

# Board Meeting



*December 3, 2024*

*Cormorant Town Hall*

## MINUTES

Board members present: Paul Lykken, Dave Stene, John Cosgriff, Denise Lund-Smith, Nick Valentine, Fred Hage, Greg Gustafson (remote), Jim Poolman (remote)

Guests: Bill Ness (remote), Marjorie Hance (remote), Adian Lund, Keith Berndt

The meeting was called to order at 4:56pm. The Agenda and minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Bill Ness presented information on swimmer's itch, which was reported as especially troublesome by many property owners and their guests during the past summer. He explained that while it can be carried by waterfowl which eat snails, the variety propagated by mergansers causes more severe symptoms. Since 2016 more mergansers have been seen on the lake and with that there has been an increase in both the number of cases and severity of swimmer's itch. A survey that was sent to property owners in October 2024 received 450 responses indicating 75% of respondents had problems caused by swimmer's itch during the summer of 2024, with 9% reporting that a doctor's care was sought. Some areas of the lake experienced a higher incidence of swimmer's itch, especially around the west end.

Ness and Hance have approached the DNR with options to deal with the increase in merganser population on the lake, with removal to Lake Superior as an option. They are awaiting an answer on their proposal.

The dates for the 2025 meetings of PGOLID board were approved. M/S – Stene/Valentine. They are posted on the PGOLID website.

Stene presented the financial report for the district, expecting to have \$205,000 in cash at year end. Report was accepted. M/S Lykken/Valentine. Stene proposed that the balances be assigned as \$75k each for Well testing and Contingency, with the balance assigned to working capital. Motion made and approved. M/S Lund/Hage. A committee to oversee the water testing project was appointed: Keith Berndt, Adrian Lund, Moriya Rufer, Fred Hage and AE2S.

The activities chart submitted by Stene at the last meeting was discussed and accepted.

The written Lake Coordinator report was reviewed and accepted. M/S Stene/Lykken

Septic analysis based on review of Otter tail County records is being performed by Houston Engineering.

Berndt gave an update on incorporation analysis and revised map.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:58pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Nick Valentine*