Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on February 11th, 2021 at 9:00 AM.

**Roll call:**

Present: Timothy Meekma, Cheryl Witkowski, Colleen Crane, Dale Macheel Also present: John Richter, Rob Franck (MCO) and Tracy Zemlo, Executive Director. Absent: Ed Benter

**Correspondence:** None

**Audience Participation:** John Richter joined today’s meeting to give commissioners history of the South Hole Advancement. Discussed previous damn and repair of the weir on alto creek. Discussed wing dam options as well as carp barriers. John shared some topo’s and aerials from past to present.

**Minutes/Agenda:**

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by C. Crane, to approve the minutes of January 14th and the agenda for February 11th, 2021. All yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement:**

Motion by C. Witkowski. second by C. Crane, to approve the financial statements of January 31st, 2021. All yes. Motion Carried. T. Zemlo reported that all cover crop payments have been paid. Will reach out to FLPO for their contribution.

**Operator Report:**

See Operations Report attached that Rob reported on. There was one after-hours call on 1/21, LS 7. This line failure alarm has occurred at several stations this past year and it is resolved by resetting the PLC. The failures are random and we have not been able to determine a cause at this point. GS 35A– After the pump, piping and valves were replaced, there is a stream of groundwater entering the wet well around the newly installed force main piping. Due to the high groundwater and soil conditions around the wet well, the sealing cement did not fully seal. Visu-sewer provided a proposal to inject a grout around the piping area. Although it is costly and the results of this process can’t be guaranteed, it seems this will be the better process for this leak. This would be completed on a time and material basis and the expected cost is approximately $3,500. Keeping snow cleared and trying to keep things as insulated and covered as possible with the cold temperatures. Streich Motors replaced both headlights on the District truck. On Tuesday 1/19, Lee’s contracting replaced water check calves in LS 5 & 17 die to failure. We were able to free up the check valve at LS12. Kip had discussion with the golf course manager regarding the possibility of adding five to seven new homes on the east side of the golf course. All other scheduled maintenance is up to date.

**WCC Report:**

C. Witkowski reports no copper report for December. The Lake District received a check in the amount of $4,148.00 for reimbursement of true up. Discussed a historical document for property owners regarding the Waste Water Treatment plant. T. Zemlo and T. Meekma will put together this document before the next meeting. Next meeting will be 2/23.

**Executive Director Report:**

Cover Crop Program Update: All winter cover crop payments have been sent to area farmers for the 2020 season including Paul’s and Schultz’s. T. Zemlo is working on documents and flyers for 2021. Discussed funding sources and requirements. Alto Creek Weir: T. Zemlo did speak to Mark Riedel and Mike Sorge regarding the Weir. They sent T. Zemlo contact information for U. Monday. DNR did also do a drive by in hopes of being able to see it firsthand but due to snow they were unable to do so. Lake Management Plan Update: The grant program lead staff plan to announce award decisions on Feb 17th via email for grant acceptances. Historical Document regarding WCC: T. Zemlo reached out to Barb at Wastewater to see about collaborating to put a historical document explaining the monitoring and location selection. Barb stated they would be discussing this at their next WCC board meeting. T. Zemlo and T. Meekma will gather information and put together this document.

**County Report:**

D. Macheel reported Land and water committee met. The county issued a variance with a manure storage with the exception of an annual inspection. Approved wildlife damaging fees with Mark Berg. Next meeting is 2/22.

**Alliance Report:**

T. Zemlo reported Matt Peplinski talked about how to assist farmers in COVID pandemic. Discussed the Expo coming up Feb. 10th. Approximately 60 attending in person with an additional 50 attending virtually.

**Town Report:**

E. Benter was absent for this meeting.

**Old business:**

1] Discussion/action High nitrates in surface/groundwater Alto Creek weir repair discussion

2] Discussion/action Lake Management Plan Feb. we will find out grant approval

3] Discussion/Action 2020 Fox Lake Cover Crop Program update/DOC

**New business:**
1] Discussion/Action 2021 Cover Crop Ideas. Postcards out in June, send back by July 1st.

 2] Discussion/Action Alto Creek Weir repair.

Motion by C. Witkowski, Second by D. Macheel, to pay the District’s bills. All yes. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be March 11th, 2021 at 9am.

Suggestions for next meeting: continue discussion of Weir update, WCC document, 2021 Cover Crop documents.

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by D. Macheel, to adjourn. All yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Zemlo/Executive Director