

**LAKE PUCKAWAY PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT (LPPRD)
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**Saturday, January 20, 2022 – 10:00 A.M.
Marquette Village Hall
Marquette, WI**

Board Members Present	
Paul Gettelman, Chairman	Jaimes Johnson, Treasure
Jeff Kimber, Commissioner	Jason Schlimgen, Secretary
Guest	
Ted Johnson, DNR, Conference Call	Kristine Schlimgen, Clerk
Absent	
William Boutwell, Green Lake County Appointee	Gary Wilson, Commissioner
Willy Stalker, Commissioner	

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Meeting Called to Order	The January 20, 2022, Lake Puckaway Protection and Rehabilitation District meeting was called to order 10:00 a.m. by Paul Gettelman.		
Open Meeting Certification	The commissioners meeting was held at Marquette Village Town Hall. Published in the Markesan Reginal Reporter and Marquette Co. Tribune and posted on Facebook.		
Secretary's Report	Kristine Schlimgen summarized the minutes from the August 21, 2021, meeting. Motion made to approve the minutes.		
Treasure's Report	Jaimes Johnson reported there are not a lot of transactions. Cost estimate for aquatic plant treatment pilot bid was \$5200, actual cost was \$4200. Lake survey is \$1700. Total deposits are \$325,742.73 deposits, received \$10,000 from tax levy payments. Half of that total has been committed to future dredge bank work, balance larger than typically carry, but because of future projects. No issues or large transactions coming up. Motion made to approve treasures		
Approve Agenda	Jason Schlimgen and Jaimes Johnson approved the agenda as presented. Paul stated he was going to have Ted, Uriah and Adam Nickle, new fishery's biologist,		

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	attend but the DNR is not allowing them to attend meetings in person, so Ted will be calling in.		
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. DNR Update – Ted reported in 1 to 2 weeks should know about the grant that was submitted regarding the dredge bank. A lot for emergent plant and lake management plan. Systems have flowage have better water quality during high water years because of flushing had several years of high water, closer to normal last year when weeds were noticeable. Not sure if they will stay or not. Adam Nickle new fish biologists. b. Aquatic Plant Plan – Ted reported The board needs to update their lake management plan in case there is a surplus of aquatic plants next year. Paul stated we have a bid from Onterra, \$25,000 plus and did send it to the aquatic plant committee. Could go for a Lake Planning grant, which would cover about 70%, apply September 2nd of the cost but then plan wouldn't be until 2023. Treasure would have to look to see if we could financially afford it. Develop harvesting map this year and then could do it in steps so could still go for grant; would need to ask Onterra on the plan. Received dozens of calls, and it is important to have a good plan, stake holders voice their concerns. Phase 1 would be district and then phase 2 would be grants. c. Dredge Bank update/status – Ted reported all the ranking, and scores are done. Now just waiting for Special Madison, should know by end of next week. Held off on phase 1 because of low water, so will be completing phase 1 and 2 the same year and will start this year. Bids were higher than expected, so hopefully get more reasonable bids. Build as much as we can. d. Princeton Dam – Uriah sent report and summarized by Paul. Have Paul send report. Willy has been taking pictures during the summer and fall then sends it to Uriah. This is a cheaper process. Brian said gage system is \$20,000 and would last 10 years and monitoring would be a couple \$1,000 a year; asked if Ted is going to be in the loop with water level and aquatic plants. Ted stated water levels is one thing but there are a lot more things that take into play aquatic plants. Monitoring system could be added into grant, but not sure. Main goal is to learn how the Dam 		

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	<p>works and not sure if the time needed will be needed long term. Jason stated right now it is not a controlled structure and they are trying to figure out how it works. Ted stated if dropping in winter helps with winter shoreline protection and leaves capacity for spring floods. Brian said if District did have MOU and DNR is now taking over there should be criteria should be stated we need to know purpose and how it works. Ted stated their needs to be an understanding of the water levels, wants board to consider water levels in the winter. Use and population has changed over the years and there is a lot to look at. Survey is sent to lake district residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Fish camp gauge reading – Randy will be doing it. f. Hatchery – could always use help. Larry and Gina will be heading it. Paul said concern with the hatchery, if we are going to harvest the aquatic plants how is it going to affect fry so will have to look at where fry is put to prevent killing our own release. Harvesting kills a lot of fish and something to take into consideration. Will do hatchery when ice goes out, keep eye on Facebook. g. Website status – Kristine reported she will be revamping and having new website; however, this is a process, so will take some time. Current website is not user friendly when information needs to be updated. 		
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Zebra Mussels – Paul stated large amount on the lake, more than years previous. Fish do feed on them and do clean the water. Gina stated they are the citizen monitoring for the lake, and they are making clarity change. b. Aquatic plant committee – Paul reported haven’t had a meeting this year, but plan to have one soon. Ted would like to meet with them and get on same page. Community member reported talked to Lake and Pond would cost resident \$700 to \$1000 to do treatment 50 feet out from shore. Ted said he would like to do one permit through the lake district, one year doesn’t make a trend and could lose them with the freeze, have seen it like this before. Limitations for harvesting is you can not disturb lake beds. c. New Fisheries Biologists – Paul gave background of Adam Nickel. Doing a comprehensive fish survey in big green and then Puckaway in 2023. 		

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	<p>d. Water Week Convention – Jaimes best practices an opportunity for others to come together, how to get feedback from stakeholders. Opportunity for commissioners to learn. Ted highly recommends them going, has presented there too. Lake and River management. community members can go, but there is a cost.</p> <p>e. Newsletter – ask board members to get things together and send out. Set up in April for annual meeting in June.</p>		
Open Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Paul stated Grim Outdoors having Pikeapoluza is on February 19. They donated around \$500 to the district. - Paul stated this year is the 70th anniversary for state record Northern Pike. Looking for information from the guy who caught it please share. - Ted reported the plan with harvesting map and who ever does it they need to follow plan. Paul reported the Onterra plan will be sent to the aquatic plant committee and then make recommendation to board. 		
Adjournment	<p>There being no further business motion made by Jason Schlimgen and seconded by Jaimes Johnson to adjourn the January 21, 2022, Lake Puckaway Protection and Rehabilitation District meeting at 12:00 p.m. Motion carried.</p>		

Respectfully submitted by,
Kristine Schlimgen, LPPRD Clerk