Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on February 25th, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

**Roll call:**

Present: Timothy Meekma, Colleen Crane, Dale Macheel, and Cheryl Witkowski. Absent: Ed Benter

Also present: Josh Britton (Aquatics Engineering), Kip Elliot (MCO) and Michael Cypert, Manager/Coordinator.

**Correspondence:** None

**Audience Participation:** None

**Minutes/Agenda/Financial Statement:**

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by C. Crane, to approve the minutes of January 10th, January 18th, and the agenda for February 25th, 2019. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Witkowski, second C. Crane, to approve the Financial Statement for January 31st, 2019, subject to audit. All yes. Motion carried.

**Operator Report:**

Kip reports he replaced 6 start capacitors and 1 MARS relay in the RONK phase converter in lift station # 7. Kinas Excavation completed the disconnection of the Bargenquast lateral on DelBern Acres. Kip etched & sealed the Wastewater shop floor. The Wisconsin Hazmat Chemical Online Storage Report has been completed and filed for 2019. The District MSDS inventory books are up to date. Kip replaced both start/stop float switches in grinder station # 18 due to failure. Jeff’s Pumping Service was called to pump out lift station # 7 wet well due to large amounts of grease again, and letters were sent to residents. PHE Plumbing repaired a 1 ¼” force main break on grinder station # 12 due to extreme cold temps. Kip has been working with Rob on upcoming 2019 upgrades & maintenance list. All other maintenance is up to date.

**WCC Report:**

C. Witkowski reports the Wastewater Control Commission meets tonight. High Nitrates were discussed at the last meeting. The District has to pay $83 due to high copper levels. It is speculated that copper levels could potentially be correlated with higher presence of rags/mop heads in wastewater collection system. A possible next step could be using a different sampling method. The WCC increased their internet speed through Bug Tussle, and the District will pay the difference (approximately $5/month). The District Board agrees the copper issue needs to be addressed. MCO will present ideas and suggestions as to how to address the copper issue.

**Manager/Coordinator Report:**

M. Cypert reports Attorney Schmuki and Neal O’Reilly completed the easement. The next step is to forward the easement to DOC and DOA for their approval/critiques. Approximately 15 people from Fox Lake attended the Lake seminar portion of the 2019 Soil Health Expo. Todd Weik is creating a conceptual plan with a $5,000 budget. The plan will include a timeline, grant/loan options, regulatory approvals, private easements, pre and post monitoring requirements, etc. M. Cypert sent letters to LS 7 residents due to excess grease and rags. Neal O’Reilly can update the Lake Management plan. The estimated cost is $5,000-$8,000, and the time frame would depend on whether or not the District uses an advisory committee and if the District wants grant money from DNR. Tom White sent a letter offering to rent his farm property to the District. His current lease ends December 2019. Enrollment in WRS is complete.

**County Report:**

D. Macheel reports the County updated their Farmer Preservation software program. The County has a program for a new intern. There is a soil health event in April hosted in Brownsville. Children from Dodge County participated in a agricultural poster contest, winning four out of five categories.

**Town Report:** None

**Old business:**

1] Discussion/action High nitrates in surface/groundwater – The Drew Creek Tile Valve project is moving forward – discussed.

2] Discussion/action Harvesting Bids – Tabled until 03/07/2019 due to only receiving two bids.

3] Discussion/action BCE/FLCI Farm Update – Discussed. M. Cypert will forward easement to FLCI and BCE.

4] Discussion/action DNR Water Samples – Discussed. Topic terminated.

5] Discussion/action Use of slag – Discussed. M. Cypert is waiting for conceptual plan from T. Weik.

6] Discussion/action Farmer grants to help educate on soil health – Discussed. Topic terminated.

7] Discussion/action After Memorial Day Farm Tour (similar to Double S) – C. Crane and T. Meekma will discuss and follow-up with Mike Sorge (DNR).

**New business:**

1] Discussion/action Rags/debris in sanitary system – Discussed.

2] Discussion/action Tom White Farm – M. Cypert will meet with Tom White to discuss further.

3] Discussion/action UW- Stevens Point Lakes Convention – Tabled. T. Meekma and M. Cypert will review the event’s agenda.

4] Discussion/action Lake Management Plan update – Tabled.

5] Discussion/action Manure Management Field Day for Lake Residents – Tabled.

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

Suggestions for the next agenda – Old business topics 1-3, 5, 7, New business topics 1-5.

The next regular meeting will be March 7th, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cypert, Manager/Coordinator