

Squash Lake District Report

As of April 2, 2023

- A Commissioner's Meeting was held on April 2nd, at 1:00 p.m. via zoom.
- All commissioners were present.
- Approved agenda at the discretion of the chair
- Approved of the minutes from the January 8, 2023, commissioner's meetings
- Treasurer Dan Butkus presented the 3-26-2023 Treasurers report (attached). Cash on hand is \$57,764.47. Outstanding tax levies of \$6,320.56.
- Approved transferring moneys from the Contingency Fund to the Aquatic Management Fund up to \$2,500.
- Reviewed the 'audit' of the financial review for 2022 – accepted by motion.
- Pre-season discussion regarding the diver's and additional related expenses to the boat for the 2023 season
- Discussion regarding 2023 diver's contracts. 2023 rates are \$40 per hour. Two contracts have been signed, one pending. Motion to approve entering into future diver's contracts by the President and the Treasurer was passed.
- Update on educational buoys – Finalization of document (to be added to the district handbook) regarding procedures for placement, removal, procedures to be added to the District Procedure guideline. Electors must approve annual costs for placement and removal next year (2024).
- Discussion regarding PFAS testing on the lake using the Crandon WI testing company. This item will be placed on the agenda at the annual electors meeting.
- Finalization of the letter to the Squash Lake District Electors to be sent out in April – approved as presented.
- Discussion regarding the Pelican River Forest conservation easement project -
- President reviewed some of the Lake Association's current spending, specifically to their proposed lake sampling project.
- President Report – Tom J gave a brief general report.
- Thome gave County report dated 4-1-2023 (attached)
- Butkus gave WI Lakes Association report (attached)
- Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.
- Next commissioner's meeting – July 9, 2023

Respectfully,

Bob Thome



Treasurer's Report: March 26, 2023 Q1 – Not Reconciled

Corrected

Squash Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

Budget Performance Through March 26, 2023

Line Item	Sub-Category	2023 Annual Budget	2023 Actual YTD Mar 26	2023 YTD Actual vs Budget		Final Incmpt
				Δ \$	% of Budget	
Revenue						
Tax Levy		\$ 19,000.00	\$ 12,679.44	\$ (6,320.56)	67%	I
Pers. Prop. Aid		\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ (50.00)	0%	I
Carryover		\$ 50,905.00	\$ 46,157.80	\$ (4,747.20)	91%	C
Grant Reimb.		\$ 24,166.00	\$ -	\$ (24,166.00)	0%	I
Other Rev.		\$ 105.00	\$ 315.88	\$ 210.88	301%	I
Total Revenue		\$ 94,226.00	\$ 59,153.12	\$ (35,072.88)	63%	I
Expenses						
Gen. Gov't.	Legal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a	I
	Administration	\$ 3,400.00	\$ 12.65	\$ (3,387.35)	0%	I
	Insurance	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)	0%	I
Conserv./Dev.	Boat operations	\$ 2,891.00	\$ 156.00	\$ (2,735.00)	5%	I
Dist. Programs	EWM Control	\$ 39,525.00	\$ 1,220.00	\$ (38,305.00)	3%	I
	Lake Planning	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a	I
	Water Quality	\$ 25.00	\$ -	\$ (25.00)	0%	I
Total Expenses		\$ 47,841.00	\$ 1,388.65	\$ (46,452.35)	3%	I
Net Revenue Less Expenses		\$ 46,385.00	\$ 57,764.47	\$ 11,379.47	125%	I

Report: As of 3/26/2023

- Due to the 4/2 Commissioners Quarterly meeting, the accounts have not been reconciled against month-end statements.
- The Net Revenue as on-hand cash assets on deposit in various accounts is \$57,764.47.
 - Outstanding Accounts Receivable: March interest on LGIP accounts.
 - Outstanding Accounts Payable of \$0.00.
- Journal Entry completed in January to carryover 2022 net revenue into 2023 revenue.
- 2022 Financials delivered to Town of Crescent Clerk for financial review in January. Report rec'd in March. No issues reported.
- Revenue from tax levy settlement in January and February was higher than expected.
- Onterra bill rec'd and paid for \$1220.00 for year end report and wrap-up of 2022 work.

Upcoming

- Purchase navigational buoys in April. On order. Pricing appears to be significantly lower than budgeted. Delivery in April or May.
- Onterra LLC expected to perform Early Season AIS Survey in late May/early June

Other

- Dan Butkus, Treasurer, was voted in as Chair of the newly formed Policy Committee for Wisconsin Lakes.

Summary of County Activities

April 1, 2023

- County Board
 - Uneventful
 - Register of deeds, Land Information, Medical Examiner all gave their annual reports.
 - Another long list of consent agenda items was approved without discussion.
 - Pelican River Forest easement project continues to be a hot topic and will be revisited in May.
- Planning & Zoning Department
 - Controversial Shoreland Protection Ordinance amendment based upon recommendations made by the newspaper/landscapers/builders went to public hearing on March 29th.
 - County Board room was packed and 15 people on zoom.
 - WIDNR reported back to the department on the proposed changes. 85% of the proposed changes do not conform with WI Administrative Code or WIDNR 115 on 4 separate occasions.
 - The non-compliance letter was read into the record.
 - I have attached the WIDNR report for your review.
 - A number of people spoke at the hearing, comments generally were quite factual, restrained and for the most part civilized.
 - Committee decided to delay deliberation of the ordinance amendment and have a WIDNR representative to meet with the committee.
- Tourist Rooming House Operations (TRHO):
 - The department reported that NO progress has been made in implementation of three additional 'Granicus modules' to help with the monitoring of TRHOs – which expired on 3-28-2023.
 - Committee then refused to renew/then canceled of all 4 modules moving forward into 2023, including the identification module.
 - Software is too complicated for our P&Z Department
- Social Services:
 - As reported last month, COVID based Food Share benefit measures ran out beginning in February and revert to pre-pandemic levels. The County administered over \$1.0 million monthly in Food Share over the last year and continued the 1st quarter of 2023. This number will decrease by over 45%, which will cause dramatic pressure on other sources of food (Food Pantry etc.).
 - Impact was minimal in March, expect April to see some impact.
 - Forest County DSS has huge staffing issues and currently OC SS has been aiding Forest County, but the crisis is getting so bad that other surrounding counties have been requested to help out
- Public Safety/Social Services:
 - A joint meeting was held on Monday March 27th to discuss the Tri-County Human Service Center Contract and options related.
 - Discussion included:
 - Updating current HSC Tri-County agreement
 - Preparing a new Tri-County agreement
 - Concerns with the current system
 - Overview of Human Service Departments in WI
 - Investigate creating an OC HSC and opting out of the Tri-County agreement.
 - Written concerns from the OC SS and Sheriff's Departments were discussed.
 - Meetings will be held to further discuss the future relationship of the County and the Human Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Thome

Summary - Wisconsin Lakes Activities

April 2, 2023

- Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention will be held April 19-21 2023 in Stevens Point.
 - Using overflow hotels.
 - One of the largest pre-registration volumes.
- Wisconsin Lakes Board Meeting created three standing committees
 - Membership Committee to expand membership and revise organizational dues calculations
 - Communications Committee to more effectively communicate news and events via multi-platforms
 - Policy Committee to review state and regional issues, and prioritize effort more effectively.
 - Work with Environmental Lobby Roundtable (Madison)
 - Meet quarterly
 - Dan Butkus is Chair of Committee.
 - Current priorities
 - Pelican River Forest as subsidiary environmental group...Gathering Waters and the River Alliance have taken lead.
 - Oneida County Shoreland Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

Dan Butkus

Member of Board of Directors – Northern Region

Wisconsin Lakes