

**HORSEHEAD LAKE PROTECTION AND  
REHABILITATION DISTRICT #1  
MINUTES OF VIRTUAL COMMISSIONER MEETING**

**JUNE 27, 2023**

**7:00P.M.**

**Commissioners Present:** Deb Bursik, President; Dave Averbeck, Treasurer; Laurie Barrett, Secretary; Lenore Lopez, Town Board Representative **Absent:** Jim Winkler, County Board Commissioner **Citizen District Members:** None

Deb Bursik called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Motion made to approve the minutes of April 8, 2023 Commissioner Meeting. Motion unanimously approved.**

**Reports:**

*Chairperson:*

-Deb reported that the invasive species water survey was completed by Stephanie from the County. Stephanie did note that there are several places along the shore that have Yellow Iris which is considered an invasive species. She suggested replacing those with native blue flag iris plants.

-Deb reported that 5,530 bluegills and 3415 black crappies were stocked in Horsehead Lake this Spring.

*Secretary:* Laurie noted that the latest newsletter was emailed and mailed on May 31, 2023. There were 62 newsletters sent by regular mail.

*Treasurer:* Dave provided the report which is attached to the minutes.

**Motion made to file Treasurer's Report. Motion unanimously approved.**

**Citizen Input:** None.

**Business Items:**

- Deb Bursik reported that Christie Seidel suggested purchasing "Loon Nesting" signs to be put near the nesting sites. She would be willing to put them up in the Spring and remove them in the Fall as long as she lives there. No Wake signs for jet skis were also discussed also as it was found that the distance between the island and shore is less than 400 feet and complaints were received for jet skis speeding around the island. Deb

said she would contact the DNR regarding “No Wake” regulations and the Loon nesting signs.

- Deb and Lenore virtually attended the Onterra lake survey review. Some items of note:
  - The lake is healthier when there are more diverse native plants.
  - Milfoil has not been seen for several years.
  - Mechanical harvesting should only be used if weeds are impeding boat travel as it disturbs fish/animal/insect habitat and can stir up unwanted seeds of invasive plants.
  - Next **Early Season** Aquatic Invasive Species survey is set for 2024.
  - The next Point Intercept and Community Plant Surveys should be completed in 2027.**
- Comprehensive Plan Review  
Proposed changes: Page 26 of the PDF version regarding the Harvesting Committee  
Deb proposed that people serving on the Harvesting Committee who will be making the determination whether weed harvesting is needed have the following criteria met:

1. **Having attended 2 hours of training on weed harvesting, such as watching the DNR presentation on weed harvesting or attended any meetings or done readings on weed harvesting;**
2. **Having attended 2 more annual meetings in the last 5 years.**
3. **Served on the Board of Commissioners;**

Discussion followed resulting in a **motion to adopt the above criteria for people serving on the Harvesting Committee as part of the Comprehensive Plan. Motion carried unanimously.**

- Aerator Status: Dave A. reported that the current aerator is functioning fine. A re-built compressor is ready to be picked up that he will see to. He noted that there will be two different aerators that will be maintained by two different companies.
- Future Aerator: Dave A. signed the grant and District has received first grant payment. --
  - The design changes the DNR are requesting will result in additional costs. Dave will apply for additional monies of about \$3800.00. Public comment period ends July 7, 2023.
  - WPS stated the current transformer is big enough to handle the electrical needs of the aerator. There will be a work bid request given to three different electricians for a quote in the public bidding process to complete the wiring/connection works. Then an application for financing can be completed.
- Dave A. is putting together the budget for the Annual Meeting. The audit period is 7/1 – 6/30 of the District’s year.

**Annual Meeting:** Annual meeting will be held on August 19, 2023, 9:00 a.m. at the Lake Tomahawk Park Shelter, Lake Tomahawk, WI

-Notices with Annual Meeting information will be mailed out no later than August 1, 2023.

-Coffee and snacks will be provided.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Barrett, Secretary, Horsehead Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District No. 1