Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Supervisors to order July 13th, 2023 at 9:00AM

**Roll call:**

Present: Timothy Meekma, Dale Macheel, Jerry Cypert (via phone), Colleen Crane. Also present is Rob Frank, (MCO) Justin Johnson (MCO), Tracy Zemlo, Executive Director and Marianna Ehrenberg

Absent: Paul Perkins

**Correspondence:** None

**Audience Participation:** None

**Minutes/Agenda:**

Motion by C. Crane second by D. Macheel. to approve the minutes of June 8th, 2023 and the agenda for July 13th, 2023. All yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement:**

Motion by D. Macheel , second by C. Crane to approve the financial statements. All yes. Motion carried.

**Operator Report:**

There were three after hours service callouts in June. GS 16, Howard Ave, GS24 & GS 42. Diggers Hotline notifications changed from fax to emails received by Tracy and Justin. Developing Excel sheets and a shared OneDrive folder to simplify the documentation of operations and maintenance items related to grinder and lift stations. Reviewing historical data to eliminate items that are no longer relevant. All other scheduled maintenance is up to date.

**WCC Report:**

T. Meekma reported that they sold a stock with Beaver Dam Summit Credit Union. Proceeds will go into a a CD for 22months at 5.3%.

**Executive Director Report:**

T. Zemlo reported that the Herbicide Treatment has been completed on June 29th. All but one property that signed up qualified. T. Zemlo has completed the annual budget as well as the documents for the 2023 annual meeting. She picked up the watershed signs from the Dodge County building. She met Justin at WCC and he is storing signs currently. Chuck and Liz will be doing a weed check this upcoming weekend. T. Zemlo will report the weed findings.

**County Report:**

Dale M. reported that the county met on June 26th. Five different land owners rented the tree planter for planting over 14,000 trees. FSA gave report on CREP. Well tested was done on approx. 300 wells. This is taking place over a 4 year program. Bill F. reported he is running into some road blocks with the permitting for the Rakes Bay project. He is continuing to move forward but at a much slower pace than he predicted. EVAAL computer program for land and water and parks would highlight areas susceptible to erosion. Next meeting will take place July 24th

**Alliance Report:** T. Zemlo reported the topic of having the Recognition event. Venue will be Oxbo Marine on Lake Sinissippi. Possible dates are the last week of August, possibly Wednesday August 30th. Considering an event starting around 4:00 with pontoon rides (there will be 3 boats that can hold 10 people each), socializing and recognition of people that have played instrumental roles in getting the HSHW groups off the ground. At this time we anticipate honoring contributors from the Alliance and Farmers groups and Agency/non-profits or others that have played roles in our success. We anticipate having light food, appetizers, etc. bar and beverages. Early estimates of size of group is 40 to 75 people.

Cover crop showcase meeting in October will be held near Beaver Dam this fall. The group discussed combining this event with the quarterly Alliance meeting and utilizing the site for possible inclusion of high school or SAGE students. Possible inclusion of Will Fulwider NOPP grant project along with the showcase and other hands-on attractions were discussed. If students are to be part of the target audience we will need to coordinate with the schools soon to accommodate scheduling.

Dodge County Fair Booth will take place again this year. Jeff will start a sign up genus for anyone to sign up to work the booth. Ideally it is preferred to have one Lake Person and one farmer group individual to work the booth. Hoping to do a coloring contest as well as trivia and displays as well.

A universal Dodge County Cover Crop Program was discussed. We would like to put together a committee. We would like to roll this plan out during the 2024 cover crop year. Perhaps look at a potential intern to run the program.

**Town Report:** Jerry C. reported nothing at this time.

**Other Business:** The Shoreline Garden Tour took place, there were 5 houses on the tour and 50 people participated. 6 additional homeowners signed up. Since 2018 there have been 48 buffer gardens and 10 rain gardens placed along Fox Lake. FLILPARD discussed the possibility of reaching out to landowners for sign insertion. Area’s discussed was Hwy 33 (Sam’s), Hwy 68 & F (Hoekstra’s), Hwy 73 (Nate L.), Hwy A North (Macheel), and Hwy A S. (Gibbs). T. Zemlo will reach out to Liz O. about annual meeting presentation as well as Arthur regarding APM study.

Motion made by C. Crane second by D. Macheel to pay bills. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion made by D. Macheel and second by C, Crane to adjourn. All yes. Motion carried.

The next regular meeting will be take place on August 5th after the annual meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Zemlo/Executive Director