

Commissioner's Meeting of Pearl Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District meeting July 6, 2024 Minutes

The meeting was held at the Swenson's Garage, W4655 South Pearl Lake Road and was called to order by Chairman Nick Thomas at 8:54 a.m. There was a medium sized contingent of PRD members at the meeting.

Roll Call: Nick Thomas, Steve Gosenheimer, and Amy Solarz-Patel. Kevin Kerwin & Genie Georgen were unable to attend. The meeting was also attended by the Town of Leon Chairman Chris Sorenson.

The Pledge of Allegiance had been recited prior to the Lake Association meeting, so it was not recited again.

Meeting minutes of the previous Commissioner's meeting from May 27th were approved by all commissioners present.

Steve Gosenheimer presented the treasurer's report:

PRD Treasurer's Report 7/2/24

Checking Account Balance:	\$22,919.00	
Bills Paid:	Amy Solarz-Patel	
	Buoy purchase reimbursement	\$555.98
	Aquatic Plant Management	
	Hand harvesting invasives	\$11,310.46
	Amy Solarz-Patel	
	Buoy shallow water stickers	\$117.90
Deposits:		
Water Quality Fund:		
VERVE Savings	\$14,037.41	
VERVE CD's	\$34,695.26	Maturity Date 10/26/24
	\$34,682.00	" " 10/27/25
	<u>\$35,334.67</u>	" " 01/25/25
	\$104,711.93	Total
Total Water Quality Fund:	\$118,749.34	

Roger Volden questioned why the Water Quality Fund (WQF) balance exceeds \$100,000; given the original cap was set at \$100,000 when the fund was created. It was discussed that the 2022 budget surplus was transferred to the WQF in Sept 2023 versus being used to offset the 2024 tax levy and that the PRD members had approved removing the WQF cap during the discussion and approval of the 2024 budget.

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Nick Thomas and 2nd by Amy Solarz-Patel and all approved by voice vote.

Jeff Swensen noted that the lake water level prior to the meeting was 816.57'. Which is 5" higher than the reading at Memorial Day but is still well below the 818.75' mark that is used to prohibit a wake on the lake.

Roger Volden provided a Secchi Disk reading and water temperatures based on a 6/24/2024 survey and comparison to 2023:

2024

Secchi Disk reading - 27'

Water Temp - 3' - 74 degrees, 12' - 74 degrees, 40' - 48 degrees

2023

Secchi Disk reading - 16'

Water temp - 3' - 75 degrees, 12' - 74 degrees, 40' - 46 degrees

Nick Thomas spoke about the Shoreline Habitat Grant Program that is available via the DNR. The DNR has already approved a grant for several projects around the lake. The grant may provide up to a 75% match. The amount of grant money is dependent upon the number of property owners that would be willing to participate. Both the cost of the plants and the hours needed to design and physically plant can be included in the property owner's portion of the project cost. Nick mentioned that if anyone is still interested in submitting a shoreline project, they should meet with him after the meeting. Roger Volden asked if we can post a list of the participants on the PRD website, so that other property owners can look at the projects, to see examples of what could be done on their own property.

Chris Sorenson noted that the lake road potholes and the potholes at the boat launch were repaired the week prior to the meeting. There may be a few other potholes that still need to be filled, but this will be done the following week. The topic of dead trees in the lake road right-of-way was also discussed with Chris. He asked that we should photograph and email the photo and address of the tree to his attention. It was noted that there are two trees of major concern near the campsite on south Pearl Lake Road.

Tammy Chier also asked Chris Sorenson about the faded boat launch sign at the top of the boat launch. Chris asked us to let him know what is needed to fix and/or replace the sign. A question was also asked about the South Pearl Lake Road sign at the corner of EE and the lake road. The sign is very faded and hard to read. The PRD board had emailed the Town about this sign earlier this summer. Chris Sorenson noted that the Town recently replaced the sign for North Pearl Lake Road, so he would make a note of the need for a new sign for South Pearl Lake Road.

There has been an airplane that has recently been making some low passes over the lake. If you see the plane, take a photo of the plane and report the plane number to the FAA. Any plane flying over the lake needs to be at least 1,000' above the buildings.

There will be one board member that will be up for re-election at the PRD September annual meeting. Steve Gosenheimer will be concluding his 3-year term. Steve is planning to run for re-election. If anyone is interested in running for the open board position, please contact the secretary (Steve Gosenheimer) by July 30th. If you are not nominated to run for the open seat by July 30th, you can be added as a write-in candidate on the day of the election.

John Fjellman provided another update/summary of the upcoming water ski show to be held in conjunction with the 30th anniversary Pearl Lake Day event on Aug. 3rd. The Pewaukee Water Ski Club will be performing the show. The show will start at 4:30pm and will last approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes. The show will take place on the west lobe/bay of the lake. The skiers will be starting from the beach of Judie and Dick Fjellman. John asked that the boaters watching the show should either anchor in the middle of the lake or close to the shoreline, so they do not obstruct the water ski team.

A motion to conclude the meeting was made by Steve Gosenheimer and seconded by Amy Solarz-Patel. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Gosenheimer, Secretary of the PRD.