Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on January 10th, 2018 at 9:00 AM.

**Roll call:**

Present; Timothy Meekma, Colleen Crane, Dale Macheel, Edwin Benter, and Cheryl Witkowski

Also present: Charlie Nelson (FLPO), Paul Roscose, Josh Britton (Aquatics Engineering), Rob Frank (MCO), Kip Elliot (MCO) and Michael Cypert, Manager/Coordinator.

**Correspondence:** None

**Audience Participation:**

Paul Roscoe discussed photos and videos he sent to the office. The photos and videos show examples of algal blooms and aquatic plants/weeds floating onto his shore from the previous summer. P. Roscoe asked about residents’ responsibilities to manage aquatic plants floating onto shore. The Board explained Wisconsin differs from Illinois in that lakes are not zoned as a part of someone’s property; rather they are public as defined in WI SS Chapter 30.

**Minutes/Agenda/Financial Statement:**

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by C. Crane, to approve the minutes of December 13th, 2018 and the agenda for January 10th, 2019. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Witkowski, second E. Benter, to approve the Financial Statement for December 31st, subject to audit. All yes. Motion carried.

**Operators Report: attached**

Kip Elliot reports J. F. Ahern replaced the wafer check valve for Pump 2 in LS 17 due to rags and valve deterioration. J. F. Ahern also replaced the wafer check valve for Pump 1 in LS 2 de to rags that broke the pin on the valve. Kip replaced the start capacitors and mars relays in LS 5 and 19. Kip also replaced the thermal overloads in LS 5. Josh from Energenecs will be out this week to upgrade the eight Smith & Loveless lift stations panels. Corey from MCO installed a new refrigerator in the City shed sampler. Will from MCO helped Kip pull Pump 2 at LS 2 due to a mop head wrapped around the impeller on Christmas Eve day. Kip sorted through all the electrical parts that we had in stock and discarded parts that were obsolete. Kip also ordered some new parts that would be beneficial to have on hand. Both confined space gas meters were sent to MES for repair due to failing calibration tests. All other maintenance is up to date.

**WCC Report:**

C. Witkowski reports the refrigerator for the City sampler was installed. The WCC is planning for sludge removal in the summer. Copper levels are down. C. Witkowski will obtain the lab report summary for lagoon testing.

**Manager/Coordinator Report:**

Mike Cypert reports attorney Schmuki will be sending an initial draft of the easement today via email. Wes Ray will not permit monitoring of Drew Creek without an easement. M. Cypert sent a letter to Lee Bargenquast with 30-day notice to properly cap his lateral. Bargenquast appears to be moving forward with excavation. M. Cypert sent letters to Island Park and Wedges Resort explaining lateral cap ordinance does not apply to them. M. Cypert sent letters to Fox Lake Watershed farmers promoting 2019 Soil Health Expo. M. Cypert requested 235 postcards for Fox Lake to promote the Lake portion of the Soil Health Expo to residents that live in the county and Fond du Lac. M. Cypert purchased a Fox Lake Watershed Poster for the event.

Three harvesting bids have been turned in - Aquatics Engineering, Midwest Aquatics, and TSB Lakefront Restoration and Diving. M. Cypert received estimates for herbicide treatments from Aquatics Engineering and Marine Biochemists. Aquatics Engineering was more responsive, and also provided a quote for the navigation lane in the Jug ($450-$600/acre x 1.9 acres ~$900-$1200 in the Jug), Aquatics Engineering - $150/property, Marine Biochemists - $174/property ($169 last year). Quarterly billing and the January Newsletter have been sent. Topics in the newsletter included the Feb 6th event, Herbicide Application sign-up information, issues with non-biodegradables in sewer system, and the District website.

**County Report:**

D. Macheel reports three wildlife crop damage claims in the County (all for geese). The County re-upped their WLWCA dues. The County is discussing manure pit ordinance and raising the fee. Land and water will donate $1500 to Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil/Healthy Water. The County well-testing program found two wells in Fox Lake with high Nitrates. Bill Foley gave the Beaver Dam Dam report.

**Town Report:**

E. Benter reports the Town is meeting next Monday. The Town is discussing the FLPO Slag project. The Town is preparing for summer road projects and the boat launch project. Town elections are coming up.

**Old business:**

1] Discussion/action High nitrates in surface/groundwater – T. Nehls reported a run-off event to the District. The DNR followed up on the report and shared a spill hotline. The Board will share comments on the drafted easement by 1/17/209.

2] Discussion/action Harvesting Bids – Motion by E. Benter, second C. Crane, to accept the 2019 Weed Harvesting bid from Aquatics Engineering. All yes. Motion carried.

3] Discussion/action BCE/FLCI Farm Update – M. Cypert spoke with Wes Ray over the phone.

4] Discussion/action DNR Water Samples – The District will pursue 12 samples per year.

5] Discussion/action Update on Howard Drive Culverts – Charlie Nelson discussed Todd Wiek (Slag Engineer) ideas to use slag in Town ditches and culverts. T. Wiek is waiting to hear from DNR as to whether Slag would qualify for TRM grants. Motion by Colleen Crane, second by E. Benter, for FLILPARD to provide funding not to exceed $5,000 without special approval for the writing of a grant for the use of blast furnace slag in cooperation with the Town of Fox Lake and the FLPO who will support the grant.” All yes. Motion carried.

6] Discussion/action Farmer grants to help educate on soil health – Fox Lake farmers can have registration fee reimbursed.

7] Discussion/action After Memorial Day Farm Tour (similar to Double S) – FLPO will coordinate event. C. Crane will talk with M. Sorge (DNR) concerning who to invite.

8] Discussion/action Use of slag – Discussed

**New business:**

1] Discussion Fox Lake display for February 6th Event – Fox Lake will display the watershed poster, lake reports, and the District Website.

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, 3-7, Rags, and UW-Stevens Point Convention.

The next regular meeting will be February 25th, 2019.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cypert, Manager/Coordinator