Treasurer Cheryl Witkowski called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on September 12th, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

**Roll call:**

Present: 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. Absent: Tim Meekma.

**Correspondence:** None

**Audience Participation:** C. Nelson discussed the Cover Crop Agreement Letter of Agreement and Joab Homan’s extra cereal rye seed. FLPO sent a letter to Wisconsin’s State Congress. Charlie Hammer has several water testing sites related to slag. FLPO has a new vendor for their healthy lakes projects.

**Minutes/Agenda:**

Motion by E. Benter, second by C. Witkowski, to approve the minutes of August 3rd, 2019 and the agenda for September 12th, 2019. All yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement:**

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by D. Macheel, to approve both the financial statements of July 31st, 2019 and August 31st, 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. Energenecs LS review proposal is approximately $1,800. All other scheduled maintenance is up to date.

**WCC Report:**

C. Witkowski reports the Wastewater Control Commission is postponing sludge removal due to cost.

**Manager/Coordinator Report:**

M. Cypert reports a certified letter was sent to the Drury’s advising a need for riser rings on the manhole on their property. Cover crop seed should be distributed to the participating farmers next week. Due to LS alarm lights burning out, the Lake District contacted the vendor, Ingram, to supply an LED version of the light. Once the light is received, Kip will test the new light to ensure that it works properly. If the light works properly, more lights will be replaced in the same manner. The Pontoon Ride Event was unfortunately cancelled due to inclement weather. The new lateral connection on Blackhawk Drive has been successfully installed. The Lake District received photographs to add to their file. Dr. Neal O’Reilly shared ideas and possible costs for an updated Lake Management Plan. The cost will be dependent on the degree of public participation, meaning more meetings will incur more costs. Dr. O’Reilly offered to apply for a Lake Planning Grant in order to receive cost share dollars from the DNR. The reimbursement rate is 60%, so if the plan update costs $15,000 the District would ultimately pay $6,000. Plumer’s office has received several letters from our constituents per the example provided via email. They want to assist the District with obtaining the easement. It’s possible that the easement may not have to go before the state building commission. M. Cypert is meeting with Neal O’Reilly on October 2nd to measure the slope at each of the culverts along Drew Creek. The Wastewater Control Commission is suspending their billing of $875/month for the Future Capacity Reserve Account, and they have instituted a Sludge Removal and Liner Repair Account with a monthly billing of $1,562.50/month. The difference is $8,250/year. The Lake District can offset the cost by transferring money from the RCA Account with the LGIP if needed.

**County Report:**

D. Macheel reports there are three to four unpermitted manure storage systems in Dodge County – one is in Fox Lake. The County’s well testing program exceeded its budget, so a resolution was passed. The County would like to move to a county-wide well testing program. J. Bohanek is writing grants for farmers to reduce runoff.

**Town Report:**

E. Benter reports Canada Island Road construction is having challenges. The Town cleaned out the ditch at the Blackhawk Trail Town Park, and a culvert will be installed. There will also be a culvert installed east of Hayes Resort. The Marshview Riders want the Town to approve riding ATV’s/UTV’s on Town roads. The Town will hold a special meeting to prepare their annual budget.

**Old Business:**

1] Discussion/action High nitrates in surface/groundwater – C. Crane and T. Meekma discussed implementing drain tile valves and asked NRCS and Dodge County L&W Conservation for drain tile maps

2] Discussion/action BCE/FLCI Farm Update – M. Cypert is working with Plumer’s office in order to move forward.

3] Discussion/action Slag – Discussed

4] Discussion/action Lake Management Plan update – Motion by C. Witkowski, second by E. Benter, to have N. O’Reilly to prepare grant application with no fee and further consideration for public participation. All yes. Motion Carried.

5] Discussion/action Pumping equipment and engineering – discussion item will be taken off the agenda.

**New Business:**
1] Discussion/action Lake Management Planning grant and monitoring – Discussed.

2] Discussion/action the Jug – A. Runkel would like more buoys in the Jug navigation lane. Susan Graham will allot time to meet with Jug residents.

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

The next regular meeting will be October 10th, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Suggestions for next meeting, Old Business 1, 2, 4 and New Business 2

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cypert, Manager/Coordinator