Chairman Tim Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on January 9th, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

**Roll call:**

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

**Correspondence:** Received thank you and returned letter of agreement signed by C. Hammer and N. Kavazanjian.

**Audience Participation:** None

**Minutes/Agenda:**

Motion by C. Crane, second by C. Witkowski, to approve the minutes of December 12th, 2019 and the agenda for January 9th, 2020. All yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement:**

Tabled to February meeting as December bank statements were not yet available.

**Operator Report:**

Kip reports there was one after-hours service call in December. The alarm was likely caused by a stuck float at GS16. A vehicle entered the ditch taking down the meeting posting board and post and nearly hitting LS 4. Kip has repaired the meeting posting board and post. A different vehicle struck the LS 16 fiberglass cover and destroyed the locking latch. The cost for a replacement cover was estimated to be over $2,000. Kip contacted Al Win to fabricate an alternative latch. A contractor was at the boat landing and witnessed the event. He provided a license number from a related vehicle. Kip completed MCO’s annual confined space training. Kip performed a lift station check after the last commission meeting. Kip will perform another check after this month’s meeting as well. All other scheduled maintenance items are up to date

**WCC Report:**

C. Witkowski reports copper levels are down. The WCC explained the raise in the District’s monthly fee is to raise the liner replacement fund budget by $30,000 in the next year.

**Manager/Coordinator Report:**

M. Cypert reports Chuck Neuman contacted the Lake District office and advised he is being billed for a property that has been disconnected from its lateral for a year. At the time of disconnection, the Lake District was not notified. The lateral is buried underground, and Mr. Neuman will not be building on the property at least for another 1-3 years. The Lake District should know if its Lake Planning Grant application has been accepted by February. The Lake District is still waiting to hear from DOC Legal. I sent an email to Jane Zavoral on 1/8/20 asking for an update, but I have not received a response. Attorney Steve Schmuki charged for one hour to make the updates to the easement. The signed harvesting contract has been sent to Dave Fetzer. The deposit check is being signed today and will be sent after the meeting. The Dodge County Healthy Soil/Healthy Water has elected members to its executive Board. Representatives from Fox Lake include Colleen Crane, Charlie Nelson, and Linda Truelove. Charlie Hammer and Nancy Kavazanjian have been advised of the FLPO’s and FLILPARD’s willingness to contribute to their Phosphorus reduction project. They each signed a letter of understanding, and they thanked us for our support. Sign-up forms for the summer herbicide treatment have been sent out with the January Newsletter.

**County Report:** D. Macheel reports the Land and Water Conservation Department is hosting its annual tree sale. The department discussed potential changes to the County’s manure pit storage permit fee. The County’s well testing program will be sampling from over 100 wells from across the county in order to establish baseline readings.

**Town Report:**

E. Benter reports the Town has submitted a grant application for the Lake Emily Road project. All Town Supervisors are running unopposed for this year’s election.

**Old business:**

1] Discussion/action High nitrates in surface/groundwater – D. Macheel noted a recent push within the agricultural community to be conscious of what is being discharged from tile lines.

D. Macheel also noted the Fox Lake Cover Crop Program for 2020 could also have incentives for those who practice no-till farming and those who produce on land that is in close proximity to the lake and inlet streams. A committee to conduct this planning will be formed and include C. Crane, M. Cypert, and potentially Bill Stangel.

M. Cypert will send Soil Health Expo flyers and letters stating the Lake District will reimburse those farmers who are attending for the first time to farmers within the watershed.

The annual UW – Stevens Point Lakes Convention will be held from April 1st – 3rd. This will be an agenda item for February’s meeting.

2] Discussion/action the Jug/DASH – The Lake District Board ultimately concluded the funds for managing aquatic plant abundance as they relate to navigation are only to be used for the general navigation lanes – not individual paths to private properties.

3] Discussion/action Lake Management Plan Update - Discussed

4] Discussion/action BCE/FLCI Farm Update - Discussed

**New business:**
 1] Discussion/action N10463 Chief Kuno Trail Lateral Connection – Motion by E. Benter, second C. Witkowski, to have C. Neuman contact a plumber or qualified person to confirm the lateral at the property is properly capped below the frost line. All yes. Motion carried.

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

The next regular meeting will be February 13th, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

Suggestions for next meeting, Old Business 1, 3, 4, New Business 1, Wisconsin Lakes Convention, and Fox Lake Cover Crop Program

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cypert, Manager/Coordinator