Chairman Tim Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on October 10th, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

**Roll call:**

Present: Tim Meekma, Ed Benter, Colleen Crane (via phone), and Cheryl Witkowski. Also present: Rob Franck (MCO), Kip Elliot (MCO), and Michael Cypert, Manager/ Coordinator. Absent: Dale Macheel.

**Correspondence:** None

**Audience Participation:** None

**Minutes/Agenda:**

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by C. Crane, to approve the minutes of September 12th, 2019 and the agenda for October 10th, 2019. All yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement:**

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by C. Crane, to approve the financial statement of September 30th, 2019. All yes. Motion carried.

**Operator Report:**

Kip reports Underground Utility Specialties prepped & sealed 24 manholes in the northern Blackhawk Trail area. Twenty-one UPS units (surge protection / battery backup) were replaced throughout the District’s radio system. Joe (Electrician) installed a 120 v outlet in Lift Station 1 for the UPS. Kip attended CPR / First Aid training. Jacob from Energenecs replaced radio components at LS 14 that were likely damaged from a lightning strike. Kip is working thru troubleshooting random issues at GS 14, 23, and 39. All other scheduled maintenance is up to date.

**WCC Report:**

C. Witkowski reports the Wastewater Control Commission discussed sludge removal. Energenecs quoted $4,173-$4,423 to replace the chart recorder. The WCC is pursuing a 2021 Clear Water fund grant. Copper levels are down in the District.

**Manager/Coordinator Report:**

M. Cypert reports The Drury’s hired PHE to install riser rings on the manhole on their property. Arrangements have been made for the distribution of cereal rye seed to participating farmers in our watershed. Approximately 100 acres worth of cereal rye seed is still available through Joab Homan. Ingram has replaced several LS alarm lights with LED versions. Ten more are currently being processed. O’Conner, Wells, and Vander Werff have started the District’s annual audit. Quarterly billing was sent at the beginning of October. The delinquent utilities process will begin on October 15th. Tax assessment letters with the levy, special charge, and delinquent utilities with have to be signed and sent next month. Dr. Neal O’Reilly is preparing a Lake Planning Grant Application to assist with the Lake Management Plan Update costs. BCE recently advised they would not be moving forward with the easement. A conference call with DOC’s legislative advisor will be scheduled upon receiving Dr. Neal O’Reilly’s availability. The October 2nd Drew Creek meeting with Dr. Neal O’Reilly has been postponed due to high water levels from rain. Pat Morrow, MSA, sent a an authorization form to the District in order for the WCC to be eligible for low interest loans and possibly a grant from the DNR Clean Water Fund to pay for the liner replacement and new aeration system. UW-Extension is hosting an Advanced Lake Leaders seminar in Wisconsin Dells where Bill Boettge and Tony Peirick will be on a panel. Eric Olson, UW-EX Lakes Director, invited members of the District to attend. The cost is $30/person, and it is 9am-4pm. Susan Graham, DNR, members from the Jug, and I are meeting October 25th to discuss future actions regarding the plant growth in the Jug. The deliverables for the grant to create the District’s website have been turned in. The District will receive the full $3,000.00 from the DNR.

**County Report:** None

**Town Report:**

E. Benter reports the Town is working on the annual budget with consideration for the Fox Lake Fire Association wanting to purchase a new fire truck. The Town is also discussing ATV/UTV access to Town roads.

**Old Business:**

1] Discussion/action High nitrates in surface/groundwater - Discussed

2] Discussion/action BCE/FLCI Farm Update – M. Cypert will follow up with Paulina De Haan on October 25th.

3] Discussion/action Lake Management Plan update – N. O’Reilly will provide an update by October 25th.

4] Discussion/action the Jug – M. Cypert and N. O’Reilly will meet with Jug residents and DNR on October 25th.

**New Business:**
1] Discussion/action Clean Water Fund PERF and ITA Submittal Authorization Form – M. Cypert will sign required documents.

2] Discussion/action PSC Broadband Grant Support Letter – T. Meekma will sign the letter of support, and E. Benter will submit it.

3] Discussion/action October 17th J. Gibbs Field Day Event – M. Cypert and T. Meekma will create a handout for Rep Plumer (including cover cropping, tile valve project, no till farming, and Drew Creek’s high nitrate levels.)

4] Discussion/action October 31st Advanced Lake Leader’s Seminar – M. Cypert will attend the event.

5] Discussion/action Hammer’s Farm Project – If available, Hammers will provide a presentation to FLPO and FLILPARD.

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

The next regular meeting will be November 14th, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Suggestions for next meeting, Old Business 1-4 and New Business 5

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cypert, Manager/Coordinator