

Board Meeting



Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Cormorant Town Hall

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Bob Leonard, Dave Stene, Dave Haarstad, John Cosgriff, Ericka Gilsdorf, Greg Gustafson, Jim Poolman, Nick Valentine

Board Members Absent: Denise Smith, Paul Lykken

Others Present: Moriya Rufer, Fred Hage, Dave Berg

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

All attendees introduced themselves, and Moriya Rufer introduced herself as the new PGOLID Lake Coordinator.

Stene presented the financial report. So far PGOLID has received a property tax payment and two DNR reimbursements. There is currently \$131,000 in the general fund. Gustafson made a motion to approve the financial report, Haarstad seconded, and it passed.

Leonard discussed records of insurance and agreements with contractors. Board members agreed to obtain these records over the winter. Current contractors include:

- Houston Engineering
- Superior Lakeside
- Clark
- Solitude

Responsibilities of RMB Lab and Moriya Rufer (Houston Engineering) were discussed. RMB Lab will provide the field services for water quality testing, and Moriya Rufer will provide all the other Lake Coordinator services. Initially, this includes updating the website, educational articles, invasive plant management, and looking into restarting the Tree Program.

Rufer and Leonard reported that the DNR would take care of the bogs at the Fish Lake rapids, and that the beaver dam would be removed under the Highway 31 bridge.

Greg Gustafson volunteered to take over the coordination of the Pest Control (mosquito spraying).

Wayne Johnson from Ottertail County has offered to present the Septic System Ordinance Rules next spring at either the May or June 2024 meeting.

Fred Hage brought up issues with aquatic plants and wild rice. The Board directed the Lake Coordinator to write an educational article about these issues, including quantity of weeds some years, mucus looking weed gobs that appear in the fall, freshwater celery, and blue green algae.

Stene presented a proposal for insurance coverage from Minnesota Counties Insurance Trust, which insures many MN lake improvement districts. It appears to be adequate coverage with a significant cost savings. Haarstad made a motion to approve and Gilsdorf seconded it. All members approved to switch insurance to MCIT.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.