Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order December 8th, 2022 at 9:03AM

**Roll call:**

Present: Timothy Meekma, Paul Perkins Jerry Cypert, Dale Macheel and Colleen Crane. Also present: Rob Frank (MCO), Kip Elliot (MCO) Tracy Zemlo, Executive Director

**Correspondence:** NONE

**Audience Participation:** Bill Foley with Beaver Dam Lake attended the meeting. He explained a few projects they have going on around the lake. They are attempting to do a project on the North East end by “fish camp”. They are trying to go ahead with the insertion of 2 weirs off CC and G. He shared information about Nick Walker with the DNR for any dreadging outreach.(715-492-0243)

**Minutes/Agenda:**

Motion by P Perkins, second by J. Cypert. to approve the minutes of November 10th, 2022 meeting and the agenda for December 8th, 2022.

**Financial Statement:**

Motion by C. Crane, second by J. Cypert to approve the financial statements. All yes. Motion carried.

**Operator Report:**

There was two after hour service calls in November. GS 16 and LS 10 and 11. Kip is continuing to train and provide transitional information to both Aaron and Tony. Within the next week, MCO will be placing ads for the full-time position and an as needed, on-call positon. If anyone knows of someone that may be interested in either position, please let Rob know. All other scheduled maintenance is up to date. Replacement Ronk Add-A-Phase units at some of the S&L lift stations – priority are LS 3 & 13/ LS 2, 6 & 7. Estimated replacement costs are $6,000 each for the equipment and $2,000 for the installation. The six panels for grinder stations were received and installations are ongoing. The plan is to maintain the last panel as a spare. LS 6 we received proposals from Great Lakes, Crane Engineering, and Visu Sewer. At this time Rob will give Visu Sewer a verbal commitment that we would like them to complete the job. Ground water was discovered leaking around MH 74. Visu Sewer was contacted for repair. LS 19 replaced check valves and plug valves. LS 9 Spare pump in operation. The new pump has been received and we are in the process of scheduling with Sabel Mechanical. When new pump is installed the check valves and piping will also be replaced.

**WCC Report:**

T. Meekma reported he will report at next month’s meeting due to time overage in today’s meeting.

**Executive Director Report:**

T. Zemlo reported that tables were distributed of the data collected for the last 9 months. Currently we are in the process of updating our priority strategies table to include recommendations to target these locations for implementation of BMP’s that align with planned reconstruction projects. The final priority table will describe the practices to be implemented in the Fox Lake watershed over the next 10 years. Goose Harvesting Project, T. Zemlo reached out to Mike with FLPO and asked for a public meeting to take place in April for any more public input before making a final decision. Mike was in favor and will be putting this meeting together at the Town Hall. 2 signs have been put up on highway A near Gibbs farm and highway A by Hoekstra’s farm stating you are entering the Fox Lake Watershed. FLILPARD is in the process of placing a third sign on Hwy 33.

**County Report:**

Dale M. reported that Mike Berg explained the process for farmer’s damage claims. Very few farmers are taking part in the CCIP program because they are taking part of the Phosphorus Reduction Program. The farmers group is looking to alter the program a bit to be more fitting. Paul recommended potentially renaming it Phosphorus Retaining Initiative to compliment keeping the phosphorus on the land. DATCAP is looking to do nitrogen testing program. Test plots on farms up to $50,000 per farmer.

**Alliance Report:** Alliance discussed merging with the farmers group. Alliance BOD will be having a meeting December 13th to discuss the merge and keeping the Alliance alive. T. Zemlo placed a write up in the newsletter recruiting involvement in the Alliance.

**Town Report:** J. Cypert reported that the Kayak launch has been taken down for the winter . The discussed the FLPO bumpers for piers.

Suggestions for next meeting: Old Business #2 and #3. Arthur and Brain will be zooming in to discuss JUG possibilities for the future.

Motion made by J. Cypert second by P. Perkins pay bills. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by P. Perkins. and second by J. Cypert to adjourn. All yes. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be on January 12th at 9:00 am

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Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Zemlo/Executive Director