Pretty Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting Minutes

9:00 am on Saturday, August 2, 2025

19 electors & 6 board members attended the meeting

Agenda Items and Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order and Opening Remarks (Pete Kraeger)

Pete called the meeting to order at 9:04am. He thanked everyone for their efforts in making Pretty Lake a High Quality Lake in Waukesha County.

2. Secretary's Report – 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes (Randy Cavaiani)

Randy summarized the minutes from the 2024 annual meeting, asking for comments and edits. There were no comments, so Andy made a motion to approve the minutes, Al seconded, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Treasurer's Report – Audited 2024 and Current 2025 (Al Mauermann)

Al thanked Dan Bartels and the Nevermann's for auditing the 2024 and 2025 financials.

Through June, the district is under budget. In anticipation of the coming bill, rising insurance rates have caused us to raise the budget to $4,000 this year and $4,500 in 2026.

Well pump electricity costs are averaging about $800 per month.

Andy made a motion to approve, Randy seconded, and the Treasurer's report was approved.

4. High Capacity Well Report (Al Mauermann/Pete Kraeger) [VOTING ITEM]

To improve the accuracy of monitoring and DNR reporting of deep well water usage, we are proposing the addition of a meter to the pump. Well contractor, CTW, has provided a quote for ~$3,700. The proposal is to use the surplus that exists in the well operating fund to cover the expense. This move, in addition to more diligent tracking of the days the pump is operating, will enable us to better understand and report well water usage.

Randy made a motion to approve approximately $3,700 for a meter for the deep well pump. Al seconded. The motion passed.

5. Mower Operations (Jeff Kaphengst)

Thank you to Jeff and all the volunteers who mow the district property. The new mower purchased last year has been a nice improvement for the volunteers. Gary Liedtke asked that we continue to remind our farmer David to repair the ruts as the field is still relatively rough, even with the improved mower suspension.

6. Pretty Lake Advancement Association (PLAA) Report (Derich Johnson)

Derich spoke about all the upcoming social events for the balance of 2025, including the Corn Roast, Ice Cream Social, Men's Night, Fall Fest, and Tree Lighting. He thanked everyone for their past

participation and encouraged all to volunteer and RSVP.

7. Land Use Report: Pavilion, Athletic Field, Maintenance, Burn Pile (BOC)

Pete discussed some of the recent projects. The base around the pavilion was caulked to prevent water from leaking in and nail holes in the metal roof were sealed. These two measures should keep the pavilion dry for the foreseeable future and extend the life of the roof.

He thanked Dan Bartels (special thanks for leading the project), Andy, Al, and Randy for restoring the pavilion's well pump operation.

Thank you to Tim Sheridan who rearranged the compost and burn piles.

8. DASH boat and Aquatic Weed report (Mark Bretl, Anne Bretl, and Kerry Hart)

Mark commented that this is the sixth year of DASH boat operations. A 2019 DNR Point Intercept Study found 40 locations with Eurasian Milfoil. The subsequent study five years later found 14 locations!! 😊

Approximately 9,500 pounds of milfoil have been removed in 2025. The DASH boat season is now complete.

Anne thanked the volunteer fragment pickers who help to prevent the spread of milfoil after pulling: Dave and Renee Carlson, Maureen Cavaiani, Coltin Heimerl, Kerri Kaphengst, Christy Kellman, Sue Klaiber, Susie Kohl, Karolyn Krueger, Dawn Pecoraro, Jeff Schillinger, Tim Sheridan, and Jan Unger.

9. Pretty Lake Endowment Fund (Randy Cavaiani)

Randy thanked everyone for voting to move forward with the endowment at the 2024 annual meeting and the generous community support! He explained that the 'Pretty Lake Preservation Fund' endowment was opened in April with the Waukesha County Community Foundation (WCCF). The fund was opened with more than $11,000 in community donations, along with $25,000 from the land acquisition fund. The fund has grown to over $37,000 as of the end of June. The WCCF fund has returned approximately 7.7% per year since its inception in 2016.

It is easy to donate via check or credit card. There is a link on the website, and we'll send out a reminder with the link towards the end of the year for those who would like to make a tax-deductible donation for the year.

10. Presentation, Discussion and Approval of 2026 Budget (Al Mauermann) [VOTING ITEM]

Al explained the proposed 2026 budget, highlighting insurance inflation, and reduced well operating expenses. Al suggested that we increase the assessment by $1,000 to $33,000 vs. last year's budget of $32,000.

Randy added that the district has been fiscally responsible, with PLPRD assessments as follows:

2022 = $35,000

2023 = $30,000

2024 = $32,000

2025 = $32,000

2026 (proposed) = $33,000

Andy motioned to accept the $33,000 2026 budget, Randy seconded, and the motion passed.

11. Fish Management Report/Walleye Spawning Reef (Maureen Cavaiani) [VOTING ITEM]

Maureen noted that this is year 14 of the program, with a double stocking of 1,300 walleye, fully funded by donation.

Donations can be made via the PLPRD mailbox, donation boxes at the boat launch and Turtle Rock, and/or the annual fishing jamboree in February.

Our DNR biologist, Ben, commented on the lake health after conducting the last boom shock. He explained that the Bluegill population is declining with the size and structure increasing – a good thing. Warmouth bass are expected to increase as a result. However, there was a small mouth bass caught and that is an anomaly that should not be present in Pretty Lake. Ben would like to keep an eye on this development.

Year	Species	#	Funding Source
1978	Largemouth Bass (3"	20,000	
1979	Walleye (3")	1,240	
2012	Walleye (6-8")	650	Community
2013	Walleye (6-8")	925	Community
2014	Walleye (6-8")	650	Community
2014	Northern (9" ave.)	435	WDNR
2015	Walleye (6-8")	925	Community
2015	Northern (8.8" ave.)	108	WDNR
2016	Walleye (6-8")	650	Community
2016	Northern (8.6" ave.)	143	WDNR
2017	Walleye (6-8")	650	Community
2017	Northern (8.8" ave.)	117	WDNR
2018	Walleye (6-8")	650	Community
2018	Northern (9" ave.)	324	WDNR
2019	Walleye (6-8")	650	Community
2019	Northern (8.6")	143	WDNR
2020	Walleye (6-8")	650	Community
2020	Northern	125	WDNR
2021	Walleye (6-8")	650	Community
2021	Northern (8.3" ave.)	143	WDNR
2022	Walleye (6-8")	650	Community
2023	Walleye (6-8")	650	Community
2024	Walleye (6-8")	1,300	Community
2025	Walleye (6-8")	1,300	Community
Total (2012-2025)	**Walleye**	**12,190**	
	Northern	**1,538**	

Randy detailed the proposal to create a walleye spawning bed at the deep well site to encourage walleye procreation and keep the milfoil down in that area as well. He talked about the 4 contractors that were asked to bid – 2 no bids, one at $7,500 (Summerset Marine) and one at $25,500.

There was extensive discussion regarding how to best fund the project, with several community members suggesting that we use general funds versus donations as it falls under the district's charter of lake protection and enhancement.

Randy made a compromise motion to move forward with the spawning reef, using surplus general funds from the '25 and '26 budgets, but replenish general funds with whatever donations are collected in 2026. Ann Bretl seconded the motion, and it passed.

12. Nomination and Election of Commissioners for BOC [VOTING ITEM]

The terms for Pete Kraeger and Andy Memmel are expiring. Both expressed interest in re-upping for

another 3-year term.

Randy nominated Pete and Al seconded.

Pam Ladish nominated Andy and Ann Bretl seconded.

There were no new nominations from the floor.

Voting took place by secret ballot, with unanimous votes for Pete and Andy.

13. Old Business – Open Forum and Discussion

Dan Bartels suggested that we plant some evergreens to better screen the DASH boat in the winter. The board will discuss the suggestion at a subsequent board meeting.

Rick mentioned that the aquatic invasive species / weed identification seminar he has talked about at previous meetings will be deferred to next year.

14. New Business – Open Forum and Discussion

Mike Hart commented that more people are ignoring wake time and direction of travel rules on the lake. He suggested that we include a laminated card in the welcome basket to briefly cover the lake rules.

Randy/Derich agreed to work together to develop a simple explanation of the respective roles of the PLAA vs the PLPRD. This could be sent out as a blast and/or incorporated into the welcome basket.

15. 2026 Annual Meeting Date & Time (August 7, 2026, at 9:00 am) & Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:36am.