Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on July 11th, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

**Roll call:**

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

Also present: Charlie Nelson (FLPO) Rob Franck (MCO), Kip Elliot (MCO) and Michael Cypert, Manager/ Coordinator.

**Correspondence:** None

**Audience Participation:**

C. Nelson discussed New Business Item #2 - Discussion/action 2019 Fox Lake Cover Crop Initiative. C. Nelson has reached out to Prairie Seed Company for price estimates. C. Nelson stated the total budget for the Cover Crop Initiative Program was approximately $10,000. FLPO would budget $6,000 and FLILPARD would budget $4,000. Motion by E. Benter, second C. Witkowski, to budget $6,000 for the Cover Crop Initiative Program in order to match FLPO’s contribution. All yes. Motion carried.

C. Nelson also discussed Old Business Item #3 - Discussion/action Slag. Charlie Hammer’s farm is moving forward with engineering being provided by Konkol Engineering. They will be using a different location, repairing their drain tile, and taking water samples. Their project should be complete by September.

**Minutes/Agenda/Financial Statement:**

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by E. Benter, to approve the minutes of June 13th, 2019 and the agenda for July 11th, 2019. All yes. Motion carried.

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by C. Crane, to approve the Financial Statements for June 30th, 2019 with corrections. All yes. Motion carried.

**Operator Report:**

Kip reports Joe (Electrician) finished installing the six junction boxes scheduled for this year. Bill O Neal (Kamp/Synergy) is finishing up the radio antenna upgrades scheduled for this year. Weeds were trimmed around some of the lift stations. Kip added an anchor and chain to the float system on GS 4. Kip replaced pump motors, pipes, valves, and hardware in grinder station 15. Jeff’s Pumping Service was called to pump out debris in the bottom of the wet well. Jeff’s Pumping Service was called to pump out debris in GS 23 due to pump and overload issues and gravel in the wet well. Both private laterals that flow into that wet well were televised and there were no indications of gravel in either. Kip attended MCO pump training and blood borne pathogen and job site emergency training. All other scheduled maintenance is up to date.

**WCC Report:**

C. Witkowski reports the Wastewater Control Commission received sludge removal proposals from two companies. There is not a set cost yet, but it is estimated to cost approximately $250,000. FLILPARD is responsible for 40% of the cost. The WCC is no longer building a cat walk for their roof. They will instead use a cherry picker bucket truck to access the roof.

**Manager/Coordinator Report:**

M. Cypert reports approximately 40 people attended the Alliance Social at the Fox Lake Golf Course. 36 people signed up for an herbicide treatment and 9 were approved by DNR. The Herbicide Applicator did not treat for lily pads. The Lily pad density appears to be lower, and Susan Graham rescinded her decision to allow an herbicide treatment to kill lilies. Susan Graham has reached out to residents from the Jug to explain, and she will be at the Annual Meeting. The CMAR has been submitted to DNR. Rob Franck provided the District with the MCO renewal contract. Several people will be meeting with Neal O’Reilly on the 15th to discuss water sampling, and big picture ideas for the lake. M. Cypert has asked Dr. O’Reilly for an itemized list outlining costs of updating the Lake Management Plan. FLPO and FLILPARD met to discuss this year’s cover crop program. There is interest from several producers in the Fox Lake watershed to plant cereal rye on almost 600 acres. The projected cost for the Lake District is $4,000. Last year we budgeted $3,000 and spent $1,617. Dave Fetzer has been harvesting on the east side of Chief Kuno Trail and Elmwood Island. He started on July 8th and anticipates ending on the morning of July 10th. Based on reports from the Weed Scouts and observations from Susan Graham, and Dave Fetzer aquatic plant abundance in the lake is lower compared to recent years. The Ag 101 event has been dubbed, “Lake Living in the Dairy State”, and it will take place on Wednesday July 24th from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM at the Bayside Supper Club. Mark Riedel will present. The event has been advertised in our newsletter.

**County Report:**

D. Macheel reports the Land and Water Conservation Department met on June 24th and discussed well testing in the Town of Beaver Dam and Burnett. Farmers are encouraged to report their Cover Crop planting to FSA.

**Town Report:**

E. Benter reports Canada Island Road construction is complete, and Blackhawk Trail is next. The Town will soon have their Board of Review and open book.

**Old business:**

1] Discussion/action High nitrates in surface/groundwater – C. Crane, T. Meekma, and M. Cypert had a phone conference with Dodge County Land and Water Conservation.

2] Discussion/action BCE/FLCI Farm Update – a letter will be drafted by T. Meekma and M. Cypert and it will be sent to Wesley Ray.

3] Discussion/action Slag – discussed

4] Discussion/action Lake Management Plan update – M. Cypert contacted Lisa Reis. Lisa suggested obtaining an itemized list of services.

5] Discussion/action Fox Lake Pontoon Rides Event – M. Cypert will create flyers advertising the event and send them to producers in the FL watershed.

**New business:**
1] Discussion/action MCO Renewal Contract – Motion by C. Witkowski, second C. Crane, to accept the MCO renewal contract. All yes. Motion carried.

2] Discussion/action 2019 Fox Lake Cover Crop Initiative – discussed.

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

The next regular meeting will be August 3rd, 2019 following the Annual Meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cypert, Manager/Coordinator