summer to remove EWM from that area. The DNR

The tentative plan for 2024 is:

- Meet after we receive the results of the DNR grant in February.
- Permit request can be submitted in mid-March.
- If permit is not approved, determine next steps.
- If grant provides funding greater than current budget line, call Special Meeting in late April.
- If permit/grant is approved, we will do a point-intercept survey in late May.
- If permit/grant is approved, we may do additional water testing after treatment.
- If permit is approved but the grant does not provide funding for the point-intercept survey, then do a meander survey instead, in late May.
- Do a whole lake meander survey in Fall.

Grant Writing/Management is as follows:

- Jim will continue to work with Ryan Peterson to administer the DNR Surface Water Grant.
- Dave will continue to administer the grant paperwork for the CB/CW grant. Dave will check with his contact at the DNR to make sure the grant paperwork is complete as it was initially under Jim Gehrke.

In order to find a Coordinator for the CB/CW, a job description will be pulled together and Maria will ask if the CLA will forward it to their members. Jim is also looking into a subscription that will help schedule the volunteers for the Boat Landing.

Two emails were received by CLD Commissioners – one regarding the increase in their tax bill and the other a request to maintain the tax level in 2025 to prevent going backwards in the ability to treat the lake.

The next meeting will be scheduled once Jim received the grant information.

Meeting was adjourned by the Chairperson at 7:16 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, CLD Secretary (01/09/24)

Approved by CLD Board of Commissioners (03/20/24)