Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on October 8th, 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) Bill Stangle (Soil Solutions) and Tracy Zemlo, Executive Director.

**Correspondence:** T. Zemlo read correspondence from Paul P. regarding lateral hookup. Motion was made by E. Benter and seconded by C. Witkowski to reimburse Paul $1080.00 from initial hookup charge, all members were in favor. T. Zemlo read correspondence from Wedges Resort. Board Commissioners were in agreement that T. Zemlo will draft up letter regarding sewer capping regarding cottages that aren’t using.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Minutes/Agenda:**

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by C. Crane, to approve the minutes of October 8th and the agenda for November 12th, 2020. All yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement:**

Motion by E. Benter. second by C. Witkowski, to approve the financial statements of October 31st, 2020. All yes. Motion Carried. T. Zemlo has starting the financial audit process with CPA Laura H.

**Operator Report:**

See Operations Report attached that Rob reported on. There were no after-hours calls in October. One of the Districts outside contractors had tested positive for COVID; however Kip did not have direct contact with them and was not experiencing any symptoms. R. Franck and T. Zemlo were in contact after hours and decided there was no need for quarantine at this time. Replace the pump, pipes and valves in GS 35A. During install the corroded existing pipe exiting the wet well underground broke. The station was required to stay out of service overnight until the repairs could be made. There was standing groundwater around the wet well which made it difficult to seal the concrete around the pipe. Kip notified effected property owners as well as notified T. Zemlo at the District. Alarm float at GS 7 failed and was replaced. Control panels were replaced at GS 6 & 7. The milk house heaters were installed at the lift stations. The radios and antennas have been fine-tuned by Energenecs. The island LS were winterized.

**WCC Report:**

C. Witkowski reports Copper for FLILPARD was .114 and the City was .134. T. Zemlo provided amendment regarding copper surcharge, WCC attorney prepared. Amendment approved with no revisions requested. CMAR report came back with a grade of A. Great work!

**Executive Director Report:**

T. Zemlo reports Cover Crop Program Update: T. Zemlo reached out to Bill S. and Charlie N. asking them to join the meeting November 12th so that we can touch base with finalizing the cover crop incentive program. T. Zemlo reached out to Bill Foley, Karen Huber and Bill Boettge to inquire about possible additional cover crop funding options perhaps incorporating this within the Adaptive Management Plan. Fox Lake Prison Farm Update: T Zemlo had been speaking with Paulina D. whom is the legislative advisor for the DOC. Paulina had called an internal meeting within the DOC on October 8th. At this meeting the DOC legal team decided they can NOT revise the pollution insurance requirement. T. Zemlo reached out to Corey F with the prison farm, with the hopes of seeing if there was any interest in doing cover cropping on the prison far. T. Zemlo will provide Corey’s contact information to Bill S. for further outreach. Lake Management Plan Grant: T. Zemlo reported that as of Friday October 30th the final application has been submitted. T. Zemlo will be attending the 2020 Annual Drainage Research Forum sponsored by the University of Minnesota, Iowa State University, South Dakota State University and the Iowa Soybean Association. T. Zemlo’s attendance can be used as in-kind contribution towards our grant. 2019-2020 Audit: T. Zemlo met with Laura from CPA’s office to finalize the financial audit process.

**County Report:**

D. Macheel reports the Dodge County met on October 26th. They got to meet Tonya the 3 month interim replacing Kathy Turner NRCS. EQIP deadline for November 20th. Well test kits should be in the mail. Next meeting will occur on November 23rd.

**Alliance Report:**

C. Crane reported that L. Orsay is working on Love your Lakes project as well as with Lake Sinissippi. C. Nelson is establishing a county wide advisory group to meet November 17th to discuss the cover crop program to be county wide. Alliance website is now live. Communications line of the Alliance is taking shape real nicely. C. Crane will share the website address and brochures with the BOD. C. Crane stated that T. Zemlo will now be taking on the FLILPARD website and email blasts.

**Town Report:**

2021 budget has been passed. There was an increase of $43,000 from 2020. This will be used to pay towards the new fire truck. The town has been approved for the new broad band tower grant. This tower will be placed at the Town Hall building. This should allow for much better internet service with a 350 foot tower.

**Old business:**

1] Discussion/action High nitrates in surface/groundwater

2] Discussion/action Lake Management Plan

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

**New business:**   
 1] Discussion/Action T. Zemlo met with Corey from the Department of Corrections.

2] Discussion/Action T. Zemlo discussed Harvesting contract for 2021. T. Zemlo will look into removing the umbrella policy.

3] Discussion/Action Green LED alarm lights. Due to some property owners reporting that the alarm lights are very bright, Kip will tape up the side that faces the property owners home.

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

The next regular meeting will be December 10th, 2020 at 9am.

Suggestions for next meeting

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Zemlo/Executive Director