Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order September 9th, 2021 at 9:00AM

**Roll call:**

Present: Timothy Meekma, Colleen Crane (via phone), Ed Benter, Cherie Witkowski and Dale Macheel. Also present: Kip Elliot (MCO) and Tracy Zemlo, Executive Director

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**Correspondence:** APM/AIS inquiry from Liz O.

**Audience Participation:** NONE

**Minutes/Agenda:**

Motion by by E. Benter, second by C. Witkowski to approve the minutes of August 7th, 2021 and the agenda for September 9th, 2021. All yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement:**

Motion by D. Macheel, second by C. Witkowski to approve the financials. All yes. Motion carried.

**Operator Report:**

There was four after-hour service callouts at GS 20 & 24 and LS 16 & 18. Sewer backup on Howard Dr.  Sunday 8/22. Tracy was notified. The homeowner called Service Master to provide cleanup of the basement and Tracy has been in contact with the homeowner. The backup was due to a blown fuse likely caused by a lightning storm in the area. This station is at the top of our list for a new control panel. In the meantime a green light has been installed to help minimize the possibility of another in the future. A leak was found at MH 111 during the annual televising. WE will be contacting Great Lakes for repair options. The annual sewer cleaning and televising has been completed. No major issues were mentioned. The final report was submitted to T. Zemlo. The wet wells at 17 LS were cleaned. Replaces a start capacitor at LS 13. A thunderstorm caused utility outages for 4 hours in half of the District area. LS 16 was experiencing high wet well levels. As a precaution, the water tanker was used to pump from LS 16 and transfer to LS 10. A 40 volt cordless pressure washer was purchased for the fall GS cleanings and inspections.

**WCC Report:**

T. Meekma attended the meeting on behalf of C. Witkowski. WCC went into closed session. Discussion of dry tonnage additional charge was discussed. No bills will be paid until further approved for the lagoon project.

**Executive Director Report:**

Lake Management Plan Update: T. Zemlo is finalizing contacts with farmers and BMP practices. Once EOR gets the maps and tables updated, we will schedule a meeting. DNR staff would also be in attendance as we want them to understand how we came up with everything and ask for their involvement in validating likely pollutant load reductions following implementation of proposed practices. If possible, we should target the latter half of the week beginning on September 13th. T. Zemlo reached out to Robert B. for feedback on the GIS map. T. Zemlo will share his feedback in the meeting. Cover Crop/Soil Health Program: Due to some late farmer entries, T. Zemlo hoping to get payments out ASAP. 2021 funds at this time are all spoken for.

Sewer Leak on Howard: See operators report for GS 24. T. Zemlo has been in contact with property owner. We need to discuss with Kip at the meeting some back up options that MCO has to ensure this will not happen again. 2020-2021 Audit: T. Zemlo has been in contact with O’Connor Wells and gathering documents for upcoming audit. Weed Surveying: C. and L. Orsay asked T. Zemlo to accompany them on the boat to do an in-depth instruction on how to do the weed surveying and water clarity test. T. Zemlo will be accompanying them on 9/8/2021.

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**County Report:**

Dale M. reported the county met on August 23. They discussed the ARPA funds. John Bohenk gave update on Farmland cons. 31 farmers have not completed the NMP or sent their fees. Dale shared response from DNR regarding carp netting. Dale also shared map of well testing report. Land/Water committee is in the process of doing their 10 year update for their plan

**Alliance Report:**

 C. Crane reported the alliance will be meeting September 13th via zoom. They will be sharing the video of Dodge County Alliance member, Jeff Gaska, explaining the importance of conservation farming and the impact it has on Dodge County waterways. Liz Orsay shared a love your lakes article with the Alliance and with FLILPARD.

**Town Report:**

Ed B. reported Jason Rivera has replaced Mike’s postion with the Town. The town is currently working on their budget. All road projects are done at this time.

Suggestions for next meeting: Discuss AIS and is this part of the grant phase. Volunteers for monitoring.

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

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

The next regular meeting will be October 14th, 2021 at 9AM

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Respectfully submitted,

Tracy Zemlo/Executive Director