Chairman Timothy Meekma called the Regular Meeting of the Fox Lake Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners to order on March 12th, 2020 at 9:00 AM.

**Roll call:**

Present: Timothy Meekma, Cheryl Witkowski, Ed Benter, and Dale Macheel. Also present: Bill Foley (Beaver Dam Lake Improvement Association), John Small, Rob Franck (MCO), Kip Elliot (MCO), and Michael Cypert, Manager/Coordinator. Absent: Colleen Crane.

**Correspondence:** None

**Audience Participation:** Bill Foley spoke and answered questions about Beaver Dam Lake’s Nine Key Element Plan and how to be successful with grant applications. His advice included meeting face-to-face with our DNR Lake Coordinator, the DNR’s State Engineer, and using key terms and phrases in the application.

**Minutes/Agenda:**

Motion by D. Macheel, second by C. Witkowksi, to approve the minutes of February 13th and the agenda for March 12th, 2020. All yes. Motion carried.

**Financial Statement:**

Motion by C. Witkowski, second by E. Benter, to approve the financial statements of February 29th, 2020. All yes. Motion Carried.

**Operator Report:**

Kip reports there was one after-hours service call in February caused by a tripped overload. Kip attended a Smith & Loveless pump training class on 2/13 while Terry covered for him. That morning there was an alarm at GS 13. Rob and Terry pulled the pump and found it had tripped due to rags. The pump was cleared, placed back in service, and proper operation was verified. The overload heater was replaced on Friday as a precaution and Jeff’s Pumping cleaned out the wet well. Hawkins delivered 1,300 gallons of Ferrous Chloride to the storage tank. The district generator was serviced at Hupf’s Repair and the block heater was replaced. Pump 1 at LS 14 was pulled 3 times in the last month due to high amps caused by rags. Country Plumber cleaned out the wet well which is quite a task given the length of suction hose required to reach the wet well. Mike is sending pictures and a letter to all connected residents. The alarm call at GS 8 was caused by a stuck float. The floats were resituated. Kip completed the annual WHOPRS report for the DNR. All other scheduled maintenance is up to date.

**WCC Report:**

C. Witkowski reports copper levels in both the City and the District are good. Plans for dredging to be done in July or August are continuing, and contracts are to be obtained by March 30th 2020. Well-monitoring for the fourth quarter is complete.

**Manager/Coordinator Report:**

M. Cypert reports letters, appropriate photos, and copies of corresponding invoices from Country Plumber were sent to residents serviced by LS 14 and GS 13 concerning rags entering system and ruining pumps. T. Meekma and M. Cypert will attend the Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Stevens Point on Wednesday April 1st. M. Cypert contacted Onterra, a lake management planning vendor who previously provided their services to Beaver Dam Lake. If the Lake District requests a proposal from them, we could apply for a grant due in December 2021. Their process would then take approximately 18 months to complete, and the Lake District can expect to pay approximately 5-7 thousand dollars. M. Cypert contacted numerous vendors including The Town of Fox Lake, Dodge County Highway Department, Highway Products, County Materials, and Highway Landscapers to inquire about approximate prices for guard rails or barriers for a few of our lift stations. M. Cypert had forwarded Kip’s photos to Highway Landscapers for a price estimate. M. Cypert sent the DOC’s comments on the temporary construction easement to Attorney Steven Schmuki, and he believes . Jared Winter, Dodge County Land and Water Conservation, provided updated maps for the Lake District to use for 2020’s Cover Crop Program to include field boundaries within ½ mile of the three main inlet creeks. M. Cypert met with Bill Stangel and Phil Laatsch who are both contacting several farmers within the key area face-to-face promoting the program. Brian Suffern agreed to complete the Lake District’s herbicide permit, and M. Cypert will make complimentary maps using the County’s Land Parcel site. M. Cypert spoke with Chief Jim Rohr with the City of Fox Lake Police Department and asked if it would be ok for Kip or anyone else to specifically ask for a City Police Officer to respond if they are in contact with dispatch. Chief Rohr stated that would be ok. Letters were sent to all County Board Supervisors expressing support for the Beaver Dam Lake District. Also, the Town of Westford non-petitioner cooperator signature page was completed.

**County Report:**

D. Macheel reports the Dodge County Farmers for Healthy Soil/Healthy Water is hosting a manure solution seminar in Brownsville. J. Bohonek is working on a SWRM grant. D. Macheel attended the State Land and Conservation Conference.

**Alliance Report:**

C. Crane previously reported the Alliance is working on creating by-laws.

**Town Report:**

E. Benter reports the Town is accepting bids for road work on Blackhawk Trail and Howard Dr. The Town discussed the purchase of a new firetruck.

**Old business:**

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

2] Discussion/action Lake Management Plan Update – Agenda item will be rephrased to “Grant Application”.

3] Discussion/action BCE/FLCI Farm Update - discussed

4] Discussion/action N10463 Chief Kuno Trail Lateral Connection – M. Cypert will contact C. Neuman.

**New business:**
 1] Discussion/action Lift Station guard rails/concrete barriers - discussed

 2] Discussion/action 2020 Fox Lake Cover Crop Program - discussed

 3] Discussion/action Letter of Support for Beaver Dam Lake District - discussed

 4] Discussion/action Town of Westford Ag Enterprise Area petition – discussed

5] Discussion/action Bill Stangel Contract – the Lake District is still waiting for a contract from Bill Stangel.

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

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

Suggestions for next meeting, Old Business 1-3, New Business 1-2, and 5

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Cypert, Manager/Coordinator