Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on July 9th, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

**Roll call:**

Present: Timothy Meekma, Cheryl Witkowski, Colleen Crane, Ed Benter, and Dale Macheel. Also present: Rob Franck (MCO), Charlie Nelson (FLPO), Jeff Stieve and Tracy Zemlo, Executive Director.

**Correspondence:** None

**Audience Participation:** None

**Minutes/Agenda:**

Motion by E. Benter, second by C. Witkowski, to approve the minutes of June 11thand the agenda for July 9th, 2020. All yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement:**

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by D. Macheel, to approve the financial statements of June 30th, 2020. All yes. Motion Carried.

**Operator Report:**

See Operations Report attached that Rob reported on. There were 7 after-hours calls in June. All MCO personnel have been provided information regarding the pandemic guidelines. LS 13 – replaced capacitors, GS 23 & 29 replaced control panels. Kip was escorted by Dodge County Officers to perform maintenance at the LS 19. T. Zemlo sent in both gas meters for repair/calibration. GS 6 Debris was caught in the pump; Jeff’s Pumping came out to pump out the wet well. The ferrous chloride transfer tank and pump were ordered. The radio project equipment was ordered as well as 6 control panels. MH 72 repair quote from Great Lakes was received. MCO contract was renewed with FLILPARD. Rob provided T. Zemlo with the CMOM report as well as a General Overview Summary for the Annual Meeting.

**WCC Report:**

C. Witkowski reports the pumps that WCC were going to use to pump out the water were not working. They are in the process of fixing, and draining the lagoons. 8% increase in MCO contract due to wages. Cooper for June was City .119 and for the District it was .065. They are going back to normal charges in September, 2020 of $875.00 No issues with the compliance report. $4000.00 approx. for total dumping near the Horicon Marsh. Copper surcharges collected from 2009 to current was $38,839.75 and the district was $83.00. Interest earned on that as well. So WCC voted on how to distribute the money. Should it get split down the middle? Or do the flow 60/40? They ended up voting that the city will receive 90% of the total and the District will receive 10%. FLILPARD District is not in agreement with this. E. Bentar and T. Zemlo will attend the WCC meeting on July 21st to present and hopefully open this up for further discussion.

**Executive Director Report:**

T. Zemlo reports Weed Harvesting Update; At this time the APM committee has reported weeds to be sparse. T. Zemlo has spoken with Dave and postponed any weed harvesting at this time. Tracy and Dave will stay in contact weekly as this can change rapidly. Herbicide Treatment Update: 20 properties were treated that had proper signs posted and had aquatic vegetation present, 7 properties were not treated either due to lack of weeds or unidentified signage. Also treated 3.2 acre navigation channel in “the Jug”. Restrictions were posted on properties “1 day swimming, 5 days irrigation while treatment occurred.” Cover Crop Program Update: T. Zemlo has heard from 3 farmers at this time who have displayed interest in the cover crop incentive. Randy Kamphuis, Steve Sperger (whom has approx. 120 acres he is looking to do 4 pounds of radishes per acre and 50 pounds of barley per acre. Additionally Kirk Warmka has expressed interest as well. Fox Lake Prison Farm Update: T Zemlo had a meeting with DOC Legals and Risk Management team on July 8th regarding clause in Temporary Easement/MOU. T. Zemlo explained the unique situation regarding the valve project and the pollution coverage requirements. DOC Legals and Risk Management team will take this back and make revisions/edits. Jane with DOC will reach out to T. Zemlo with a revised Temporary Easement Agreement and MOU once completed. Brenners Bay Update: Property owner reached out to T Zemlo regarding some concern of bluegreen algae. T Zemlo reached out to S. Graham with photos to see if she could possibly identify. S. Graham reported back to T Zemlo that she spoke with the property owner along Brenner Bay along Shorecreast Dr. Some of the growth does indeed look like bluegreen algae. There is also duckweed in the mix, probably plants underneath, and possibly some filamentous algae. Unfortunately, there is no short-term solution to this kind of growth. Duckweed and plants could be treated, but in this kind of weather, that’s not advised. Dissolved oxygen gets used up by bacteria feasting on dead plants and algae, and when it’s hot out, and the water is already really warm, it could cause a fish kill. The decaying plants and algae also fuels new growth of algae. If this sounds like a vicious cycle, that would be accurate. They noted the duckweed and algae material builds up when there’s an easterly wind. They have an aquathruster to jet water away from shore to move the water, but it’s not fully effective. This is legal without a permit as long as it’s not scouring the bottom out (displacing sediment). They asked about the status of the valve project at the prison, and S. Graham referred them to T. Zemlo, and or Tim, for current information as she was not up-to-date on that idea. They are aware of the Healthy Lakes program, and are doing some native plantings at their place. This is the season when bluegreen algae becomes problematic in nutrient rich waters. There could be other spots around the lake (or even widespread) with algae blooms, though T. Zemlo hasn’t been informed of any other places on the lake at this time.

**County Report:**

D. Macheel reports the Dodge County met on June 22. New software presentation, John B. gave an update on the well testing program. All wells that are chosen will be picked by UW Steven’s Point. They will send out letters to land owners that they want to take a look at. This may not take place in 2020 due to COVID. Update on Beaver Dam Lake District and lawsuit on the formation of the district is working its way through the court system. Next meeting will be July 27th. T. Zemlo will join the CAC committee to represent the Lake District. The committee will start meeting in August.

**Alliance Report:**

C. Crane reported they are moving forward with Bylaws and Strategic Planning. They are hoping to vote on within next Monday. C. Crane asked T. Zemlo, T. Meekma, C. Nelson to be in attendance for voting. All 3 agreed to be present. .

**Town Report:**

E. Benter reports the Town has not met since last meeting. T. Nehls fisheree at the Town Park was approved for the 3rd week in Feb.

**Old business:**

1] Discussion/action High nitrates in surface/groundwater

2] \*Discussion/action Lake Management Plan Update EOR is submitting application and writing the grant, which will lead to a 9 KEP. Joe P will be showing FLILPARD a draft by July 15.

3] \*Discussion/action BCE/FLCI Farm Update \*See Ex. Director report

4] Discussion/Action 2020 Fox Lake Cover Crop Program\*See Ex. Director report

**New business:**   
 1] Discussion/Action on Annual Meeting takes place Aug 1st.

2] Discussion/Action Approve MCO contract Motion by C. Witkowski, second E. Benter, All yes. Motion carried.

3] Discussion/Action JUG Committee T. Zemlo will email JUG Committee

4] Discussion/Action CAC Representative T. Zemlo will be representing.

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

The next regular meeting will be August 1st, 2020 at 1:00 PM following Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting

Suggestions for next meeting, Annual meeting update.

Motion by E. Benter, second C. Witkowski, to adjourn. All yes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Zemlo/Executive Director