

Crescent Lake District (CLD) Report

As of April 11, 2023

- A Commissioner's Meeting was held via zoom, at 6:00 p.m.
- All commissioners were present, plus Terry Goldbach, CLD AIS Response Team Coordinator, Jim Gehrke and Donna Stone from Stoney Acres, Connie Anderson, Dave S
- Public comment – none
- The meeting agenda and January 10, 2023 meeting minutes reviewed and approved.
- Chairman Kilgore general welcome to guests.
- Treasurer's report that checkbook balance \$87,197.38. Checks received from the tax levy, the DNR Grant reimbursements and a donation to Clean Boats Clean Waters. Financial reports were sent to be audited – from inception to current – clean audit reported.
- Response Team report/discussion as follows:
 - 2023 treatment plan will be the same as 2019 – north end of lake near Highway 8, near the boat landing – approximately 24 acres, tentatively approved by the DNR.
 - Budget considerations related to the DNR requirements for 2023 lake studies was discussed.
 - Approved Resident/owner letter and map regarding 2023t treatment plan.
 - DASH Boat sale update – transfer/sale is in the work.
- Thome reviewed the 4-1-2023 County report – attached.
- Discussion regarding website photos have been posted on the website
- Overview of OCLRA call to action of March 5th
- Walleye stocking email discussion –
- CB/CW program supervision and coordination discussion.
 - Hiring a supervisor/coordinator for the CB/CW 2023 program – hire paid inspectors.
 - Discussion regarding hiring inspectors and the required employment forms was had.
- The next meeting will be July 6, 2023 in person
- Annual meeting August 19th, 2023
- Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully,

Bob Thome

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