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From: Crescent Lake District <crescentlakedistrict@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 10:23 AM
To: Michele Sadauskas
Cc: Kilgore, Tim
Subject: Crescent Lake District - County Board Appointee

April 25, 2023

To: Jim Winkler – Oneida County Board Supervisor – via email

CC: Michele Sadauskas – Oneida County Land & Water Conservation Department – via email

Re: Crescent Lake District – County Board Appointee

Dear Mr. Winkler,

The Crescent Lake District Commissioners have been made aware of Bob Thome's resignation from the Oneida County Board of Supervisors and in turn, his position on our Crescent Lake District as the County-appointed District Commissioner. We are disappointed in this development as Mr. Thome was a valuable contributor to our Lake District board and he will be missed. We are also aware Oneida County must follow Wisconsin State Chapter 33 guidelines for the nomination and election process for naming a successor. Please be advised that the Crescent Lake District Board, as much as possible, desires to have input into this process. We feel it is imperative to select a successor to Mr. Thome that expresses positive interest and demonstrated support of our Lake District and our fellow Crescent Lake residents.

As a relatively new Lake District, we have made great progress in the two plus years since our formation. I encourage you to read about our Lake District by visiting our webpage www.crescentlakedistrict.com. There you find our mission, meet our wonderful volunteers, and find agendas and minutes from our quarterly and annual meetings. Our meetings follow all state guidelines and are properly posted, and the public is welcomed. Our efforts to preserve Crescent Lake have been primarily focused upon the control and potential elimination of Eurasian Water Milfoil and we are making great strides. We have overwhelming support from our residents as evidenced by nearly unanimous votes in support of our actions and budget requests at our first two annual meetings.

We are volunteer commissioners, investing hours into the District and in lake activity for the purpose of maintaining the health of Crescent Lake for generations to come. We hope you, the Land and Water Conservation Department, and the other County Supervisors recognize the efforts and success of the Crescent Lake District and are committed to seeing our positive results continue by appointing to us a qualified and supportive contributor to our Lake District and Board of Commissioners.

On the evening of Tuesday, April 25, 2023, as District Chairman, I called a special meeting of the Lake District commissioners to discuss Bob's resignation and to develop a list of potential nominee candidates. The meeting was posted and open to the public as required.

Here are the results of our discussion and the results presented here were unanimous with our 4 Commissioners.

- We decided not to prioritize the recommended candidates but sought to compile a list of candidates we feel would be positive contributors to the Crescent Lake District. We also request that the appointed candidate be someone who is not a Crescent Lake resident and would therefore be an impartial commissioner.

Our list of suggested individuals includes (in no particular order):

- Bob Mott

- Michelle Sadauskas
- Linnaea Newman
- Tony Rio
- Steven Schreier

- We are concerned regarding the nomination of any individual who has a record of publicly opposing the formation of Lake Districts, such as the public opposition of Robb Jensen to the formation of the Crescent Lake District.
- We unanimously agreed that anyone who is appointed should be a supporter of Lake Districts and their mission.

Sincerely,

Tim Kilgore

Chairman, Crescent Lake District



Squash Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

PO Box 34, Rhinelander, WI 54501
Established 2017

Squash

Date: April 23, 2023

Mr. Jim Winkler, Oneida County Board Supervisor:

Upon becoming aware of Robert Thome's resignation from the Oneida County Board, the Squash Lake Commissioners met in a special board meeting to discuss this recent event. We understand that Mr. Robb Jensen was appointed to fill Mr. Thome's vacancy on the County Board, and that Mr. Jensen has been assigned to Mr. Thome's former role on the Conservation Committee. I am writing to share our requests and concerns.

We would first like to share that Mr. Thome's commitment and contributions were an asset to the betterment of our Lake District. He will be dearly missed.

We understand that the Conservation Committee will be following the Wisconsin State Chapter 33 statutes for the nomination and election process of a successor for Mr. Thome as the county representative on our Lake District Board. Please be aware that the Squash Lake District Board would appreciate having input into this process. Our wishes are to replace Mr. Thome with a county representative who values and supports the vision and mission of our Lake District. Since its inception, our Lake District has worked effectively to meet our goals to prevent and control invasive species, preserve and restore habitat, and promote the fisheries and wildlife populations in and around Squash Lake. We hope you, the Land and Water Conservation Department, and the other county supervisors recognize the efforts and successes of the Squash Lake District and are committed to see our positive results continue by appointing a qualified and supportive candidate to our Lake District Board of Commissioners.

We are communicating to you in advance that we have reservations about Mr. Robb Jensen as the county representative on our Lake District Board, should your committee wish to nominate him for consideration by the full Board. Those reservations include:

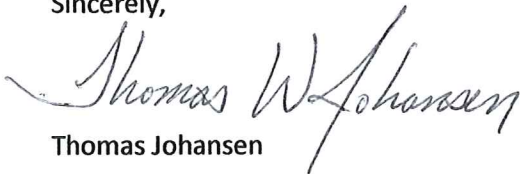
- His strong opposition to forming a Lake District on Crescent Lake (his home residence)
- His attempt to stop the formation of the Crescent Lake District at a county board meeting
- His support of Squash Lake electors who were in opposition to forming a Lake District
- A possible conflict of interest having a sister who owns property within our Lake District
- His past record of poor attendance as a Lake District Commissioner in his previous county board position
- His past record of voting as a county board representative which contradicted our lake district's mission of conservation and protection
- A concern that if he were appointed to our board, he would then be a representative over the same jurisdiction at three levels of government. In addition, he would then not only be on our board, but also in a position to exert influence over the composition of our board through the appointment of another commissioner who represents the township of Crescent.

We would like to suggest alternative candidates for this position. The Wisconsin State Statute 33.28(2)(a) indicates that you may nominate a Supervisor from the Conservation Committee, any County Supervisor, or any person who is nominated by the committee and approved by the County Board, but not necessarily a supervisor. We make the following suggestions in no particular order of preference:

- Michele Sadauskas - Land and Water Conservation
- Supervisor Linnaea Newman
- Supervisor Steven Schreier
- Supervisor Tony Rio
- Bob Mott - formerly Chair of Conservation Committee and prior Commissioner of our Board.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas W. Johansen". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Thomas Johansen

Squash Lake District Chair

CC: Michele Sadauskas – Oneida County Land & Water Conservation

CC: Mike Fugle – Corporation Council for Oneida Council