Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on January 14th, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

**Roll call:**

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

**Correspondence:** Beaver Dam Scouts Troop Letter regarding fish cribs. T. Zemlo will forward on to FLPO.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Minutes/Agenda:**

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by C. Crane, to approve the minutes of December 10th and the agenda for January 14th, 2021. All yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement:**

Motion by C. Witkowski. second by C. Crane, to approve the financial statements of December 31st, 2020. All yes. Motion Carried. T. Zemlo has finalized the financial audit process with CPA Laura H. Commissioners audit letter was distributed to all Commissioners. T. Zemlo has finalized all W-2’s and 1099’s which have been sent out to all venders.

**Operator Report:**

See Operations Report attached that Rob reported on. There was one after-hours call on 12-4, LS 3. 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. Replaced green LED lights on GS 29 and GS 23 due to failure. Replaced controls on two of the Heat-line heaters for the grinder stations. Installed stainless steel extension handle in GS 35A. GS 8 had an alarm during business hours caused by a stuck float. Lee’s Contracting is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, 1/19 to remove and inspect the wafer check valves at LS 5,12 & 17. All other scheduled maintenance is up to date.

**WCC Report:**

C. Witkowski reports copper report for November was City .089 and Lake District .074. WCC will be issuing a check to the Lake District in the amount of $4,148.00 for reimbursement of true up.

**Executive Director Report:**

Cover Crop Program Update: T. Zemlo dispensed 2020 Cover Crop incentive checks to area farmers on December 28th. T. Zemlo met with D. Macheel, C. Nelson and C. Crane to discuss ideas and suggestions for 2021 Cover Crop Program. T. Zemlo did some research on the Alto Creek Weir repair and shared information with the members of the Board. T. Zemlo shared CPA’s letter to Commissioners for the finalization of the financial audit. T. Zemlo received letter from Beaver Dam Scouts group displaying interest of potential fish cribs. This information was shared with C. Nelson with the FLPO. Discussed creating a historical document to present to land owners on the operation of the Waster Water Treatment Plant. T. Zemlo will reach out to Barb to collaborate pulling together a collaborative document.

**County Report:**

D. Macheel was unable to report the Dodge County Update due to being absent for this meeting.

**Alliance Report:**

C. Crane reported the importance of reaching out to John Richter to learn some history of their involvement in Alto Creek. C. Crane will coordinate a zoom meet. C. Crane shared the recommendation of the book “Dirt to Soil” which came highly recommended from D. Macheel. C. Crane suggested to T. Zemlo that she reach out to Wayne Kok for a tour of his Nature Area and a possible Newsletter article for the future.

**Town Report:**

E. Benter was absent for this meeting. Will report at next 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 T. Zemlo dispensed checks. C. Crane will reach out to Bill S. to see if he has yet to make contact with Corey with the DOC.

**New business:**   
1] Discussion/Action 2021 Cover Crop Ideas. Cap? NMP? Phosphorus reduction? T. Zemlo will put together a 2021 cover crop document for the next meeting.

2] Discussion/Action Alto Creek Weir repair. Limit erosion and sediment.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Zemlo/Executive Director