

Crescent Lake District

Regular Commissioners Meeting – 01/11/2022

A Regular Meeting for the Crescent Lake District (CLD) Commissioners was called to order at 6:10 p.m., on ZOOM. The meeting notices were posted as required. Attendance included CLD Commissioners Tim Kilgore, Jim Gehrke, Jim Ketterson, Bob Thome, and Maria Rudesill. Members of the public included Jamie Taylor of the Northwoods River News, Wendy Goldbach – CLD Volunteer, and Terry Goldbach – CLD AIS Response Team Coordinator.

Bob motioned to approve the meeting agenda. Jim G seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Bob motioned to approve the minutes from the November 1, 2021 Regular Meeting. Jim K seconded the motion. Motion PASSED.

Public comment included a phone call from a lake neighbor to Jim K stating that they were concerned about the nutrient load in the lake from run off from fertilizers on lawns. She would like the District to consider restrictions on applying fertilizers on the yards of lake homes.

As Chairperson, Tim thanked everyone for agreeing to the ZOOM format and appreciates everyone's flexibility and willingness to meet in this way. He also expressed his thankfulness for everyone's time and efforts as the Board and connected coordinators are all volunteers. He stated that he wished all of the owners were able to attend the meetings so that everyone could be aware of what is happening. Because not all can attend, he believes transparency is important, and while we are still learning and growing as a Board, we are getting better at having information available. He also stated that he hasn't received much in the way of feedback from owners now that the tax bill has arrived. He concluded his comments by expressing his respect for everyone's talents, knowledge, and skills.

In the Treasurer's Report, Jim K shared that there were a few items processed in 2022 that were reimbursements for purchases made in 2021. The CLD account is currently at \$810.67. At Jim K's request, Maria shared that we've received confirmation that the DNR Grant Transfer from the Crescent Lake Association has been approved by the DNR and should arrive in our account as soon as it is finalized by the Madison office. Jim K clarified the discrepancy that he found in the checking account as being a bank charge for the cost of checks. Bob was able to confirm that the tax payments from the town/county will happen this week, February 20th, and August 20th. Each payment is a third of the final total.

Bob presented his Oneida County report, with the discussion centering on the Manure Storage Ordinance, Tourist Rooming House Operations, and work being done on the Shoreline Protection Ordinance that will help clarify the current statute. Tim asked if there was anything the CLD needed to be aware of regarding the Shoreline Protection Ordinance. Bob responded that CLD may have the chance to offer its support and assistance when the time is right.

Jim G and Terry G gave an update from the AIS Response Team, who has been working with White Water Associates, Inc. and the DNR to determine the EWM treatment plan for Spring 2022. After explaining the AIS Management Monitoring report provided by White Water Associates, Inc., the AIS

Response Team recommended that we stay with our current approach using ProcellaCOR and treat the areas identified as Wausau Bay (polygon 8), Tony's Bay (polygon 10), and Radke Bay (polygons 13a and 13b). They also recommended investigating a whole lake treatment plan in the near future. A separate survey on sediment completed in 2021 through CLA showed that of five spots tested, results showed between 9% (lowest - polygon 9) and 31% (highest - polygon 1a) organic material on the lake bed providing fertile space for plants to grow. Levels of nitrate, nitrite, and phosphorus returned low results, telling us that at this point, there isn't an issue with those elements, keeping in mind that environmental changes can impact the chemistry of the lake. After discussion about the budget related to AIS Management, a motion was made by Tim to allow the AIS Response Team to spend the money budgeted in the 2022 approved budget and use it in the most highly impacted areas, based upon the report presented. Bob seconded. Motion PASSED.

CLD Volunteer and Shoreline Monitoring Coordinator, Wendy Goldbach was introduced by Jim G to share that she has been busy reaching out people who have helped in the past as well as people within specific areas that need monitoring. She is finding that most of those responding are interested in training on identification and how to pull the EWM. She is setting up trainings. She is seeing a good response from previous volunteers.

Maria shared questions and updates from the Crescent Lake Association. Tim will reach out to John D, secretary of the CLA, to start the DASH Boat transfer process. The CLD will also need to purchase a new seat for the DASH Boat. Jim K will reach out to Sandy to learn more about her recommendations for a local accounting firm. Maria will ask the CLA to include a section on the CLA Membership letter asking anyone interested in volunteering for the AIS effort to reach out to Jim G via his email. Maria also reported that the CLA has added a link to their website so people can reach the CLD website easily. She also reported that the CLA is looking at donating a sum of money that was given to them to help with the AIS effort. They will be meeting on their budget in February and will give the donation amount to the CLD before meetings begin for the 2023 budget. Bob will investigate the process for receiving a donation from a non-profit and how/when it can be used.

The discussion on Storage for Lake District Materials/Documents was postponed until the next meeting.

Tim reiterated his desire for transparency using the CLD website. Along with the minutes for the meetings, he would like the White Water report posted on the website. It was suggested that we reach out to the CLA website and gather the historical data gathered there and move it to the CLD website. Other information that can be placed on the website include upcoming plant surveys, permit requests, progress reports, etc. Any other reports that could be beneficial to the owners can be sent to Tim or Maria. Maria asked for clarification on the process of sharing emails from owners with the Board. Tim is willing to respond to those emails that are expressing concerns/have questions, and is also willing to talk to them on the phone. Questions that can be answered via meeting minutes can be referred to the website or answered accordingly. If it is a concern that needs to be addressed, it will be added as an agenda item for a future meeting.

Future meetings are set for:

April 4, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m. - Crescent Lake Bible Camp (this may change based on public health status)

Note: Additional meetings can be called at any time, based on need.

Agenda items for future meetings include:

- Investigation of Whole Lake Treatment
- AIS Response Team recommendations for 2023 – 2025 Long Range Plan
- Storage for Lake District Materials / Documents
- Details on How to Receive / Use a Donation from a Non-Profit

Motion by Maria to adjourn, seconded by Tim, motion PASSED. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Maria Rudesill, Secretary (01/12/22)