

**Meeting Minutes of the Potters Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District held
Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at Town Hall, Town of East Troy, Wisconsin**

1-Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cathy Schulz at 6:39 pm.

2-Roll Call

Present: Commissioners Cathy Schulz, Chuck DeWall, Bill Roeber, MaryJo Jones, Liz Sanders via phone and 7 constituents from the district were present.

New Business

3-Discussion of the new liability carrier- Treasurer Roeber reported that PLPRD switched insurance coverage to the Horton Group. Several other carriers opted out of covering lake districts with dams. Based on the agent's recommendations, who was knowledgeable about lake districts, property coverage increased. PLPRD is still within our allotted budget.

4-Buoy Discussion and actions—County Rep Jones discussed that our district buoys are not DNR-permitted and suggested that the district take steps to be permitted. After discussion, Secretary DeWall motioned to table action at this time; County Rep Jones seconded, and the motion carried.

5- Concerns/Questions from riparian owners

- a) **Total dam cost-** Discussion and agreement to report the total cost of the dam project at the spring meeting.
- b) **The position vs. information on the website is unclear-** Discussion on keeping or removing minutes from the Feb. 2025 Walworth County Lakes Assoc. covering Wake Boat issues. Due to the volatility of the topic, PLPRD will remove any discussion of wake boating from their website
- c) **Shoreline work-** A riparian owner expressed concern about a neighboring shoreline. It is the property owner's responsibility to obtain permits, ensure erosion control, etc. As the PLPRD does not have the authority to enforce, concerns about improper work will be referred to Walworth County, as needed.
- d) **Conveyor—**There was discussion about whether or not to paint the conveyor. According to Operations and Maintenance Manager Rick Witt, there is no need to take action as the conveyor is in good condition.

6- Town of East Troy Representative—Thad Seymour has volunteered for the position. He has spoken with both Cathy and the Town Chairperson, Joe Jones. He will be officially appointed in mid-May. Elizabeth Sanders has served for the last couple of years, and we appreciate all she has done for PLPRD.

7- Comparison of Rules: Potter Lake, DNR, and Town Ordinances- Chair Schulz shared what she found when comparing PLPRD current lake rules to the DNR rules and Town of East Troy Ordinances. She shared a document summarizing the information. Walworth County Rep Jones pointed out that we can ask the Town to amend some ordinances (specific to establishing boating activity times, speeds, navigational patterns), rather than changing PLPRD lake rules. There was a discussion about some of the lack of clarity. Chairperson Schulz will work on a document regarding the rules to share with board members for feedback.

8-WCLA meetings and hosting: County Rep Jones went to the April Walworth County Lakes Assoc. (WCLA) meeting. Lake dredging was discussed, including the lengthy time for DNR permitting and factors when the sediment is removed. Treasurer Roeber discussed hosting the June 21st meeting. It was agreed that PLPRD would host.

9-Email Server We have had some issues with the email server between some committee members and emails sent to the Town of East Troy board members. Chair Schulz will contact our website host to see if the issue can be fixed.

10- Set Agenda for Spring Meeting:

The board members discussed items. Lake and Pond will be asked to attend to provide an update on lake conditions. The newly appointed Town representative will be introduced. Other items on the agenda will cover the Treasurer's Report (including Dam Total costs) and Committee Reports.

11-Old Business— none

12-Public Comments:

- a) Lou Ferruzza stated that he wanted possible wake boat restrictions based on scientific data.
- b) Bob Rice stated that the PLPRD should have a voice in town decisions regarding lake ordinances.

13- Announcements: none

14-Adjournment Motion by Bill Roeber to adjourn. Seconded by Chuck DeWall. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck DeWall
Secretary