Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order November 11th, 2021 at 9:02AM

**Roll call:**

Present: Timothy Meekma, Ed Benter, Cherie Witkowski and Dale Macheel. Also present: Rob F. (MCO), Kip Elliot (MCO) A. Paul (MCO) and Tracy Zemlo, Executive Director.

Absent: Colleen Crane

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**Correspondence:**

D. Macheel shared a thank you for cover crop payments to local producers. Recommended additional info to go with the checks when dispersing in the future.

**Audience Participation:**

K. Elliot introduced A. Paul who will fill in for Kip at anytime to the FLILPARD board.

**Minutes/Agenda:**

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by E. Benter to approve the minutes of October 14th, 2021 and the agenda for November 11th, 2021. All yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement:**

Motion by E. Benter, second by C. Witkowski to approve the financials. All yes. Motion carried.

**Operator Report:**

There was two after-hour service callouts at GS 24 & 38. The winterizing on Elmwood Island has been completed. All of the floats in GS 24 and 38 have been replaced. The annual fall cleaning and inspection of the grinder stations are in progress. Energencs was called to LS 7 due to relay issue within the Ronk phase converter. Energencs performed the full inspections of LS 3 & 10. The grinder pump and piping fell off in GS 32. Jeff’s pumping pumped down the wet well so the pump could be re-installed. PLC/HMI replacement for alarm system – delayed due to long lead times for the required Rockwell/Allen Bradley components. All other scheduled maintenance is up to date.

**WCC Report:**

C. Witkowski reported the breakdown on a spreadsheet for WCC project. Barb had kept track of all payments and invoices. Report shows that budget was on target on the WCC side of project costs. WCC hasn’t heard anything on the progress of the mag flow meter that was struck by lightning. Should be installed around December 20th, 2021.

**Executive Director Report:**

Lake Management Plan Update: T. Zemlo met with Joe and Ethan from EOR and Andrew Craig, and Mike Reidel with DNR to discuss STEPL model inputs/methods and capturing existing BMPs (types and extent) within Fox Lake Watershed. Next steps going forward is T. Zemlo, B. Stangel and Andrew Craig will be meeting Friday November 12th to discuss……..What are representative/common cropland rotations, tillage methods and timing, nutrient applications and STP levels in the watershed.  What practices were followed prior to adoption of soil health (reduced tillage, cover crops) in the watershed beginning five years ago? Methods to summarize NMP data – without sharing snap producer databases – using excel report functions in SNAP.

Cover Crop/Soil Health Program: Cover Crop Payments have been dispensed to local producers who partook in the program. Prison Farm: With feedback from C. Crane and T. Meekma, T. Zemlo sent letters to Legislators regarding the prison farm practices and also support for J. Cypert. We will discuss and approve a citizen letter of support. Interview: T. Zemlo did an interview with Addie from Rock River Coalition to put together a StoryMap about Fox Lake’s 9 key element plan process. Communication Roll-Out: prior to Survey for property owners regarding the Fox Lake 9KEP. T. Zemlo will share with the board the communication roll-out piece. AARP Funds Request: T. Zemlo submitted a funding request consideration to Ray C. with the Town for the Town Board Meeting on November 1st.regarding velocity sensors.

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**County Report:**

Dale M. reported the county met on October 25th Rock River monitoring proposal will cost about $90,000. The county will contribute approximately $30,000 of the costs. This will hopefully help to get a idea of how the river is flowing from Watertown to Hustisford. Mike Berg from USDA discussed wildlife crop damage and crops lost. Suggested to set a limit on payments for lost crops. Land and Water survey can be completed online for their 10 year plan and resource concerns and prioritize. Deadline is November 19th, 2021.

**Alliance Report:**

**Town Report:**

Ed B. reported that the annual meeting and budget was passed. The budget currently is about 1,000,070.00. The Town has approved the resolution for funding for FLILPARD for 3 velocity sensors. Thank you to the Town for their very generous donation. The road to rehabilitate this year is Lake Emily Road from Brave to Hwy A.

Suggestions for next meeting: Old business #1, 2, 3 new business #1 and Prison Farm. T.Zemlo will reach out to A. Watkinson regarding Pl survey and APM.

Motion made by C. Witkowski second by E. Benter to pay bills. All yes. Motion carried.

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

The next regular meeting will be December 9th, 2021 at 9AM

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Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Zemlo/Executive Director