

FLPOA Board Meeting
8:30am, October 20, 2018
Fifty Lakes Community Room

Minutes

Board Members Present: Jon Arnoldy, Michael Bury, Carrie Bell, Dianne Bell, Bill Leadens, Ken Neihart, Mike Proudly, Bob Stancer and Fred Strohmeier.

Board Members Absent: None.

Visitors: Andrew Bell, Jason Cronister, Mark Johnson and Bob Salo.

Reports:

Secretary: The minutes from the June 30, 2018 board meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer: The treasurer's report was read and approved. The current balance is \$6,257.89.

Membership: The current membership is 208.

Elections of Officers: The following individuals were elected to the following positions:

President: Bob Stancer.

Vice-President: Michael Bury.

Secretary: Ken Neihart.

Treasurer: Fred Stromeier.

FLPOA Board Appointments: The following individuals were appointed to the FLPOA Board and will be elected to the board at the 2019 annual meeting.

Jason Cronister from Kego Lake.

Bob Salo from East Fox.

Annual FLPOA Board Assignments/Duties for 2019:

Webmaster: Carrie Bell

Membership Roster: Fred Strohmeier.

Coordination with other associations: Ken Neihart and Fred Strohmeier.

Annual State and Federal Non-Profit Report: Ken Neihart

Post Officer Box: Fred Strohmeier.

Check signing authority: Fred Strohmeier, Bob Stancer and Ken Neihart.

Discussion Topics:

1. **Annual spring AIS and membership letter:** A decision was made to wait till the FLPOA board meeting March 2, 2019 to develop the content of the letter after Crow Wing County publishes their 2019 AIS plan.
2. **Timber Harvests by Crow Wing County on tax-forfeited property in the City of Fifty Lakes:** Approximately 40% of the property in the city is tax forfeiture property. The county harvests timber annually on this property.

A discussion was held regarding the forest management and the methods used by the county to harvest the timber.

- A three-person work group was formed to call other counties that harvest timber and ask them what management techniques they employ. Jon Arnoldy, Andrew Bell and Mark Johnson make up this work group. Mark has already contacted the county and was told the county would accept comments to their timber management plan.
- Establishing buffer zones and cutting trees up to roads was a couple of issues that were discussed at the meeting.
- The City has a timber committee that was formed and has been talking to the county regarding their management plan also. Mike Prouty and Fred Strohmeier, who are FLPOA board members, are members of this committee.
- It was suggested that the association update the membership with any results the work group or the city timber committee has with the county regarding their timber management plan.

3. Enbridge Line 3 Proposed Pipeline:

- In June 2018 the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) voted 5-0 in favor of the need for the pipeline and voted 3-2 in favor of the applicants desired route. This route would be located approximately 2-3 miles North of Fifty Lakes. The pipeline crosses Daggett Brook, which flows through both Mitchell Lake and Eagle Lake before flowing into Little Pine that is part of the Whitefish Chain.
- The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) and The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) have both filed letters questioning the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS).
- In 2017 the Minnesota Department of Commerce did a study that determined there was not a need for the new Line 3 Pipeline.
- Friends of the Headwaters (FOH) have filed a lawsuit with the Minnesota Court of Appeals that challenges the PUC's decision to accept the Line 3 FEIS. The FLPOA Board voted to send FOH a \$250.00 donation.
- Other legal challenges have already be filed or are expected to be filed from other organizations such as Native American Tribes, The Sierra Club and others.

4. Mitchell Lake:

- The association board would like to thank all the volunteers that assisted with the removal of Purple Loosestrife plants and flowers from the shoreline of the lake in August and September of this year.
- In 2017 the association receive a \$1000.00 memorial from the family of Karl Bell. This memorial is to be used to improve the water quality in Mitchell. A discussion was held and it was decided

more study was needed. An attempt will be made to collect all the data and information that exists on Mitchell and hopefully determine a course of action(s) to take. One issue that has been identified is Daggett Brook. Daggett Brook has been identified as a source of excess phosphate and they're maybe other sources where phosphate is entering the lake.

5. **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS):**

- The lakes in Fifty Lakes are still free of any AIS.
- AIS Inspectors spent 104 days at the four public landings in the city from the middle of May to the end of September.
- Crow Wing County funded 300 hours at the East Fox Lake landing. Cost was approximately \$5,700.00 and came from state funds that were passed down to the county.
- The other three public landings in the city at Eagle, Kego and Mitchell Lakes were funded by donations that were received from FLPOA members and a \$2,500.00 contribution from the Fifty Lakes Fire Relief Association.
- A summary of violations that were reported at the four landings was 17 watercraft arrived with water on board (suspect zebra mussels in water) and 30 watercraft had their plugs still in the watercraft.
- The association needs to wait till Crow Wing County issues their 2019 AIS Plan to determine how and what will be needed to support the AIS Program at the four public landings in the city. The county plan should be available in December 2018 or January 2019.

Respectfully submitted,
Ken Neihart
Secretary FLPOA